

# Noida airport may begin ops with 65 daily flights, 2 on foreign routes

## Talks With Two Big Airlines On, Says NIAL

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**Noida:** The Noida International Airport is looking to begin operations with up to 65 daily flights when it is commissioned by the end of next year.

Of the 65 flights, 62 will be domestic services, two will be to foreign destinations and one will be a cargo carrier, officials said. The first phase of the airport, which last month received its unique IATA code DXN, has an October 2024 commissioning deadline.

Officials of Noida International Airport Ltd (NIAL), the UP government's special purpose vehicle for the airport, said other than

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cities like Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai and Pune, short-distance flights to Dehradun, Pithoragarh and other places are also part of discussions on

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The route plan is being drawn up based on the assessment of the airport's capacity, its commercial viability and feedback from airlines.

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operating, flights to foreign destinations will also commence. Dubai and Singapore could be among the first few. YIAPL (subsidiary of airport concessionaire Zurich AG) has informed us that two airlines - Indigo and Air India - have shown interest in establishing their bases here and talks are under way. The two carriers may operate both domestic and international flights from Noida," NIAL CEO Arun Vir Singh said.

It is projected that 5 million passengers will use the Noida International Airport by the end of the first year of operations. The projected annual footfall for the first phase is 12 million passengers. Construction of the proposed second runway will commence once the airport reaches 80% of this capacity.

Trials at the airport could commence as early as February next year.