

Rapid rail for Noida airport, but not before '41

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Noida: The UP government has approved a rapid rail corridor to link the Noida International Airport (NIA) with Delhi and other parts of NCR. The proposed route will branch out of the Ghaziabad rapid rail station on the Delhi-Meerut line.

However, while this puts pieces of the connectivity puzzle for the new airport in place, this is, as of now, a long-term plan. The proposal that has received approval sees the 72.3km rapid rail corridor to the NIA being completed only in 2041. The Noida airport is set for an end-2024 launch.

A rapid rail link for the NIA also resolves the other big connectivity question of a smooth transport link between the NIA and Delhi's IGI. The corridor will branch out of the Delhi-Meerut rapid rail line, which is under construction and will be launched in 2025.

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