

Noida International Airport: Ten things you should know



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the upcoming **Noida** International Airport today. The airport, which is roughly 80 kms from Delhi's Indira Gandhi airport, is in line with the Centre's vision towards boosting connectivity and creating a future-ready aviation sector.

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PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Noida International Airport at Jewar, Uttar Pradesh, November 25. Dubbed to be Asia's largest when completed, the first phase of construction of the mega project will be completed by 2024. Rakesh Mohan Chaturvedi, Faizan Haidar and Mihir Mishra of The Economic Times explain why the upcoming international airport is a big deal for infrastructure, tourism and connectivity. Watch!

Noida International Airport at Jewar will become logistics gateway of northern India, Modi said.

Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, who accompanied Modi and UP CM Yogi Adityanath, said that the government expects investments of Rs 34,000 cr to come to Noida International Airport, with the first phase to be completed in 2024.

"It was PM Narendra Modi's direction that Asia's biggest airport is to be built in Uttar Pradesh," Scindia said at the ceremony.

"By last phase, **Noida Airport** will surpass Delhi's IGI Airport and become India's leading airport," he added.

The first phase of **Jewar airport** will entail an investment of Rs 8,914 crore and the initial annual passenger handling capacity will be 12 million. Spread over 1,330 acres of land, the Noida airport is expected to handle most of Lucknow's international traffic that comes to Delhi apart from the 15% traffic from western Uttar Pradesh.

As per PMO, the airport is strategically located and will serve the people of cities including Delhi, Noida, Ghaziabad, Aligarh, Agra, Faridabad and neighbouring areas.

According to a Prime report, fast-expanding airlines such as IndiGo may be more eager to have a presence in Noida to secure early prime slots. They are also likely to ask for preferred treatment in terms of space, slots, and other infrastructure.

Here are ten facts about the Jewar airport:

1. This will be the first time, an airport in India has been conceptualised with an integrated multi-modal cargo hub.
2. This will be linked to the planned Delhi-Varanasi High-Speed Rail, enabling the journey between Delhi and the airport in only 21 minutes.
3. The airport will develop a Ground Transportation Centre that will feature a multimodal transit hub, housing metro and high-speed rail stations, taxi, bus services and private parking.
4. With this airport, UP to become the only state in India to have five international airports.
5. The Noida airport will be India's first net-zero emissions airport.
6. This will be the second international airport to come up in Delhi-NCR. It will help decongest traffic from Delhi Airport.
7. All major nearby roads and highways like the Yamuna Expressway, Western Peripheral Expressway, Eastern Peripheral Expressway, Delhi-Mumbai Expressway and others will be connected to the airport.
8. The airport will also house a state-of-art MRO (Maintenance, Repair & Overhauling) Service.
9. The dedicated cargo terminal will have a capacity of 20 lakh metric tonne, which will be expanded to 80 lakh metric tonne.
10. Once completed, this will be Asia's biggest airport.