AAI: Design marvel Ayodhya Airport will be ready by June 2023

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New Delhi: Ayodhya will get an airport by next summer (June 2023) with the Airport Authority of India (AAI) on Wednesday saying more than half of the work on this Rs 242-crore project has already been completed. The airport has been designed to reflect the spiritual ethos of this pilgrim city that is expected to attract lakhs of devotees. Spread over 6,000 square metres, the terminal will have a peak hour capacity of handling 300 passengers with the annual capacity being six lakh flyers.

"The design of the airport will reflect the idea and spirit of the Shri Ram Mandir, invoking a sense of spirituality and creating a sense of place for all passengers arriving and departing from the airport. The roof of the terminal is proposed to be adorned with *shikharas*, in varying heights to convey a sense of grandeur to the

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structure. The terminal will have decorative columns displaying important events from *Ramayana* pictorially. The glass façade of the terminal will be designed to recreate a sense of being in the very palace of Ayodhya. The building will shine aesthetically and functionally, displaying a perfect mix of local architecture with a modern architectural note," AAI said in a statement detailing the upcoming airport's architectural aspects.

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