

# Noida airport runway to be ready by yr-end: Zurich firm

## Radars May Be Installed This Year Too; Flight Trials By Mid-2024

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**Noida:** The 4km runway of the Noida international airport will be ready by the end of this year, officials at YIAPL, the Zurich AG subsidiary that is developing the project, said on Tuesday.

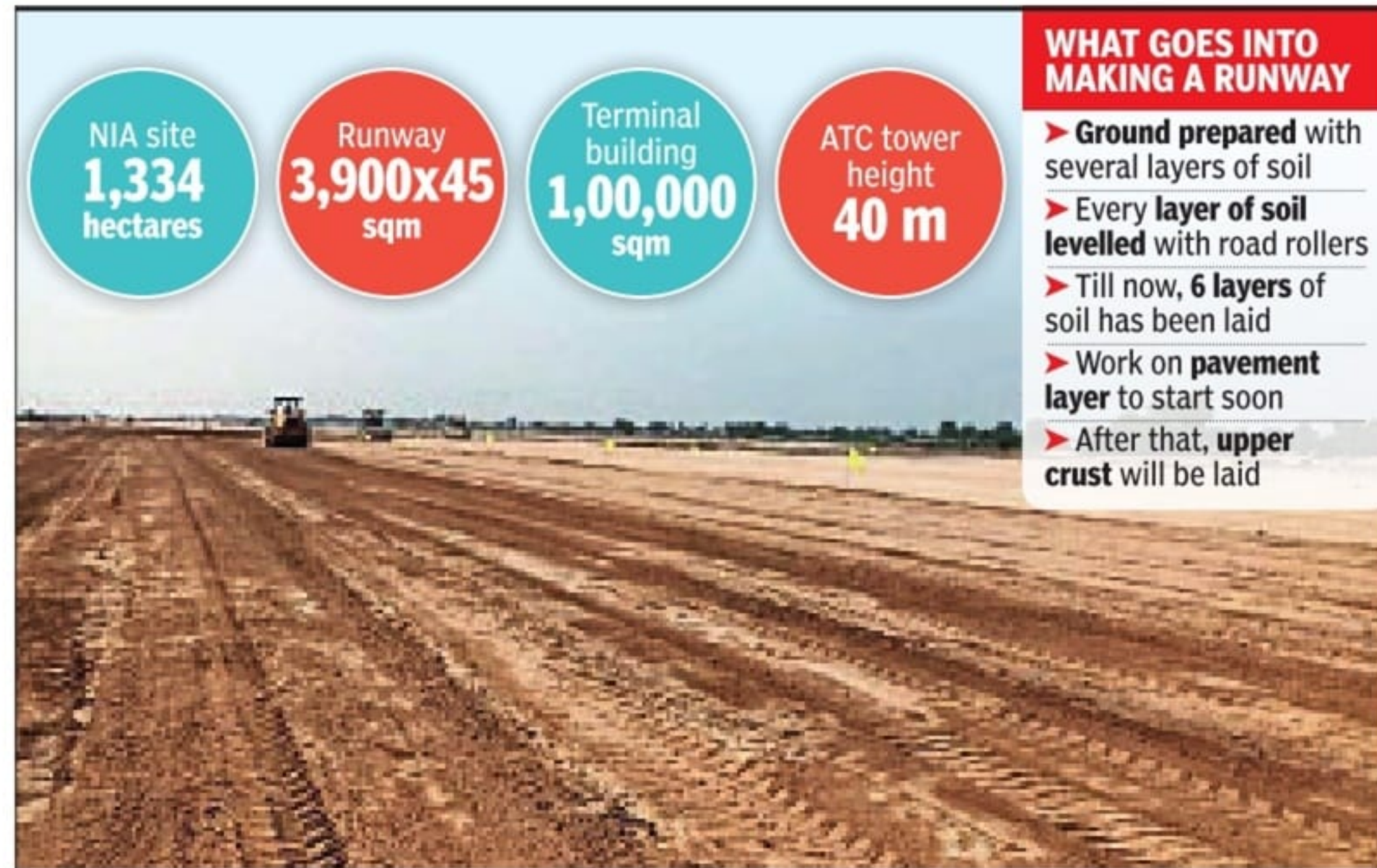
By December, the construction of the terminal building, the air traffic control (ATC) tower and other structures are also expected to be over. The ground floor of the terminal building is taking shape currently.

“Once these are ready, the facilities will be handed over to the Airports Authority of India, which will install radars and other equipment,” said Christoph Schnellmann, the YIAPL CEO.

Flight trials will start by the middle of next year, he said, adding that commercial operations were likely to begin by the end of 2024. “Initially, there will only be domestic flight services from the airport.”

According to Schnellmann, the airport project has made much headway since the contracts for engineering, procurement and construction were signed with Tata Projects in June last year.

Officials said the construction of the runway on the northern side of the airport compound was progressing in keeping with the plan. Much like a road, the ground needs to be levelled with several layers of soil for the runway too. So far, six



layers of soil have been levelled with road rollers. Work on the ‘pavement layer’ will start next, followed by the upper crust. Once the lighting is done, the runway would be ready.

“The excavation, earthwork and levelling of the ground is over. The foundation for the terminal building has been laid too and its ground floor is being constructed. About 32,000 cubic metres of concrete and 14,000 tonne of steel have already been used in the construction,” said Dinesh Singh Jamwal, the head of project delivery.

Around 2,600 labourers and 400 machines of varied sizes have been deployed at the site. “With time, the number of labourers will increase too. It is expected to

## Lucknow airport bags award

**C**haudhary Charan Singh International Airport (CCS Airport) has been recognized with ‘level 1’ mapping by Airports Council International (ACI)’s Airport Customer Experience Accreditation for meeting customer expectations. Being the busiest airport of Uttar Pradesh, CCSIA was awarded the international certificate for its continuous efforts to improve customer experience. A CCSIA spokesperson said, “We are glad to receive the ‘Level 1’ ACI Airport Customer Experience Accreditation.” “Over the last one-year, CCSIA implemented various passenger centric initiatives for receiving complaints, suggestions and compliments through email, airport website, AirSewa portal, CPGRAMS and social media,” added spokesperson. TNN

touch 6,000 by the end of the year. To ensure work is not hampered, we always have a stock of construction materials for about 30 days,” he added.

The first phase of the airport is being built across 1,334 hectares. Besides the runway, terminal building

and the ATC tower, other structures such as office blocks, sewage and water treatment plants, and electrical substations are also taking shape, officials said. Contractors engaged in the project have completed over 4.2 million man-hours of work without any injury.