

Noida airport set to take off with IndiGo next year

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New Delhi: IndiGo will be the launch airline at Noida International Airport (NIA) that is scheduled to become operational by the end of next year. The two signed an MoU on Friday.

Under this arrangement, NIA and IndiGo will work together towards developing and strengthening the air connectivity within Uttar Pradesh and beyond.

The partnership will also explore new and innovative ideas, aimed at gaining operational efficiency and enhanced customer experience. Partnership with IndiGo will offer a vast route network to the travelling public and enhance business opportunities in the region.

The authorities concerned are also in talks with some more airlines, both Indian and foreign, which will start their operations at the airport later.

NIA CEO Christoph Schnellmann said: "We are excited to sign this MoU with IndiGo, which has a strong base both in domestic and international markets. The



Officials of Noida International Airport and IndiGo during the signing of memorandum of understanding

partnership between NIA and IndiGo will not only help bolster air connectivity but also innovate, ensuring an exceptional customer experience for our customers alike. By leveraging IndiGo's extensive route network and expertise, we aim to provide our passengers with unparalleled connectivity and an exceptional travel experience."

IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers said: "We are thrilled to announce our MoU with NIA to become the launch carrier at the upcoming airport. Our operations at NIA will provide the people of UP with se-

amless connectivity across our unparalleled network. We look forward to the inauguration of the new airport in 2024 and will continue to work with NIA's management to explore innovative ways to deliver an affordable, on-time, and hassle-free travel experience."

The first phase of the airport will be operational by the end of 2024, with one runway, and one terminal having the capacity to handle 1.2 crore passengers annually. After the completion of the fourth phase, the airport will have the capacity to manage 7 crore passengers per year.