

Airport link to Del-Mum, Del-Kol rly routes soon

Railways Gives Go-Ahead, New Station At Jewar To Be Linked With Palwal And Chola

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Noida: After a rapid rail corridor from the Delhi-Meerut line, the Noida International Airport (NIA) is now set to be connected with the Indian Railways network.

In July, the state government proposed to link the NIA with Bulandshahr's Chola railway station, which is on the Kolkata-Amritsar eastern freight corridor.

On the western side, it wanted the airport to be linked to the railway station in Haryana's Palwal, which is on the Delhi-Mumbai line.

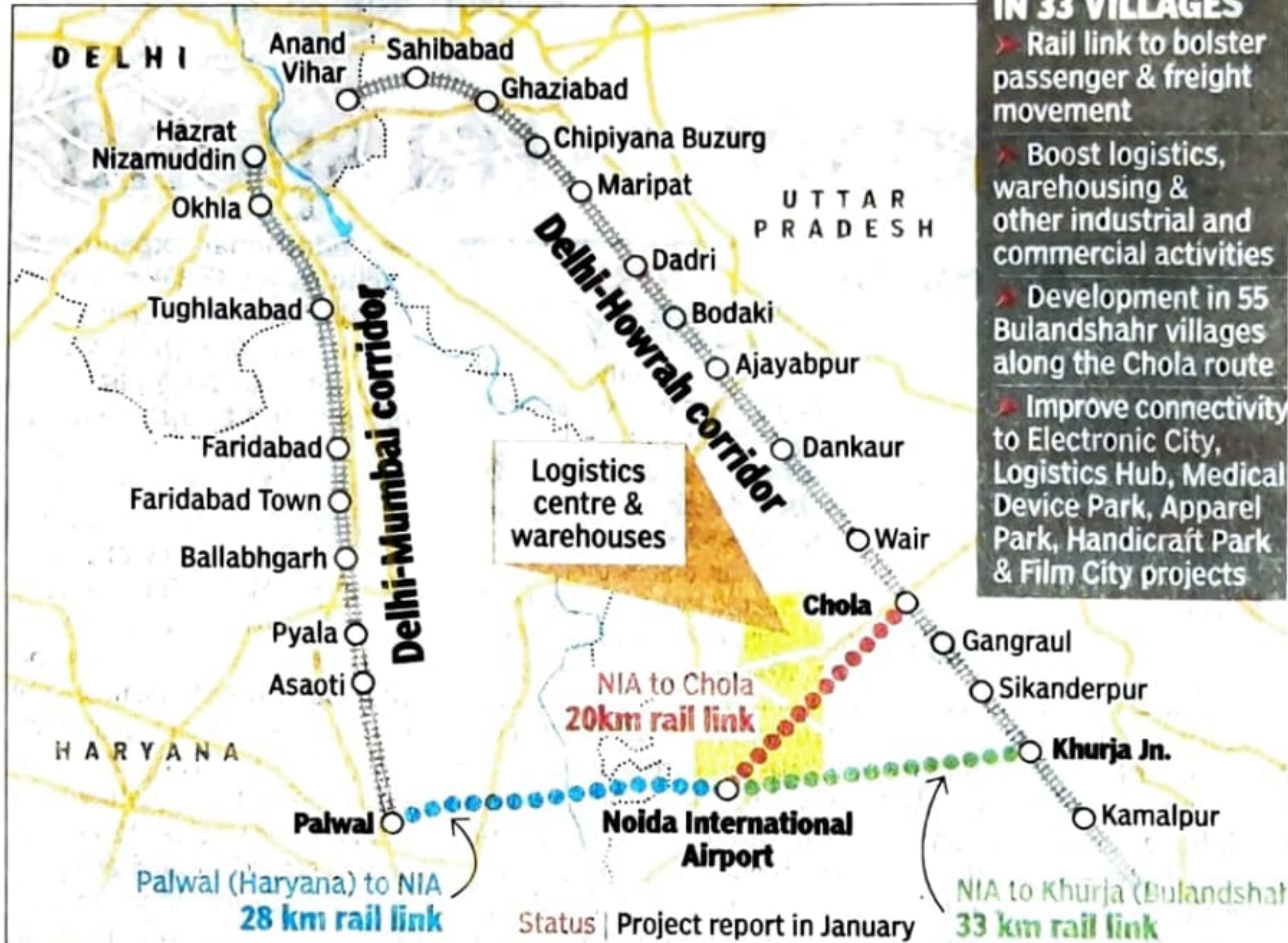
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The railway links are crucial because NIA, though Delhi-NCR's second airport, will have western UP and Haryana as important catchment areas.

In a letter to railway board chairman Anil Kumar Lahoti on July 3, the chief secretary had also emphasised that linking NIA to the railway network would be-

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nefit not only passengers and cargo transportation but also prove beneficial for railway investments.

The Northern Central Railway now plans to add a new station near the international airport in Jewar and connect it with the Delhi-Mumbai railway corridor with a 28-km rail link at Palwal.

From Jewar, the same line will extend towards Khurja railway station, abo-

ut 33km away on the Delhi-Howrah railway line.

The second 20-km rail line will be constructed to link the proposed Jewar station with Chola on the Delhi-Howrah railway corridor. This rail link seeks to improve connectivity to the proposed multimodal cargo hub near NIA while facilitating comprehensive land development in 55 villages in Bulandshahr.

These villages were re-

cently included in the Authority's master plan for 2041.

According to YEIDA, logistics and warehousing hubs will be developed along this rail route. Its projects — Electronic City, Logistics Hub, Medical Device Park, Apparel Park, Handicraft Park, and Film City — are also expected to benefit from the rail connectivity.

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logistics, warehousing, and other industrial and commercial activities in this area.

"Additionally, enhanced connectivity will greatly benefit passengers and cargo travelling to or from the airport," an official said.

On Monday, the state government approved a 72-km rapid rail corridor from Ghaziabad to NIA via Greater Noida West and Pari Chowk.

The NCRTC will also operate air-conditioned electric buses on three routes covering Noida, Ghaziabad and Pari Chowk from December 2024, coinciding with NIA's commercial operations.