

UP Govt's Rail Corridor to Connect Delhi-Jewar Airports

State approves ₹16,000 cr for rapid rail corridor; NCRTC to submit its report by March, project to take 4 years to complete

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New Delhi: The Uttar Pradesh government has approved a ₹16,000-crore rapid rail corridor that will connect the upcoming airport at Jewar with Indira Gandhi International Airport and other parts of Delhi, Shailendra Bhatia, the UP government's nodal officer at Noida International Airport Limited, told ET.

The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) is working on a detailed project report

which will be completed by March, Bhatia said, adding that the project will take four years to complete after work commences.

The rail corridor will give a boost to the greenfield Jewar airport's attraction and will allow it to capture spill-over passenger traffic from Delhi airport. It will also connect the airports with other parts of NCR.

The Jewar airport is slated to open later this year and has already signed agreements with IndiGo and Akasa Air to launch flights.

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rail corridor through Sarai Kale Khan, which will be the originating station of Delhi-Meerut Rail corridor.

According to the proposal, the Noida airport link will branch out of Ghaziabad station, which is one of the interchange stations of the Delhi Meerut Rapid Rail Transport.

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der-construction Delhi-Alwar Rapid Rail corridor through Sarai Kale Khan, which will be the originating station of Delhi-Meerut Rail corridor. The Delhi-Alwar rail corridor, which is set to be completed by the middle of 2025, will have stations at Indira Gandhi International Airport and Aerocity. "This will be a crucial link for increasing connectivity of the airport along with other road networks. It is important to have a high-speed connection between the two airports and Delhi area so that the airport's catchment area increases," Bhatia said. "The project has been cleared by chief minister

Yogi Adityanath."

Before the Noida rapid rail, other options were considered, including an express metro connecting the two airports, but they were dropped as the project cost was not feasible.

According to Bhatia, other modes of public transport are also being developed, like high-speed bus corridors, to connect the airport with Delhi and Gurgaon. "We are planning a multi-modal transport connectivity for the airport," he said.

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