

Noida airport land acquisition comes on runway with funds for all phases


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Paving the way for Noida international airport limited (NIAL) to acquire an additional 1,888 hectares of land (northern side) in Jewar for the airport, Uttar Pradesh government on Monday allocated Rs 1,150 crore in the Budget.

With this, state govt has made land provisions for all four phases till 2070. In the *third and fourth phases, a total of 2,053 hectares of land will be acquired, out of which 165 hectares is already govt-owned. The total cost for acquiring land for the third and fourth phase is around Rs 5,500 crore.*

In the first quarter of 2023, the govt gave its in-principle approval to initiate the land acquisition process in 14 villages including Thora, which has the largest area among all, and around 639 hectares

READY TO FLY  **19.2%** increase in the number of air travellers in UP in current financial year



Airports in Mayorpur (Sonbhadra) & Sarsawa (Saharanpur) also being developed 

Airports in Aligarh, Azamgarh, Moradabad, Shravasti and Chitrakoot developed and given licence by DGCA for commercial ops

₹ 1,100CR proposed for construction, expansion, & strengthening of airstrips

₹ 150CR introduced for expansion of Maharishi Valmiki International Airport in Ayodhya

of land will be acquired from this pocket. It will be followed by Neemka Shahjahanpur (307 hectares), Khwajpur (292 hectares) and Ramner (235 hectares) among others.

About 700 hectares of it will be used for developing an aviation hub where factories for manufacturing aircraft

engines and other parts will be set up.

Shailendra Bhatia, UP govt's nodal officer at NIAL said, told TOI, "Substantial area of the 2,053 hectares land will be used to construct fourth and fifth runways, which will be backbone for cargo transportation. The

area around the airport will have one of the world's most advanced aviation hubs where factories for manufacturing aircraft engines and other parts will be set up."

The Noida International Airport (NIA) will have a total five runways. Currently, private concessioner Zurich AG is constructing the first phase of NIA over 1,334 hectares of land which was acquired for Rs 3,500 crore.

The first construction phase is expected to be over by the end of this calendar year, and the first commercial flight is expected to operate in 2024.

The land acquisition process of additional 1,365 hectares (southern) of land for the second phase is underway and more than 90 % of the compensation has been distributed. The govt will spend around Rs 4,000 crore for the second phase land acquisition.