

Noida airport runway to be ready this month, trials likely by July

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Noida: Construction of Noida International Airport's runway is set to be complete this month and flights could start taking off for trials as early as June or July.

This was disclosed by officials of Noida Airport Authority Ltd (NIAL) — the govt's special purpose vehicle to monitor the airport project — at a meeting held in Lucknow last week. According to officials, 75% of the total project is complete. Of the total budget of Rs 10,056 crore earmarked for the first phase of the airport, Rs 7,371 crore has been spent, the officials said. This includes Rs 4,362 crore given out to farmers from

Overall project 75% complete, ATC tower and terminal should be ready soon, officials said

whom land was acquired.

"Construction of the 3,900m runway is almost complete. Only a final layer of asphalt is yet to be laid. That should be done this month. Work on installing other equipment required for flight operations — such as reflectors, signage, navigation and surveillance systems — is being carried out by Airports Authority of India. Once done, DGCA will take over runway. We are expecting trials by June or July," said

Arun Vir Singh, NIAL CEO. Officials said work on the air traffic control tower was also nearing completion. "Civil work is over, glass facade is being installed," the CEO said.

Other equipment required for take-off and landing of flights would be installed in a month, according to Singh. "Work on instrument landing system and devices that help measure distance is likely to be done in a month. Fuel farm, airport surveillance radar and radio navigation system, which helps flights to determine their position and direction, should be ready in keeping with the schedule," he added.

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