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Noida International Airport Conducts Maiden Calibration Flight, Prepares For September-End Launch

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Noida International Airport. (Image via X, formerly Twitter)

A crucial milestone in the operationalisation of the Noida International Airport was marked on Thursday (18 April) with the completion of its inaugural calibration flight.

"A bright and sunny day at #NIAirport set the perfect stage for a DVOR calibration flight, the first of many. The Beechcraft King Air B300 took to the skies, to ensure all @aai_official navigation equipment works flawlessly. #FromTheGroundUp," the Noida International Airport said on X.

The greenfield airport which is under construction in Uttar Pradesh's Jewar and will serve as the second airport for the National Capital Region (NCR), will start seeing test flights in mid-2024 and commercial operations by the end of that year, according to its CEO Christoph Schnellman.

The airport is being developed by Swiss company Zurich Airport, which has built nine other airports, most of which are in Latin America.

The airport's capacity will increase in four stages over 30 years, from 12 million to 30 million, then to 52 million, and finally to 70 million passengers per year.