

# Varanasi airport's runway likely to be expanded further

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At present, the airport has 2,700m long runway, but the proposal includes extending the runway to 4,075 meter x 45 meter and constructing a new apron to park 20 aircraft," said LBSIA director Punit Gupta.

"The elevated airport's runway will pass over an NH tunnel. The tunnel would be constructed by the NHAI. It would be the country's first such tunnel. At present, an elevated dual-lane taxiway of IGI airport passes over the main road between T3 and Mahipalpur in Delhi."

"The estimated financial expenditure on increasing the passenger handling capacity at the airport from the existing 3.9 million passengers per year to 9.9 MPPA will be Rs 2869.65 crore. The new terminal building spread over 75,000 square meters has been designed to have a capacity of 6 mppa and proper management of 5000 peak hour

## CM thanks PM for Vns airport project

After the Union cabinet approved the expansion of Varanasi airport, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "The expansion of the airport will give a new height to UP's development," he posted on his official X account.

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passengers (PHP). It has been designed to reflect the vast cultural heritage of the city," said the official source.

Varanasi Airport will be developed as a green airport with the primary objective of ensuring environmental sustainability by incorporating energy optimization, waste recycling, carbon emission reduction, use of solar energy, and natural daylighting, along with other sustainable measures throughout the planning, development, and operation stages.