

First touchdown at Noida airport, countdown begins to Apr takeoff

Navigation Systems Checked Too, DGCA Teams Dub Validation Flight A Success

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Noida: An Airbus 320 operated by IndiGo was the first flight to touch down and take off from the runway of Noida International Airport on Monday. No, this wasn't a regular passenger flight. Wait till April 2025 for that. Monday's was a trial to assess the new airport's flight readiness, which it cleared successfully.

The flight — with officials from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and Airports Authority of India (AAI) as passengers on board — landed in Noida at 1.25pm to a water cannon salute, accompanied by a thunderous applause from airport staff and hundreds of workers who toiled on the project over the past couple of years.

Before it landed, the Airbus circled above the airport for an hour and a half to assess operational readiness and air traffic protocols. It took off again around 2.45pm.

As the flight landed on the newly built runway, Union civil aviation minister KR Naidu, along with senior officials from UP govt, marked the occasion by breaking coconuts and greeting the pilots and crew.

The minister and officials declared the validation flight a success, saying this would pave the way for the airport's concessionaire to apply for an aerodrome licence.

So, what did the validation exercise include? Officials said the trial included a test of the required navigation performance (RNP) and lighting systems. RNP allows aircraft to follow highly precise flight paths, ensuring optimal safety and efficiency.

"Today's aircraft had specialised equipment to perform critical manoeuvres, such as



The Landing

1.25 PM



The Cheers



The Takeoff

2.45 PM

WHAT'S NEXT?

Concessionaire YIAPL will apply for an aerodrome licence by Dec 31

Licence is expected to be issued by March 31, 2025

Commercial launch of airport's phase 1 likely on April 2025

landing, take-off, and taxiing along the runway. These tests evaluated the runway's performance, including surface conditions, length, and lighting systems. The navigational aids, such as instrument landing system (ILS) and precision approach path indicator (PAPI), were tested for accuracy. Communication protocols with air traffic control were assessed as well. Emergency simulations, including scenarios like

engine failure and adverse weather conditions, were conducted," an official said.

It was in Oct this year that the successful calibration of ILS and PAPI systems were conducted by the AAI and DGCA.

Shailendra Bhatia, nodal officer of Noida International Airport Ltd (NIAL) — which is monitoring the project on behalf of the state govt — said work was on track to meet the

April deadline.

"On Monday, the IndiGo aircraft took off from Delhi airport around noon and entered the Noida airspace in 10 minutes. It then made several rounds in the air to record crucial data and eventually landed after an hour and 20 minutes. Now, the concessionaire — YIAPL — will have time till Dec 31 to apply for the aerodrome licence with DGCA, which has promised to issue it in 90 days.

Once that is done, the airport will be eligible for commercial operations," he added.

Arun Vir Singh, the NIAL CEO, claimed the flight trial was conducted in "record" time. "Officials from AAI, DGCA, and the civil aviation ministry — who were on the flight — termed the validation exercise a success. It took the airport a little over three years and two months to complete the validation flight trial from

A historic day for UP & nation: CM

CM Yogi Adityanath congratulated the people of the state for the first



landing of an aircraft at the Noida airport. In a message on 'X', the CM called Monday a historic day for the country and for UP. "Under the successful guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the 'New Uttar Pradesh of New India' is taking a new flight on the 'runway of development'. Every citizen of the state is proud and delighted at the successful landing of the first validation flight at Noida International Airport, Jewar, the largest airport in Asia. Congratulations to everyone!" the CM said. **TNN**

the time of appointment date of Sept 2021. It's a record of sorts in the country," Singh said.

Singh said work on the terminal building was progressing rapidly. For instance, the installation of glass on the outer walls, the façade, and tiles is underway and expected to be completed by Jan. The installation of 10 aerobridges will follow.

Christoph Schnellmann, the CEO of Noida International Airport, dubbed the flight validation a "historic occasion".

Minister Naidu described the airport as the "most prestigious project in the country". "We are committed to completing the project before the end of April. I again urge the NIA team to get the airport ready as early as possible."

A historic day: Yogi hails feat at 'Asia's biggest airport'

In a post on X, CM says 'new India's new Uttar Pradesh' is taking flight on the 'runway of development'

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LUCKNOW: Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday welcomed the successful completion of the validation flight at the upcoming Noida International Airport in Jewar.

In a post on X, Adityanath said, "It's a historic day today for the country and Uttar Pradesh. Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, 'the new India's new Uttar Pra-



The Noida International Airport conducted a first flight validation test at the newly built airport in Noida (Jewar), on Monday.

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des" is taking flight on the "runway of development". Every citizen of the state is feeling pride and joy on the landing of the first validation flight at Asia's biggest airport—the Noida International Airport, Jewar."

The validation flight was greeted with a ceremonial water cannon salute on its arrival.

The chief minister's post on X had a video clip of the ceremonial water cannon salute to the aircraft.

"The successful landing at Jewar, dubbed Asia's largest international airport, marks another milestone for Uttar Pradesh, now home to the highest number of airports in India," an Uttar Pradesh government

spokesperson said.

Jewar will become Uttar Pradesh's fifth international airport, joining the ranks of Lucknow, Varanasi, Ayodhya and Kushinagar.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had laid the foundation stone for the airport on November 25, 2021. Following this, the chief minister made several visits to oversee progress, ensuring that work was carried out with the highest quality standards.

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This airport is set to open new avenues for growth in Gautam Buddha Nagar, Aligarh, Bulandshahr, Ghaziabad, Greater Noida, and surrounding areas, the spokesperson added.

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Noida International Airport Will Boost 'Ease of Living' for NCR, UP: PM Modi

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New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi Monday said the upcoming Noida International Airport will boost connectivity and ease of living for the national capital region and Uttar Pradesh.

Modi also said his government has been taking many steps to ensure top-quality infrastructure for the people and leverage the power of connectivity to further prosperity.

His remarks came in response to a post by Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu in which he said that he witnessed the successful first test flight landing at Noida International Airport today, marking a major milestone in the development of this state-of-the-art infrastructure.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji and the guidance of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath Ji, this airport will revolutionise regional connectivity and play a pivotal role in the expansion of India's aviation sector," Naidu said.

Tagging Naidu's post, Modi said on X, "The upcoming Noida International Airport will boost connectivity and 'Ease of Living' for the NCR and Uttar Pradesh." "Our government has been taking many steps to ensure top-quality infrastructure for the people and leverage the power of connectivity to further prosperity," the prime minister said.

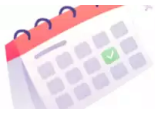
The first validation test flight for the upcoming Noida International Airport was conducted successfully on Monday, with an Airbus 320 of IndiGo receiving a ceremonial water cannon salute upon the maiden landing at the greenfield facility, officials said.

The airport is being built in the Jewar area of Gautam Buddh Nagar district in Uttar Pradesh, some 75 km off Delhi, and will be the national capital region's second international airport after the Indira Gandhi International Airport.

Concessionaire Yamuna International Airport Private Limited, a fully owned subsidiary of Swiss firm Zurich International Airport AG, is building the airport for the Uttar Pradesh government in a public-private partnership model.

A validation flight is conducted to verify that an airport meets safety, operational, and regulatory standards and is a vital element of the aerodrome licensing process.

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450 plots near Noida Airport receives over 1 lakh applications; Land prices in Jewar nearly doubles in 5 years

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Synopsis

The Yamuna Expressway Authority received over one lakh applications for 451 residential plots near the upcoming Noida International Airport. The scheme generated Rs 4,800 crore in registration revenue. The high demand reflects growing interest in the area. A lucky draw will be held on December 27. Plot sizes range from 120 to 260 square meters.



Noida airport plots

The [Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority](#) (YEIDA) has received an overwhelming response to its residential plot scheme launched near the upcoming [Noida International Airport](#). A total of 1.12 lakh applications have been submitted for just 451 plots, generating a revenue of approximately ₹4,800 crore from registrations alone, a *Moneycontrol.com* report stated.

YEIDA Plot details and allocation process

The scheme, which opened on October 31 and closed on November 30, offers plots in Sector 24A along the Yamuna Expressway. These plots are located close to key infrastructure projects, including the Noida International Airport, the proposed Film City in Sector 21, and the Eastern Peripheral Expressway.

A lucky draw for the allotment of these residential plots will be conducted on December 27. The plots are available in five size categories: 120 sqm, 162 sqm, 200 sqm, 250 sqm, and 260 sqm, with prices set at ₹25,900 per sq m. For example, the smallest plot costs ₹31.08 lakh, while the largest is priced at ₹67.34 lakh, excluding additional charges and taxes.

As per the report, the 200 sq m category received the highest number of applications (48,266), while the 260 sq m plots had the least (1,333). The allocation includes:

YEIDA Plot Scheme Details

- 100 plots of 120 sq m
- 169 plots of 162 sq m
- 172 plots of 200 sq m
- 6 plots of 250 sq m
- 4 plots of 260 sq m

Rising real estate interest in Jewar

Small town Jewar along the Yamuna Expressway is rapidly emerging as one of India's fastest-growing real estate micro-markets. According to a report by Colliers India, land prices in the area have risen by 40% over the past five years, with projections suggesting a 50% increase by 2030.

Infrastructure boosts demand

Jewar's growth is driven by significant infrastructure developments, including the ongoing construction of the Noida International Airport, metro extensions, and themed city projects. The airport, spread over 1,334 acres, is expected to be

completed by 2025.

Colliers India highlighted, “The upcoming Jewar airport is the biggest catalyst for urbanisation in Uttar Pradesh. Its strategic location along the newly built Yamuna Expressway, connecting urban centres like Delhi, Noida, and Agra, serves as a distinct advantage.”

Government initiatives supporting growth

Jewar’s transformation is further supported by government initiatives such as the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) projects, the International Film City, and the metro line expansion. These measures have contributed to a sharp rise in land prices, with values increasing from ₹5,000 per square foot in 2020 to ₹7,000 per square foot in 2024. The report estimates land prices could reach ₹10,482 per square foot by 2030.

Emerging micro-markets in India

Jewar is part of a group of eight emerging real estate micro-markets in India identified by Colliers India as thriving due to major infrastructure developments. Other locations include Sonipat (NCR), Khopoli (MMR, Maharashtra), GIFT City (Gandhinagar, Gujarat), Sanand (Ahmedabad, Gujarat), Doddaballapur (Bengaluru, Karnataka), Oragadam (Chennai, Tamil Nadu), and Mucherla (Hyderabad, Telangana).

Strategic positioning for investment

Jewar’s rapid development showcases the impact of strategic infrastructure and urban expansion projects on real estate markets. As Colliers noted, “Jewar is transforming into a prominent investment destination with a combination of strategic infrastructure, industrial expansion, and robust government initiatives.”

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