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Jewar airport top priority, says GB Nagar's new DM

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NOIDA: Gautam Budh Nagar's new district magistrate, Manish Verma, who took charge late Tuesday night and met with all department officials on Wednesday morning, said the development of the Noida international airport in Jewar will be among his administration's top priorities.

"The airport is going to be of international importance and is one of the top priorities of the state. I will hold detailed reviews and ensure that the work goes smoothly. I have been told that the rehabilitation and resettlement details for the second phase of land acquisition is in progress. We will expe-



Manish Verma. HT PHOTO

dite the process while ensuring transparency for all," Verma said.

Verma has instructed all officials to ensure that the backlog of public matters be cleared up

at the earliest. He said he is yet to completely understand the Gautam Budh Nagar administration's structure, which comprises a police commissionerate as well as the Noida and Greater Noida authorities, but he try to do justice to his role.

"This is the art of bureaucracy and we are trained to handle all kinds of assignments. The target of all government bodies is the same, which is to ensure that government schemes and policies are implemented with transparency," said Verma.

On his first day on the job, Verma visited the Gautam Budh Nagar Collectorate and Vikas Bhawan and inspected all departments, said officials. He checked records and asked offi-

cials to improve sanitation activities within all offices. He also visited the entertainment tax office, joint offices and revenue records department, said officials aware of the district magistrate's schedule.

"My father was a clerk at the Kushinagar collectorate. When I was a child, he would take me to the collectorate whenever a new district magistrate joined. That is how my interest in the civil services increased," said Verma.

Verma is a 2011 batch IAS officer from the Uttar Pradesh cadre. His last posting was as the district magistrate of Jaunpur. He had earlier served a 15-day stint as the additional chief executive officer of Greater Noida Authority.