



London, Dubai flights from Jewar by 2023

9 Domestic, 6 Int'l Destinations In Yr 1: Report

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Greater Noida: The Jewar airport has the potential to serve six international and nine domestic destinations when it becomes operational by 2023, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), the agency preparing the Techno Economic Feasibility Report for the airport, has said in its draft estimation.

The nine domestic destinations include Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Goa, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai and Pune.

The international flights are likely to be to Abu Dhabi, Bangkok, Doha, Dubai, Kathmandu and London. In the next year of operations, that is in 2024-25, flights are likely to be extended to other destinations like Kuala Lumpur and Muscat and within the country to Kochi and Patna.

By 2050, the airport is likely to serve 31 international and 37 domestic destinations, the report further states. The other international destinations could be Amsterdam (2031-32), Bahrain (2029-30), Colombo (2031-32), Frankfurt (2028-29), Hong Kong (2026-27), Istanbul (2038-39), Kuwait (2044-45),



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Toronto (2036-37) and Singapore (2024-25). There would be domestic flights to Bhubaneswar (2026-27), Dehradun (2033-34), Jaipur (2033-34), Jammu (2030-31), Leh (2035-36), Port Blair (2047-48), Ranchi (2028-29), Thiruvananthapuram (2028-29), Varanasi (2028-29) and Srinagar (2025-26).

On February 26, **TOI** had reported the proposed airport's catchment area of 150 kilometres will comprise 42 districts and multiple states.

As per the preliminary report presented to Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA), the agency had said that 41% of the projected passenger traffic using the airport will be from Delhi and 26% from Uttar Pradesh.

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YEIDA officials, however, refused to comment on the draft report. "A final report of the feasibility is expected to come out on March 15," said Arun Vir Singh, CEO, Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Area. "We will comment once we have the report," he added.