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Jewar international airport **golden opportunity** for western UP: Modi

BOOST TO DEVELOPMENT Airport connectivity will help businesses grow and create jobs for youth in the area, PM said

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GREATER NOIDA: The Noida International Greenfield Airport, scheduled to come up at Jewar, will be a golden opportunity for the people of western Uttar Pradesh in times to come, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in Greater Noida on Saturday. "When Jewar area starts air connectivity, people in this region will not have to travel to Delhi to take flights. The Jewar airport will bring a golden opportunity of development in western UP," Modi said at the inauguration event of the newly-built Archaeology Institute ground in the city.

The PM was supposed to lay the foundation of the new airport on Saturday. All the necessary formalities and approvals had been completed for the country's largest airport project, to come up on an area of 5,000 hectares. However, the Gautam Budh Nagar administration could not acquire the land meant for the airport project on time due to pending cases in the high court.

"The PM could not lay the foundation stone because the administration is yet to acquire land for the project. The work of land acquisition will begin soon and we will be able to start work on the ground," Dharendra Singh, Member of Legislative assembly from Jewar area, said.

According to a district official, not authorised to speak to the media, "The Prime Minister could not lay the foundation stone for the Jewar airport project despite all clearances being in place some farmers had refused to give their agricultural land and approached the Allahabad High Court for the same. The



PM Modi addresses the audience in Greater Noida on Saturday.

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nectivity means development in that region. When an area receives Metro and air connectivity and improvement in road transport facilities, doing business becomes easy," Modi said.

"We have focused on all round development and also immensely improved the electricity infrastructure, that is required to develop better air connectivity," the PM added.

Modi said if air connectivity is improved in Jewar, it will create opportunities for the youth in the area as development will take place. "Airport connectivity will help businesses grow and create jobs," he said. According to the draft techno-economic feasibility report for the Jewar airport, the airport will commence operations with nine domestic and six international flights in 2023-24.