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Noida airport to be ready by Sept 2024, says Swiss construction firm



Work underway at the upcoming Noida airport in Jewar. HTPHOTO

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GREATER NOIDA: The Noida International Greenfield Airport is expected to become fully operational before its scheduled deadline of September 29, 2024, owing to the fast pace of work, officials involved in phase one of the project have informed the state government, sources said on Friday.

The Yamuna International Airport Private Limited, a 100% subsidiary of Swiss firm Zurich Airport International AG, which is undertaking the construction of phase 1 of the airport, on Friday submitted its progress report before the 15th board meeting of the Noida International Airport Limited (NIAL), the agency overseeing the project and headed by chief secretary DS Mishra.

"The chief secretary first

conducted a site inspection of different industrial projects in the morning and later chaired the 15th board meeting of NIAL. The concessionaire has submitted the progress report on the airport project before the board and the chief secy directed that pace of work be further increased," said Arun Vir Singh, chief executive officer, NIAL and the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (Yeida).

According to officials, at least 20% work on terminal building, air traffic control building and runway is completed and the remaining work is on in full swing at the site.

"Apart from inspecting the progress of work at the medical device park, textile park, toy park and apparel park, Mishra also headed the joint coordination committee that held a meeting with the Central

Industrial Security Force and other paramilitary forces at the airport site. He directed officials of Zurich International and YIAPL to coordinate with all agencies to make safety arrangements at the project site," said Shailendra Bhatia, officer on special duty, Yeida.

At least 6,000 workers are presently deployed at the Jewar site to complete the ongoing work before September 2024, said NIAL officials.

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Under phase 1, the airport will initially cater to 12 million passengers annually, which will be increased to 70 million by phase 4. It will start operations with one runway and nearly 100,000 flight movements a year, said officials.