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'Jewar airport to have capacity of 60L at start'

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New Delhi: The Greater Noida airport at Jewar will start with an annual passenger handling capacity of 60 lakh when it opens in financial year 2022-23 (by March 2023) and then grow in phases to reach 10 crore flyers every year by 2050. A detailed PwC report on the project's feasibility and sustainability forecasts that 85% of flyers to and from here will be domestic and the rest international.

The study says Jewar's development will see annual passenger traffic grow to one crore by 2029-30 and then to 10 crore by 2050 in phases. "Jewar airport will be able to connect small cities to Delhi under UDAN. Gautam Budh Nagar

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- ▶ Jewar airport will be able to handle 60 lakh passengers annually when it opens by March 2023 and 10 crore by 2050, says PwC report
- ▶ Airport could serve eight domestic, six international destinations by 2022-23, it says
- ▶ IGI airport handled 6.3 crore passengers in 2017, up from 3.4 crore in 2012

and Agra districts will be main contributors to the airport. It can serve eight domestic and six international destinations by 2022-23," said a statement on behalf of the UP government.

Jewar would be able to serve 37 domestic and 31 international destinations by 2050, said the statement said on the airport project, referred to by many as the "MoYo airport", given the way both PM Modi and CM Yogi Adityanath are trying to get it completed at the earliest.

"Apart from the socio-economic benefits in the NCR region, Jewar airport is expected to be boon to the Delhi airport. Delhi (IGI) Airport is soon expected to reach its (peak) passenger handling capacity. With the aviation sector growing at almost 15%, Delhi airport is expected to handle almost 10 crore people per year by 2022," the statement said. IGI served 6.3 crore passengers in 2017, almost double the number (3.4 crore) that used the airport in 2012.