



# First Validation Flight Landing at Jewar Airport

## Why in News?

Recently, the [Noida International Airport \(NIA\)](#) achieved a major milestone as its **first validation flight successfully landed**, bringing it closer to operational readiness.

## Key Points

- **Successful Landing of Validation Flight:**
  - The validation flight was **operated by IndiGo**.
  - Special acknowledgement was given to the site workers for their critical role in the project's progress.
- **Flight's Objectives:**
  - The flight tested and confirmed the **airport's approach and departure procedures, accuracy of navigational aids, and air traffic control systems**.
- **Ministerial Remarks and Vision:**
  - The Union Civil Aviation Minister commended the team's efforts and emphasized:
    - The airport's potential to **transform air travel and regional connectivity**.
    - Its design reflects **Uttar Pradesh's cultural heritage**.
    - A terminal capacity of 12 million passengers annually at its 2025 opening.
  - With this development, **Uttar Pradesh will have its 17th operational airport**.
- **Sustainability Focus:**
  - The Minister emphasized sustainability through:
    - **Solar energy** utilization for powering the airport.
    - **Eco-friendly infrastructure development** aligned with government priorities.
- **Economic and Developmental Impact:**
  - The project is expected to **create thousands of jobs**.
  - It is also expected to boost tourism and drive regional development in Western Uttar Pradesh and serve as Asia's largest airport upon completion.

## Noida International Airport (NIA)

- The Noida International Airport at Jewar is **developed as the country's first transit hub** with aspirations to develop it into an **Asia-Pacific** transit hub, **a first for India**.
- It is developed based on the **Zurich Airport model in Switzerland**, with the goal of enhancing passenger and flight handling capabilities to world-class standards.
  - The greenfield **airport is being** constructed in the Jewar area of Gautam Buddh Nagar district in western Uttar Pradesh.
  - It **will be the second international airport in the National Capital Region**, alongside Delhi's [Indira Gandhi International Airport](#).

