



# Noida International Airport

## Why in News?

Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government **announced its plans to develop the Noida International Airport** into a world-class civil aviation facility.

- Notably, the Noida International Airport at Jewar is being **developed as the country's first transit hub** with aspirations to develop it into an **Asia-Pacific** transit hub, **a first for India**.

## Key Points

- The state government announced that the Noida International Airport is **being 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 Buddha 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.
- The **government has expedited the processes** for issuing licenses, managing operations, and appointing staff and consultants at the airport **through an e-tendering system**.
- Yamuna International Airport Private Limited (YIAPL) **is dedicated to developing the airport** in accordance with the standards set by the Uttar Pradesh and central governments.
  - YIAPL is entirely owned by **Zurich Airport International AG**, the Swiss firm that secured the concessionaire contract for the **public-private partnership project**.
- Currently, **construction is ongoing for the first phase of airport development**, covering an area of over 1,300 hectares. The entire airport is planned to be developed across 5,000 hectares **in four phases**.

## Note

Electronic tender, or eTender, is the process of sending and receiving bid tenders using online procurement platforms.

- eTendering **makes a huge difference to the procurement process as it offers improved visibility**, compliance and decision-making across **source-to-pay (S2P) operations**.

## Greenfield Airports

- Airports are usually situated in urban areas, and aviation activities can **significantly impact the natural environment**, contributing to environmental degradation, particularly in urban regions.
- To tackle this issue, **the Indian government introduced the Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy in 2008**.
- The primary objective is to divert air traffic from existing urban airports to locations outside city centers, **reducing pollution and environmental strain**.
- **Greenfield Airport in UP:** Kushinagar (International airport)

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