

Noida International Airport Receives Aerodrome License from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)

National, 06 March 2026 — Noida International Airport (NIA) has received its aerodrome license from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), marking a major milestone in the airport’s journey towards commercial operations. The license, issued under Rule 78 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937, certifies that the airport meets all regulatory requirements related to operational procedures, safety systems, infrastructure, navigation aids, and emergency response as mandated by DGCA’s Civil Aviation Requirements.

This development follows the recent approval from the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), which granted final security vetting for domestic passenger operations as well as domestic and international cargo operations. Together, these regulatory approvals represent significant progress in the airport’s readiness to commence operations.

With the aerodrome license in place, NIA will continue working closely with authorities to conclude the regulatory approval process. The airport’s Aerodrome Security Programme (ASP) is currently under review with the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), and we look forward to receiving this approval in due course. Subsequently, Noida International Airport will coordinate with all partners to plan the formal inauguration and commencement of commercial operations. Preparations under the airport’s Operational Readiness Activation and Transition (ORAT) programme are continuing to ensure systems, processes, and personnel are fully prepared for a safe and seamless launch.

“Receiving the aerodrome license is a key milestone in our journey. It reflects the strong collaboration with our partners and the rigorous work undertaken to ensure readiness for commercial operations. We are committed to delivering a modern, efficient and passenger-centric airport that will serve as a catalyst for regional economic growth,” said **Christoph Schnellmann, Chief Executive Officer, Noida International Airport.**

A key milestone in the airport’s operational journey was achieved in December 2024, with the successful validation flight operated by IndiGo using an Airbus A320. The flight validated the airport’s approach procedures, navigational aids, and air traffic control systems, confirming its readiness to support aircraft operations.

All major infrastructure required for operations is now complete, and essential concessions have been awarded across mobility services, ground handling, in-flight catering, aviation fuel, cargo, retail, food and beverage, and the airport hotel. Communications and navigation systems have been commissioned by the Airports Authority of India.

While the aerodrome license confirms that NIA’s airside infrastructure, flight operations processes, and safety systems comply with the regulatory requirements of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, the start of commercial operations will be finalized after approval of the Aerodrome Security Programme by BCAS. We look forward to receiving this approval in due course, following which airline schedules, ticket sales, and the formal inauguration will be announced closer to the launch of operations.



Airlines and Connectivity

IndiGo, Akasa Air, and Air India Express have confirmed operations from NIA, alongside ongoing discussions with other domestic and international carriers. Discussions with air cargo operators are at an advanced stage, with strong demand expected from the region.

NIA is directly connected to the six-lane Yamuna Expressway, offering swift access to Noida, Greater Noida, Delhi, Gurugram, and major cities of western Uttar Pradesh. Popular destinations including Agra, Mathura, and Vrindavan are reachable within two hours.

Noida International Airport is being developed in four phases along with a dedicated cargo terminal. In its first phase of the airport, with one runway and one terminal, it will have the capacity to handle 12 million passengers annually. Upon completion of the fourth phase, the airport will be equipped to manage 70 million passengers per year, making it a major hub for the region.

About Noida International Airport

Noida International Airport (IATA code - DXN) connects the greater Delhi area and Western Uttar Pradesh with other cities in India and the world. This world-class airport combines Swiss efficiency and Indian hospitality to offer rich experiences and comprehensive commercial attractions and services to its passengers. NIA is committed to an ambitious net zero emissions goal supported by sustainable design and operations principles.

Yamuna International Airport Private Limited (YIAPL) was established for the development, construction and operation of the greenfield project - the Noida International Airport. The company, a 100% subsidiary of Zurich Airport International AG, is responsible for the implementation of the public-private partnership project in close partnership with the Government of Uttar Pradesh and the Government of India. The concession period for Noida International Airport commenced on October 01, 2021, and will run for 40 years. The airport features one runway and one passenger terminal with a capacity to serve 12 million passengers annually. The airport's masterplan provides for further development over the duration of the concession to serve over 70 million passengers annually.

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