

## Noida International Airport Appoints Nitu Samra as Chief Executive Officer

**National, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026:** Noida International Airport (NIA) today announced changes to its leadership structure. This change follows directions issued by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) that the Chief Executive Officer of an airport in India is required to be an Indian national.

With immediate effect, **Nitu Samra** has been appointed as **Chief Executive Officer** on an interim basis, until the Board of Directors can conclude a formal selection process.

Nitu has been serving as Chief Financial Officer of Noida International Airport since October 2021 and has been closely involved in the airport's development journey, overseeing financial stewardship, governance, and strategic planning during a key phase of the project.

**Christoph Schnellmann**, who has led Noida International Airport as **Chief Executive Officer** since August 2020, will join the airport's Board of Directors as **Executive Vice Chairman**. In this role, he will continue to support the project and its transition to operations.

**Daniel Bircher, Chairman, Yamuna International Airport Private Limited**, said: *"After the inauguration of Noida International Airport by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in March 2026, the goal was to enable the start of operations as early as possible. This management change brings the airport into compliance with Bureau of Civil Aviation Security requirements while maintaining continuity in the airport's leadership team. The newly structured team will support a smooth transition into operations, guided by clear and transparent governance and a strong corporate culture."*

Noida International Airport remains focused on delivering a modern aviation gateway that will serve as a catalyst for regional economic growth



## **About Noida International Airport**

**Noida International Airport (IATA code - DXN)** will connect the greater Delhi area and Western Uttar Pradesh with other cities in India and the world. This world-class airport will combine 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. At its opening, the airport will feature one runway and one terminal and handle a capacity of 12 million passengers – with the potential for further development in additional construction phases.

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