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awarded to Tata Projects in

June 2022. Considering these

circumstances, we allowed a

grace period of three months.

The daily penalty of Rs 10 lakh

has been enforced and will

continue till the airport be-

a "catch-up" plan to ensure

flight operations don't miss

count of the terminal build-

ing lagging behind its time-

lines. The launch of domestic

and international flights has

been split because the inter-

national floor will take longer

to complete. Initially, the air-

port will begin operations

with six aerobridges instead

which has the engineering

contracts for the airport, has

attributed the delay to an ex-

tended monsoon season in

2024. Currently, around 8,000

workers are deployed on-site,

and the company is expected

to accelerate the pace of work

by increasing manpower, de-

Singh said Tata Projects,

of the 10 originally planned,

the third revised deadline.

NIAL has asked YIAPL for

The delay is mainly on ac-

comes operational."

German lawmakers vote for a colossal defence & infrastructure spending package proposed by chancellor-in-waiting Merz amid Europe's security concerns, P 18

Govt sets May 15 launch date for Noida airport Int'l Flight Ops By Jun 15; ₹10L/Day Fine Kicks In For Concessionaire, Project 6 Months Behind Schedule

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Noida: UP govt has directed the concessionaire of Noida International Airport to speed up work so that domestic flight operations can begin from May 15 and international flights by June 25.

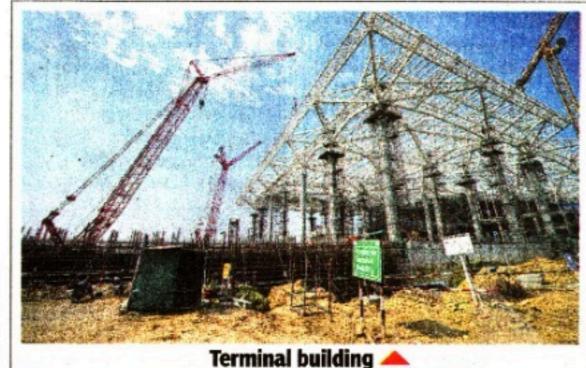
The directive was issued on March 10 during a review meeting with all stakeholders where chief minister Yogi Adityanath expressed unhappiness over delay in the airport's construction work, particularly the terminal building.

The airport, as of now, is running six months behind schedule. Its original deadline was Sept 29, 2024, which was revised to April 2025. Since it's clear the project will miss the April date, officials said the CM had told them to follow the terms of the contract agreement on delay penalties and impose the stipulated fine of Rs 10 lakh per day on concessionaire YIAPL.

The penalty, which will be effective from Jan 1 – taking into account a three-month grace after the original deadline lapsed-will amount to Rs 3 crore a month.

Arun Vir Singh, CEO of Noida International Airport

WHAT'S LEFT TO BE DONE?



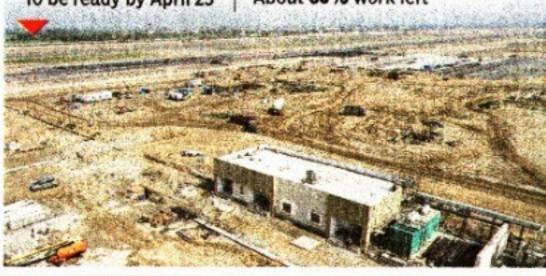
finishing work

Roof and internal Portions of the domestic International section on the first floor

section

Runway & airside To be ready by April 25

Water & sewage treatment plants About 60% work left



Ltd, the state govt's special purpose vehicle to oversee the

airport project, told TOI, "The concession agreement vetting to expedite approvals if work is completed by Apr 15

for the airport was signed in

Oct 2020 when the right of way

Photos: Tarun Rawat

Air traffic control tower

- Commissioning of navigational aids (DVR, D-ATIS, VCCS)
- Air traffic control unit
- Posting air traffic control officers

FROM DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION

Aerodrome licence

Permit by May | If YIAPL achieves full readiness by April 15 & posts aerodrome personnel

WHAT'S NEXT

Catch-up plan NIAL has requested a plan from YIAPL and Tata Projects to meet revised deadlines

Stakeholder review | Chief secretary is expected to hold a review meeting in the coming weeks

ploying more machinery and the concessionaire. Since the appointment date was during subcontracting specific tasks. "After the meeting chaired the Covid period, the project experienced initial setbacks. Construction contract was

by the CM, we convened another meeting with all stakeholders, including the Airports Authority of India and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation to discuss the catch-up plan," Singh said.

The pace of the terminal building's construction has been affected by the intricate design of its iron façade. The terminal's forecourt will resemble the ghats of Varanasi and Haridwar. The design also incorporates a central courtvard to allow light and air into the building. The concept of a wavy roof is inspired by rivers.

"All of us are working towards a common goal, which is completion of this project within the revised timeline. The state govt has been an avid supporter of this project from the very beginning. We have established a strong partnership with them and are working hand in hand. We all want the same thing - a world-class airport for western Uttar Pradesh. Govt is focused on providing connectivity, security, utilities, etc. This is a true public-private partnership," said a YIAPL spokesperson.



Regulatory approvals & processes

- > From Bureau of Civil Aviation Security
- Bomb threat contingency plan
- > Anti-hijacking contingency plan
- Airport security plan
- > Structural stability report

45 days to process permits BCAS may adopt phase-wise

was provided, meaning land was officially handed over to