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Maiden flight from Noida international airport set to take off on April 17, 2025

The schedule was finalised by NIAL in consultation with concessionaire Yamuna International Airport Private Limited (YIAPL) in a meeting held on Tuesday.



NIAL has asked the concessionaire to make sure that the domestic and international flights take off on April 17 itself and that work should be fast-tracked to meet the set deadline, said officials. (Sunil Ghosh/HT Photo)

The first commercial flight from the Noida international airport in Jewar, along the Yamuna Expressway, will take off on April 17, 2025, said officials of Noida International Airport Limited (NIAL), the agency formed by the Uttar Pradesh government to monitor and oversee the progress on the greenfield international airport, on Tuesday.

The Yamuna International Airport Private Limited submitted plans to begin commercial operations by April 17 and it is crucial to adhere to these timelines. If the April 17 timeline will not be honoured, then it may cause an additional six-month delay in securing international approvals and time slots from the International Air Transport Association (IATA)," said Arun Vir Singh, chief executive officer of NIAL, which chaired the meeting.

The YIAPL has already met with IATA about international flights and various airlines have submitted their applications. The YIAPL will meet with the DGCA in mid-October to fix the domestic flights schedule. If all goes well, then the first commercial flight will take off on April 17, next year.

The commercial flight trials, and the evaluations by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) are scheduled for November 30 and the partner airlines, IndiGo and Akasa, are set to conduct full crew flight tests, to assess runway readiness and to validate operational systems, well in advance of the official launch. The AAI will also participate in the trial flights so that we stay well prepared before the official launch on April 17, 2025.