

Navi Mumbai airport launch by Dec 2024, to fly 12 mn in 1st yr

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The outer structure of Navi Mumbai International Airport's first terminal building is almost ready. Eight behind the under-construction building stands a partially demolished hill, which executives from the airport company hope the hill will be flattened by mid-January, paving the way for the first commercial take-off by December next year.

"We are ahead of schedule on the airfield, what is left is a small hill," a spokesperson for Navi Mumbai International Airport Ltd (NMIAL) said, adding that the airfield - which consists of a runway, taxiway, apron and others - is 60 per cent complete and the runway is at 70 per cent.

The hill was to be demolished in a joint effort by NMIAL, who is the concessionaire and CIDCO - City and Industrial Development Corporation - for Navi Mumbai, which is the nodal authority for the project.

"What is left is CIDCO's part of the demolition. We have worked around the earlier delays of the demolition and should be able to meet timelines," said the spokesperson, who is hopeful the demolition would be completed by mid-January.

NMIAL is a jointly owned subsidiary with MIAL holding 74 per cent and the rest by CIDCO. MIAL is Mumbai International Airport Ltd (MIAL), which in turn is a jointly owned subsidiary of Adani Airport



STATUS CHECK

- September 2024: Airfield completion expected
- December 2024: Commercial operations to begin
- 2.9 km out of 3.7 km of the runway complete

Holding Limited and Airport Authority of India (AAI). Aviation consultancy firm CAPA India in November said the airport is facing delays and is likely to commence commercial operations in 2025 instead of 2024.

Spokespeople from NMIAL remain confident of averting the December 2024 deadline to start commercial operations from this new airport, which is to cater to 20 million passengers in the initial phase. "I see no challenge to the timeline, provided there is no other parallel-like situation," a spokesperson added.

Even as the airport executives await the full decision of the hill, work on other aspects has been set into motion.

"We are already in talks with air-

lines to start operations from this airport," the spokesperson said. "There are positive discussions with some airlines so to start work on the second phase as well," the spokesperson said.

NMIAL is spending close to ₹2,000 crore in getting the initial phase ready.

The company is expected to start work on financial closure for the first phase only post-completion of the first. "Once a phase is complete, the project risk is out and funding costs lower," the spokesperson added.

There is another missing piece in the commencement of the airport's operations - connectivity. The Mumbai Trans-harbour Link, which connects the island city of Mumbai to the satellite city of Navi

Mumbai, is expected to start operations next month. However, work on the Lower Coastal Road connecting MTHL further to the Navi Mumbai Airport is yet to commence. Spokespeople for the airport company clarified that delays to such infra projects will not hamper connectivity, but said it will not be "ideal".

The Navi Mumbai Airport was first conceptualised to decongest Mumbai's sole international airport, where capacity is expected to peak at 60 million passengers in the next few years with a mix of international and domestic operations. Of the 20 million capacity in the initial phase, Navi airport is expected to fly 12 million passengers in the first year of operations. "The airport will be ready by DGCA inspection from September onwards and start to start in the winter schedule of 2024," the spokesperson said.

The second terminal of the Mumbai International Airport was opened to passengers in 2014 and stands out for its posh-themed interior, a vast collection of art on display and a crunch for aircraft parking spaces.

Other options of a second airport for Mumbai, the under-construction Navi airport may offer certain disadvantages - a hilly-themed interior, more space for private jets, a higher fee for parking for fuel-fuel-based vehicles and the lack of expensive artefacts.

"We are a hardcore infrastructure company. We are exploring digital art for the airport," the spokesperson concluded.

Over 450 flights delayed as fog disrupts operations

DEEPA MITAL
New Delhi, 25 December

Dense fog on Monday morning caused disruptions to flight operations at Delhi and Hyderabad airports. According to Flightradar24.com, a total of 333 flights and 129 flights were delayed at the Delhi airport and the Hyderabad airport, respectively, until 12:30 pm on Monday.

At least eight flights were diverted from the Delhi airport to airports other in Jaipur or Ahmedabad between 6-9 am, insurers said. Delhi and Hyderabad airports handle about a total of 1,300 daily flights and 400 daily flights, respectively. To prepare for fog-related disruption, GMR group-led Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) has set up temporary help desks at the T3 terminal and deployed additional manpower from terminal operations teams. The terminal operations staff have been provided with high-visibility jackets, public address systems and radio transmission sets for better coordination and communication. The staff deployed at critical positions will facilitate passenger movement and provide updated information.

Apart from these arrangements of meals for passengers in the form of food trays or food carts at the food outlets, have been made. DIAL said it has facilitated the development and operations of a well-coordinated



FALLOUT

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- Staff given high-visibility jackets, public address systems and radio transmission sets
- Meal boxes/food trays arranged for passengers at Delhi airport

process between food outlets and airlines.

According to Flightradar24.com, a total of 95 arrivals and 238 departures were delayed at the Delhi airport until 12:30 pm on Monday. Similarly, a total of 40 arrivals and 99 departures were delayed at the Hyderabad airport until 12:30 pm on Monday.

Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia had earlier this month told Rajya Sabha that in order to prepare for the worst of the fog period, the number of inspections and special audits were increased over the last two years to enhance various facilities at airports and in the form of air re-configuration services.

Scindia had told Rajya Sabha that the airlines had been instructed to bring changes in their flight schedules in such a way that CAT-II and CAT-III non-compliant aircraft would not be operating during this period. CAT-II and CAT-III refer to different categories of Instrument Landing System (ILS) approaches, which are used to guide aircraft during their descent and landing in low-visibility conditions. A CAT-II compliant aircraft can land on the runway with visibility as low as 300 metres.

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The funding is expected to help the cash-strapped firm meet financial commitments, run company operations, and settle legal disputes with lenders. Byju's is also facing the challenge of significantly reducing its losses to establish a sustainable business model for the long term. An alleged lack of internal control over how the firm manages its resources and accounting practices was a major topic of discussion during the company's annual general meeting (AGM), held virtually on December 20. The meeting was attended by close to 60 shareholders. They pressed Rameshwar for more transparency on the company's financials and its latest state of affairs, according to sources.

Thakur and Lohani passed all the resolutions, including the accounts for financial year 2022, during the AGM.

The AGM had two items on its agenda: Considering and approving the statements and consolidated financials for FY22, and approving the appointment of MSKA and Associates (CA) as its auditor.

Byju's has re-appointed accounting firm BDO as its statutory auditor.

However, BDO officials were initially missing in the meeting. This angered the shareholders. They attended the meeting later, though they were not obliged to do so. They faced a barrage of questions from investors.

"The meeting was badly managed by the company," said a person aware of the meeting. "The shareholders felt considering the challenges the company was facing, the auditors should have made an exception and participated in the meeting."

"The auditors BDO later addressed all questions from shareholders before the company concluded the interactive three-hour-long meeting," Byju's reported.

India CEO Arjun Mehta presented Byju's 10 plan to the investors and shareholders. "This includes a significant focus on the hybrid model, offering both online and offline educational services," said a person who attended the meeting.

Mehta discussed the company's plan to enhance productivity, incorporating the latest developments in technology. The strategy centers on better monetizing existing assets and expanding options across various price points and product ranges.

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