

# Metro to Jewar airport will cost ₹7,000cr, DMRC shows first plan

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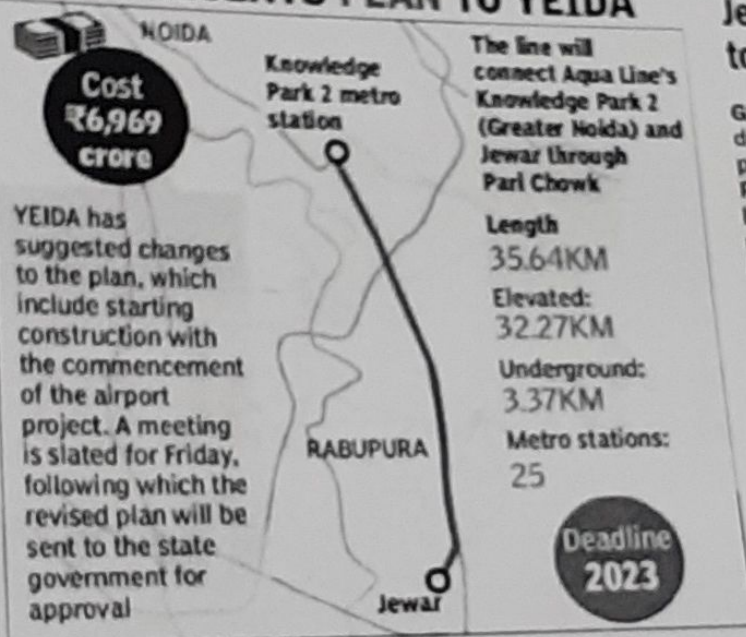
Greater Noida, Delhi Metro has given a presentation to the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) on the first phase of the 35.64km metro line expected to connect the proposed Jewar airport via Knowledge Park 2 in Greater Noida. While 32.27km will be elevated, the remaining will be underground near the upcoming airport. The corridor will have 24 stations along the elevated part and one underground. The estimated cost is close to Rs 7,000 crore, to be completed by March 2025.

Officials said after the presentation on Tuesday YEIDA suggested a few changes, including a completion deadline of 2023 as per Pricewaterhouse Coopers' (PwC) bid document projections (in the international airport project).

Also, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) was told to look at traffic viability in line with techno-feasibility report of PwC (which includes projections of traffic flow from Haryana, Noida and Delhi) instead of traffic from Pari Chowk to Jewar.

Another meeting is slated

## DMRC PRESENTS PLAN TO YEIDA



for Friday between YEIDA, DMRC and PwC, following which the revised plan will be sent for state government's approval, the officials said.

"DMRC's general manager BC Sharma and his team gave their initial draft report presentation on metro connectivity to Jewar from Aqua Line station near Knowledge Park 2. This included a 35.64km elevated stretch with about 24 stations and a 3.37km undergro-

und route close to the upcoming Jewar airport with one station," said Shailendra Bhatia, additional CEO of YEIDA.

However, YEIDA CEO Arun Vir Singh has ruled out completion of metro work by 2025 and instead asked for work to commence at the same time as that of the airport. "We cannot have metro work incomplete and pending till 2025 while airport will be ready by 2023. Connectivity should be ready

## Jewar bid document to go to EC for nod

Greater Noida: The bid document for the Jewar airport project prepared by Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PwC) has been approved by the ministry of civil aviation. To initiate global tendering, the document has now been forwarded to the UP government to be sent to the Election Commission for clearance, as the model code of conduct is in place. "If EC grants permission, we will begin global tendering process this month. If the permission does not come through, the tendering will be slated for June once the model code is lifted," said Arun Vir Singh, the CEO of YEIDA.

by 2023 that is before the airport becomes operational," he said.

Singh is the nodal officer for Noida International Airport Limited (NIAL), a body constituted by UP government last year, to get the Jewar airport project rolling.

"The entire stretch of the metro route from Pari Chowk to Jewar will have at least one station per sector to facilitate accessibility and commute. So-

me of the sectors expected to be covered on this route include sectors 17, 17A, 18, 20, 21, 22D, 22E, 23 and 24. However, there might be reduction in the number of proposed metro stations based on habitation or duplicity of the area. For example, one station may cater to both Gargodia University and Noida International University and there might not be a station at proposed Night Safari on Yamuna Expressway as it does not exist as of now," said Singh.

Further, DMRC was also told to align their traffic projections with the techno-feasibility report of PwC.

"We have suggested that DMRC matches their traffic feasibility study with our bid document prepared by PwC which has projections of traffic flow from Haryana, Yamuna area, Noida to Delhi and ISBT, and not an isolation study of traffic between Pari Chowk and Jewar as per DMRC presentation," said Singh. "These will be finalised in the next meeting on Friday before the final report is sent to the state government for approval," the CEO said.