

Noida International Airport selects Bird Group for ground handling services

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Noida International Airport has entered into a concession agreement with Bird Group to provide ground-handling resources and services at the airport. This strategic partnership will ensure efficient and seamless ground-handling activities at the airport, enhancing the overall passenger experience. Bird Group, an Indian company known for its world-class ground-handling capabilities, brings over 50 years of experience and a footprint of aviation services spanning 21 airports in India.

Under the agreement, Bird Group will take on an extensive set of responsibilities for the ground handling project. This entails a comprehensive suite of services aimed at enhancing the traveler's experience. This includes everything from ensuring a warm welcome for every passenger to smooth ramp operations and meticulous attention to baggage. The focus is on creating an environment that prioritizes efficiency and passenger satisfaction.

In line with the airport's aspiration towards net zero carbon emissions, Bird Group will ensure that all ground service equipment (GSE) will be electric-powered. This will help reduce the carbon footprint at the airport paving the way for more sustainable operations.

Mr. Christoph Schnellmann, Chief Executive Officer, Noida International Airport, said *"We are delighted to partner with Bird Group, a leader in ground handling services. Bird Group's proven expertise and commitment to innovation will be invaluable as we strive to create a world-class airport. Ground handling is one of the integral functions at the airport that ensures smooth functioning and with this collaboration, we are looking at exceptional experience at every touchpoint for our customers."*

"We are proud to be a part of this historical moment! To be the first ground handling provider at the capital's second airport is a very significant milestone in our journey. We are committed towards setting new benchmarks for service delivery and sustainability by introducing newer processes and technologies." said **Mr. Gaurav Bhatia, Executive Director, Bird Group.**

Noida International Airport will combine Indian warmth and hospitality with Swiss technology and efficiency to develop a modern, user-friendly design, inspired by India. The first phase of the airport, featuring one runway and one terminal, will have the capacity to handle traffic of 12 million passengers annually. Upon completion of all four development phases, the airport will be able to cater to 70 million passengers per year.

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 will be the first airport in its class in India to achieve net zero emissions, setting a new standard for sustainable airport operations.

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 at the end of 2024, 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.

For more information, please visit www.niaairport.in

About Bird Group:

Founded in 1971 in India, Bird Group is amongst the largest and most diversified group of various entities in the industry. With a footprint across the Indian Sub-Continent, Europe and Middle East, Bird Group's core business includes Information Technology, Travel & Aviation Services, Hospitality, Luxury Retail and Education.

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