

₹300cr share in Gr Noida budget for Jewar airport

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Greater Noida: UP chief secretary Anup Chandra Pandey chaired the Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority (GNIDA)'s 114th board meeting on Friday, where a budget of Rs 4,260 crore was sanctioned for the financial year 2019-20, which is 17 % more than that last year. GNIDA's budget for 2018-19 was Rs 3,639 crore, almost double than the Rs 1,745 crore allotted for 2017-18.

The budget laid stress on the Jewar airport project, with GNIDA allocating its share of Rs 300 crore for it. Connectivity formed a major part of the budget plans, and Rs 100 crore was cleared for the Noida-Greater Noida metro line. GNIDA put aside Rs 431 crore for internal and external development of the area, Rs 376 crore for urban city maintenance, Rs 200 crore for rural development and Rs 20 crore for horticulture development.

Linking Delhi with the metro formed a major part of the discussions during the meeting, officials said. A proposal was adopted in the board for a 14km Aqua Line connectivity from near Sector 142 in Greater Noida to Botanical Garden for an interchange to Delhi. "NMRC will be asked to construct the metro line and we will get a detailed project report (DPR) done jointly with the Noida Authority. The likely cost of the project will be between Rs 1,500 and Rs 2,000 crore," said Narendra Bhooshan, GNIDA CEO.

Another 4km metro connectivity was proposed from Greater Noida Depot station to Bodaki railway station to facilitate connectivity to the upcoming multi-modal transport hub.