

## **Airports Authority of India**

### **Press Release**

#### **Ayodhya gearing up to get a world-class airport with reflection of spirituality in design**

**New Delhi, 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2022:** To cater to the needs of local population as well as pilgrims and provide the direct connectivity to Ayodhya –the important religious destination, Airports Authority of India has undertaken the work of development of the airport for Civil flight operations. Ayodhya being the first one of the seven most important pilgrimage sites ((Mokshdayini Sapt Puris), attracts visitors from all over the world and has been witnessing rapid growth of travellers.

The airport development project worth Rs.242 Cr includes the construction of a terminal building and development of airside facilities like widening & expansion of runway etc. The new terminal building with total area of 6000 sq.m. is being designed to serve 300 passengers during peak hours with an annual handling capacity of six lakh passengers.

The design of the airport will reflect the idea and spirit of Ram Mandir, invoking a sense of spirituality and creating a sense of place for all passengers arriving and departing from the airport. The roof of the terminal is proposed to be adorned with Shikharas, in varying heights to convey a sense of grandeur to the structure. Along with the varying shikharas, the terminal will have decorative columns displaying important events from the story of Ramayana pictorially. The glass façade of the terminal will be designed to recreate a sense of being in the very palace of Ayodhya. The building will shine aesthetically and functionally, displaying a perfect mix of local architecture with a modern architectural note

The building also incorporates environmentally responsive systems that reduce the consumption of energy and improve overall efficiency using skylights, solar power system, efficient rainwater harvesting amongst others.

Hon'ble Prime Minister has envisioned Ayodhya to be developed as Spiritual Centre and Global Tourism Hub where the values and ethos will be matched by futuristic infrastructure, for benefit of tourists and pilgrims. Development of the airport in Ayodhya will be an important step towards contributing his vision.

52% of development work has been completed till now and overall project work is expected to be completed by June, 2023. This airport will not only put the pilgrimage site on Aviation Map but also give boost to economic development of the region. Direct air route to this important religious destination would facilitate seamless & direct connectivity for pilgrims all over the world.

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**Perspective Design**

## Work in Progress





