

New airport to open in India's Goa in next 2 months

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MUMBAI, Sept. 14 (Xinhua) -- India's Goa state will open its Mopa airport in the next two months, said a statement by MVIRDC World Trade Center Mumbai quoting the state's minister on Wednesday.

"The much-awaited Mopa Airport will become a reality in 45-60 days as the trial flight landed a week ago," said Shri Mauvin Godinho, Goa's minister for transport, industries and protocol.

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The minister was speaking at a road show for the forthcoming two-day Invest Goa Summit to be held on Oct. 6-7. ■

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Mopa airport. Credit: IANS Photo

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The Mopa International Airport is located in Pernem taluka in north Goa, 35 km north of Panaji, the state capital.

Invest Goa Summit, a two-day conference, will be held from October 6-7, 2022, in the south-western coastal state.

Speaking about the slew of reforms being carried out to promote ease of doing business in the state, the minister said: “The upcoming Goa Industrial Policy will be a landmark initiative to promote ease of doing business in the state. Under this policy, government approval will be given instantaneously for all the industrial projects that are eco-friendly.”

Speaking on the occasion, Vijay Kalantri, chairman of MVIRDC World Trade Center in Mumbai remarked: “World Trade Center Mumbai will support the ‘Invest Goa’ program by leveraging our global network of more than 320 WTCs across around 100 countries/regions. The Center will also promote Goa through the diplomatic missions and trade attaches of foreign countries in India.”

Ralph de Souza, president of Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry said: “Goa contributes 15 per cent to the indigenous pharma production of India and 80 per cent to the construction equipment manufacturing of the country. The state enjoys direct flight connectivity with 11 European destinations and the railway authority is planning to double the tracks to reduce travel time between Mumbai and Goa to less than five hours on express trains.”