NIIT airport work on track

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Calcutta, Feb. 1: NIIT Technologies Ltd is looking to complete the implementation of a Rs 344-crore airport management project across 10 cities by March 2015.

In April 2013, NIIT had bagged the contract from the Airports Authority of India to set up airport operation control centres in the 10 cities in partnership with SITA, an air transport IT and communication specialist.

The project has already been executed in five airports — Jaipur, Calcutta, Chennai, Ahmedabad and Guwahati.

The project aims to create an airport management system by consolidating multiple sets of information from different systems and interfaces in a single database, providing real-time data to travellers and stakeholders across the 10 cities.

The modernisation drive of the civil aviation ministry is expected to improve capacity utilisation, passenger flow and airport management.

The system will integrate through 13 layers of interfaces such as flight information, air traffic control, messaging system, voice control system, baggage handling and building management.

"We are hoping to complete everything by March 2015. Nine will surely go live," said Arvind Mehrotra, president (infrastructure management services business) of NIIT Technologies.

The other cities to be covered by the project are Mangalore, Trichy, Trivandrum, Calicut and Pune.

The Pune project, however, has to sort out communication challenges between the AAI and the Indian Air Force.

The AAI web portal is now equipped to display information real time.

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- **The project:** Single database for 13 types of information in airports
- **Advantage:** Superior real-time data for travellers
- **Project size:** Rs 344 crore
- **Scope:** Database for 10 airports, including Calcutta