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Airport area planning activity set to take off

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Bangalore: Here is good news for all those aspiring to own a house or commercial establishment within a short distance from the Devanahalli Airport.

The state government has finally given its nod for Master Plan 2021 of the Bengaluru International Airport Area Planning Authority (BIAAPA).

The cherry on the icing is that 7,284 hectares of the total 14,627 hectares of the conurbation area, has been reserved for residential purposes.

"This covers almost 50 per cent of the master plan area. Land owners can now go ahead with construction plans after obtaining permission from the government," said an official from the Urban Development Department (UDD).

UDD officials also said that the master plan includes all the land conversions that have taken place up to September 2004, when the provisional master plan was approved. "Similar deadlines apply to land spaces undertaken by the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) in these areas," said an official.

Apart from residential land, around 1,000 hectares have been reserved for commercial and industrial purposes under the plan. "We have also declared 1,742 hectares in and around the BIA as the airport zone, where in strict measures on FAR and other building bylaws have been adopted," a UDD official said.

The expanded jurisdiction of BIAAPA now includes many parts of Yelahanka, Doddaballapur and Devanahalli.

It may be noted that the government had received 1,816 objections against the provisional master plan that was made public in 2004. "All the objections were taken into consideration before approving the final master plan notification," said another UDD official.

The Gazette notification for the master plan was approved on Wednesday and with the modifications attached on January 29.