

First flight from Delhi lands at Kushinagar airport

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GORAKHPUR: The first domestic flight from Delhi landed at the newly inaugurated Kushinagar International Airport on Friday at 1.35pm. The passengers were welcomed by MP Vijay Dubey, MLA Rajnikant Mani Tripathi, Airport director AK Dwivedi along with other officials, with 'Chandan Tilak' and flowers. A total of 74 passengers arrived from Delhi in the flight.

Congratulating the people on the occasion, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath tweeted, "The operation of air travel from Kushinagar International Airport has started from today. This is not just a flight of an airplane, it is a flight for the overall development of the state. The government of @BJP4UP has done what it said. Hearty congratulations to all!"

After 20 minutes, the same airplane took off for Delhi. Airport director AK Dwivedi and MP Vijay Dubey cut a cake to celebrate the occasion. They also offered the cake to the first passenger travelling to Delhi, Vishnu. Earlier they had also welcomed the first passenger from Delhi, Ajay Kumar Tripathi.

The flight took off from Delhi at 12 noon and reached Kushinagar at 1.35p.m. It took off from Kushinagar at 1.55pm and landed at Delhi airport at 3.55 p.m.

The airport was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 20. Flights for two more cities, Kolkata and Mumbai, will start operating from from December 17 and December 18 respectively, said Airport director, A K Dwivedi.