

# Uttar Pradesh: Chopper service to connect Lucknow to Prayagraj & Kapilvastu

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## Regular chopper service connecting Lucknow with Kapilvastu & Prayagraj to start soon

The [Uttar Pradesh government](#) to soon start regular **helicopter service** connecting **Lucknow** with **Prayagraj** and **Kapilvastu** (near Gorakhpur), the two destinations that are significant in the context of religious tourism.

To this end, dedicated heliports would be set up to offer a range of services for the passengers and crew — **including** waiting rooms and lounges, well-stocked cafeterias, crew rooms, toilets, and formal reception desks.

The UP Directorate of Tourism has already invited '**Expression of Interest (EOI)**' for the development, operations, and maintenance of heliports at Lucknow, Kapilvastu (at Gorakhpur), and Prayagraj through **private sector participation** on a lease and development basis.

For this, a pre-bid meeting will be held on Monday, said a senior **UP Tourism department official**. The last date for submitting bids is **August 7** while the technical bids are scheduled to be opened on **August 8**.

"The primary objective of the proposed heliports is to provide a facility for helicopter operations in these regions, primarily to facilitate the movement of passengers between these **three cities**. The developers, however, will also be allowed to use the land for the development of airstrip and its operation/ maintenance for aero-sports, running aviation academy, or any other **aviation-related activity** as well," the official added.

"The heliports would be developed as **Visual Flight Rules (VFR)** compliant facilities," he said.