

# ₹2k cr for Jewar, ₹101 crore for Ayodhya airport

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**A**s the construction of Ram Temple picks up pace, the state government on Monday allocated Rs 101 crore to the proposed airport in Ayodhya which will be named after Lord Ram. The amount is expected to be spent on the expansion of the existing airstrip and other facilities to make the airport fit for landing of AirBus and Boeing 777.

The Jewar airport also received Rs 2,000 crore in the state budget. The airport will have six runways and a host of other civil aviation facilities. The budgetary thrust to Jewar airport comes at a time when the construction of Kushinagar international airport nears completion. A senior official in the civil aviation department said UP would soon have four international airports – Lucknow, Varanasi, Kushinagar and Jewar.

The state government seeks to expedite the regional connectivity scheme under which Aligarh, Azamgarh, Moradabad, Shravasti, Chitrakoot and Sonbhadra (Myorpur) airstrips have been selected.

Officials said the development of airstrips in Aligarh, Azamgarh, Moradabad and Shravasti were nearing completion while the ones at Chitrakoot and Sonbhadra would be completed by 2021.