## Get Ready For The First Tabletop Airport In Uttar Pradesh At Chitrakoot





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#### Introduction

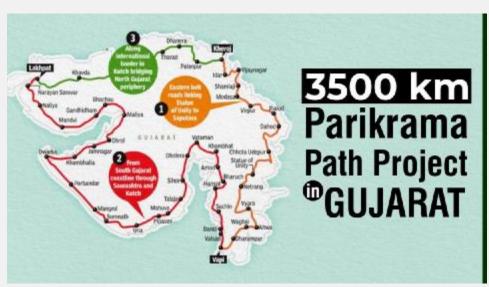
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Tabletop airport in Uttar Pradesh's Chitrakoot to boost tourism and pilgrimage

The upcoming tabletop airport in the Vindhya hill range of Chitrakoot, <u>Uttar Pradesh</u>, is set to be operational in the coming months. This first-of-its-kind `Tabletop Airport` in the state is built on top of a plateau or hilly surface, with one or both ends of the runway overlooking a drop. The airport is expected to give a significant boost to tourism and pilgrimage in Chitrakoot, a temple town located in the <u>Bundelkhand</u> region.

Approach road work underway



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According to a government spokesperson, the work on approach roads is currently underway at the airport construction site, and it will take a few months to finish. Once completed, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has been pushing for the development of the Bundelkhand region, may inaugurate the Rs 146.5-crore airport project.

### Significance of Chitrakoot

Chitrakoot holds great importance among Hindu pilgrims, as it is believed to be the place where Lord Rama, his wife Sita, and his brother Lakshmana spent 11-and-a-half years of their 14-year exile. This makes it a revered site among pilgrims. The Airport Authority of India will manage the Chitrakoot airport as part of an agreement with the Uttar Pradesh government.

### 20-seater aircraft to fly under the UDAN scheme

After obtaining a licence from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, 20-seater aircraft will start flying from Chitrakoot under the Union government's Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) scheme. The scheme is a regional airport development programme meant to upgrade the regional air connectivity of towns and cities. The Chitrakoot airport will boost air

connectivity with other areas of Uttar Pradesh and increase the flow of tourists and pilgrims from other places in the country.