

‘Flourishing aviation sector has given a new identity to UP’

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Lucknow: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday said that Uttar Pradesh is now known in the country for its flourishing aviation sector.

After reviewing the works of civil aviation department, the CM said that in 2016-2017, the freight transportation in the state was 5895 metric tonnes, which increased to 20,813 metric tonnes in 2022-2023, registering a four-fold increase in freight traffic in the last six years which was a commendable growth.

“In 2016-2017, air traffic in the state was 46,585 which went up to 82,615 in 2022-2023. Besides flights, the number of passengers has also increased significantly. In 2016-2017, around 59.97 lakh passengers travelled by air while in 2022-2023, the number increased to 96.02 lakh passengers,” he said.

The CM said that before the Maha Kumbh begins in 2025, the capacity of Prayag-



Construction of airport at Jewar in Noida in full swing

raj airport should be expanded with facilities for public like increase in lounge capacity from 300 to 500 passengers. Speaking on the ongoing works for Jewar airport, Yogi said that arrangements for RRTS or light metro should be made to improve connectivity of Jewar Airport.

“Survey for Gorakhpur airport has been completed and construction work will start at the earliest,” Yogi said. UP has three international airports and 17 airstrips while eight airstrips are under the IAF. The state government has also pushed the development of Shravasti, Azamgarh, Chitrakoot and Aligarh airstrips into small airports.