

'Ayodhya airport will handle 2-3 flights per hr'

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People will get the infrastructure necessary for the development of Ayodhya, the CM said, adding the government is making serious efforts to restore the city's glory.

Scindia said an attempt has been made to reflect the cultural potential of the airport in Ayodhya.

"In the first phase, the airport will be spread across 65,000 square feet. Its capacity will be to handle two to three flights every hour. Work is on to build a 2,200-metre-

long runway. It means that Boeing 737 and Airbus 319 and 320 will be able to land at this airport. Initially, there is an airport apron for eight aircraft," Scindia told reporters.

He also said that soon approval from the Cabinet will be taken for the second phase.

"In the second phase, as already said by the chief minister (Adityanath), the length of the runway will be increased from 2,200 metres to 3,700 metres. In other words, the length of the runway will be around four kilometres, so that international aircraft like Boeing 787

and Boeing 777 can land in Ayodhya," Scindia said. He added that the second phase of the airport will be 50,000 square metres. "Ayodhya city is a shining star on the national map, and it should be a shining star on the international map as well," the Union minister said, adding that "all of us are committed to fulfil this promise".

Scindia also remembered his grandmother Vijaya Raje Scindia who was a BJP leader during the Ram Temple movement in Ayodhya.

"I consider it my good fortune that today I got the privilege of ap-

plying Ayodhya's soil on my forehead in the holy city, the birthplace of Lord Shri Ram. Today is also an emotional moment for me because my 'Aaji Amma' (referring to his grandmother) had a very emotional attachment with the soil of Ayodhya throughout her life," he said.

Earlier, CM Yogi also performed 'aarti' and 'darshan puja' at the Hanuman garhi temple here. After this, he offered prayers at the Ram temple. The members of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust briefed the CM regarding the progress of the Ram Temple's construction.