

FLYING ON THE WINGS OF PROGRESS



AVIATION ASCENSION OF UTTAR PRADESH

The flight of inspiration has helped Uttar Pradesh soar new heights. With 21 airports — 5 international and 16 domestic — UP has the maximum number of airports in the country, which is undeniably helping UP's civil aviation sector become an enabler of economic growth for Uttar Pradesh and Bharat.

Airports like the Maharishi Valmiki International Airport Ayodhya Dham in Ayodhya are opening the doors of the sacred 'Ram Nagari' to the divine aspirations of millions of devotees. After its inauguration by PM Narendra Modi, the airport will boost spiritual and cultural tourism, encouraging investment, employment, and commerce. In a similar vein, airports like Jewar, poised to be the largest in Asia upon completion, will put the Yogi Adityanath-led UP on the global map as one of the best destinations in terms of air-connectivity, bringing the state closer to its 1 trillion-dollar vision.

Under the dynamic leadership of PM Narendra Modi, and with the robust backing of Uttar Pradesh's aviation policy, the state is fast transforming into a hub of opportunities. With a clear objective of developing new avenues in real estate, industrial and infrastructure development, manufacturing, etc, the UP government is building a conducive environment for the rapid expansion of its aviation segment, which in turn is significantly impacting UP's growth trajectory.



CENTRES OF CONNECTIVITY

SOARING HIGH: Uttar Pradesh Civil Aviation Promotion Policy

The civil aviation policy is helping the state transform and expand its civil aviation sector. The policy objectives are:

- Create a conducive business environment and provide adequate incentives for the development of robust civil aviation infrastructure
- Improve the air connectivity through development of new routes under RCS by providing incentives and also to facilitate inter-connectivity of non-RCS airports of the state
- Facilitate trade and generate employment opportunities
- Provide support for development of air cargo hubs and fulfilment centres in the state
- Facilitate the growth of Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facilities in the state

UDAN: The Flight of Progress

Regional Connectivity Scheme — UDAN (UdeDeshkaAamNagrik) — launched by the Ministry of Civil Aviation with the intention to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable for the masses. Under the scheme, the government has approved the 'Revival of unserved and under-served airports'.

As a result, since 2017, 6 RCS airports operationalised in UP, which include — Agra, Prayagraj, Kanpur, Hindon, Bareilly and Kushinagar.

Furthermore, first air service between Lucknow and Varanasi has already been inaugurated, which connects the country's spiritual capital, Kashi, with the state capital, Lucknow. This service is fulfilling the commitment of the Prime Minister's UDAN Scheme, which aims to enable even the common man to travel by air. Meerut too has been identified under the UDAN scheme for development, and to operate RCS flights.

MAHARISHI VALMIKI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AYODHYA DHAM, AYODHYA

The airport is being inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi on December 30, 2023. With the addition of this international airport, Ayodhya will become a prominent destination for international travellers as well.



HIGHLIGHTS:

- 65,000 square feet terminal and 2,200-meter runway completed in 1st phase of construction of Maharishi Valmiki International Airport Ayodhya Dham in Ayodhya
- 2 aprons have been completed. There is parking facility for 8 aircrafts, and the terminal building has a capacity for 500 passengers.
- The airport will improve connectivity in the region, leading to a boost in tourism, business activities and employment opportunities
- In the second phase, the length of the runway will be increased to 3700 meters, allowing all international aircraft such as Boeing 787 and Boeing 777 to land directly in Ayodhya. The second phase will also prepare the aircraft apron, which will be 5 lakh square feet
- The Ayodhya airport is an amalgamation of modern carbon neutrality concept and ancient Nagara style architecture. The mega columns supporting the terminal roof depicts various episodes and characters from Ramayana

LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, VARANASI

Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport in Varanasi scored the highest rank in the country in the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Survey for the April to June 2022 period. Based on passenger satisfaction, business performance and airport service quality, Varanasi's LBS International Airport scored 4.96 on a five-point scale. The ASQ Awards recognise those airports worldwide that deliver the best customer experience in the opinion of their passengers. The airport ranked first among 24 airports of the country



in the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) survey in 2020.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- In 2022-23, the number of passengers to Varanasi Airport grew to more than 25 lakh, displaying the massive potential UP has in store in the aviation segment
- The airport makes announcements in Sanskrit as well. The initiative has been started by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) in collaboration with Banaras Hindu University (BHU)
- Such a move will go long way in reviving people's interest in the ancient language of Sanskrit

CHAUDHARY CHARAN SINGH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, LUCKNOW

Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport (CCSIA) is one of the four international airports operational in Uttar Pradesh and plays a key role in promoting tourism, trade and investments in the region. The CCSIA connects 25 domestic destinations and eight international cities including



Dubai, Muscat, Riyadh, Abu Dhabi, Dammam, Bangkok, Jeddah and Sharjah. Further, there are 12 airlines operational — Air India, Indigo, Vistara, Akasa Air, Air Asia India, Thai AirAsia, Saudia, Alliance Air, Salam Air, Air India Express, Flynas, and Fly Dubai.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The cargo facility at CCSIA is operated by AAI Cargo Logistics and Allied Services (AAICLAS), a wholly owned subsidiary of AAI
- The airport operator plans to develop a new integrated cargo terminal (greenfield facility) with an area of approximately 5,826sqm to handle the annual capacity of approximately 30,000MT

KUSHINAGAR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, KUSHINAGAR

Kushinagar is among one of the most revered religious sites in the state with huge significance to Buddhist pilgrims around the world. The airport was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi in October 2021 and is an important connectivity point to key Buddhist pilgrimage sites in the state.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Kushinagar International Airport has been positioned as a major development that is pushing tourism in the state



- The airport is located near an important Buddhist pilgrimage site where Gautama Buddha attained Parinirvana. It is also located in the vicinity of several Buddhist cultural sites like Shravasti, Kapilvastu and Lumbini
- This is helping religious tourists, more especially Buddhists, to visit the site from all over the world including countries like Japan, Thailand, Vietnam among many in eastern Asia

NOIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, JEWAR

Poised to be the largest airport in Asia upon completion, the upcoming Jewar airport has made the Noida-Greater Noida-Yamuna Expressway belt in UP a major investment destination for leading IT companies, telecom equipment majors and data centres. Real estate biggies are also looking to set up bases here, which in turn will make the region future tech hub.

CM Yogi Adityanath-led government is set to launch a new scheme on 1,000 acres of land near the Noida International Airport under which assembling and manufacturing units for aeroplane parts as well as entire airplanes will be established here. Along with Indian companies, many foreign companies, including



those in America, are eager to set up their units. By becoming an aviation manufacturing hub, not only can India repair its own aircrafts, but it can also offer maintenance and repair services for aircrafts from other countries.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Being built in association with the Switzerland's Zurich Airport International, the Jewar airport is being developed with international best practices in mind
- The greenfield Noida airport is spread over 1,300 hectares of land. The Noida airport's design is 'Inspired by India', and the terminal forecourt will have steps like the ghats of Haridwar and Varanasi
- The airport is also being developed as a key air cargo gateway for North India

5 INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS IN UTTAR PRADESH

1. Maharishi Valmiki International Airport Ayodhya Dham, Ayodhya
2. Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, Varanasi
3. Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport, Lucknow
4. Kushinagar International Airport, Kushinagar
5. Noida International Airport, Jewar (under construction)



Agra Airport



Gorakhpur Airport



Kanpur Airport



Bareilly Airport



Prayagraj Airport

OPERATIONAL DOMESTIC AIRPORTS

1. Agra Airport
2. Prayagraj Airport
3. Gorakhpur Airport
4. Bareilly Airport
5. Hindon (Ghaziabad) Airport
6. Kanpur Airport

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

1. Aligarh Airport
2. Azamgarh Airport
3. Chitrakoot Airport
4. Jhansi Airport
5. Lalitpur Airport
6. Meerut Airport
7. Moradabad Airport
8. Sansawa (Saharanpur) Airport
9. Shravasti Airport
10. Murpur (Sonbadra) Airport