

AYODHYA AIRPORT HANDLES OVER 100 CHARTERED FLIGHTS AS VISITORS RUSH TO TEMPLE TOWN

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AYODHYA: The newly inaugurated Ayodhya airport handled around 100 chartered flights on Monday as people from across the country flew into the town to attend the consecration ceremony of the Ram temple.

Around 8,000 people were invited for the consecration ceremony.

Captain RK Bali, chief of the Business Aircraft Operators Association (BAOA) said people booked around 100 chartered flights, of which around 50 were business jets.

The grouping represents business jet operators.

An executive at a leading private jet operator also said the airport handled around 100 flights on Monday.

The Maharishi Valmiki International Airport airport was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on December 30, weeks ahead of the consecration ceremony.

It has been built at a cost of over ₹1,450 crore and is designed to serve approximately a million passengers every year.

Fares for flights to Ayodhya around the consecration event skyrocketed as people rushed to book tickets.

On Sunday, when several more people, including corporate heads and celebrities, reached Ayodhya, the number of flight movements at the airport was around 90, one of the officials said.

The airport's terminal building has an area of 6,500 sqm and the facade depicts the architecture of the Ram Temple.