

# Ayodhya’s infrastructure marvels: Maharishi Valmiki International Airport and Ayodhya Dham Railway Station

*In essence, Ayodhya's infrastructure development is not only a testament to its rich cultural and religious heritage but also a commitment to providing modern, efficient, and inclusive facilities for both residents and visitors.*

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The Ayodhya Dham Railway Station, not to be overshadowed by the grandeur of the airport, stands as a remarkable architectural marvel that goes beyond typical railway stations, even surpassing airport standards.

The city of Ayodhya, deeply rooted in spiritual and historical significance, now boasts the grandeur of the Maharishi Valmiki International Airport and the architectural marvel of the Ayodhya Dham Railway Station. Both these infrastructural projects stand as shining examples of the rapid transformation taking place in this sacred city, symbolising a blend of tradition, progress, and connectivity.

## Maharishi Valmiki International Airport: Soaring in two years

The Maharishi Valmiki International Airport in Ayodhya is a testament to the dynamism that has transformed a modest airstrip into an expansive international airport, covering 821 acres, in just two years. With an additional expenditure of Rs 1,175.97 crores, the **Yogi Adityanath** government of Uttar Pradesh showcased remarkable prowess in executing this ambitious project, supplementing the Rs 287 crores received from the Airport Authority of India.

Effective coordination between the executive agencies of the Central and State Governments played a pivotal role in making Ayodhya International Airport a reality. Construction commenced on December 2, 2021, and within two years, a massive airport emerged in Ayodhya, connecting the city to the nation and the world.

The challenges faced in this transformative project included acquiring approximately 500 acres of land without disputes. Notably, out of the total project area of 821 acres, 182 acres were already registered in the name of the Civil Aviation Department, and 139 acres of government land were acquired from various state government departments and institutions.