

# Agra region stood second with footfall of 10.5 crore

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Varanasi was followed by Agra region where a footfall of 10.5 crore tourists was recorded. Ayodhya region came next with footfall of 6.30 crore even as Prayagraj region saw 5.39 crore visitors. Likewise, Lucknow and Gorakhpur regions saw 2.31 crore and 1.16 crore tourists, respectively.

Stating that UP offered rich heritage and diverse cultural experiences to travellers, principal secretary, tourism and culture, Mukesh Meshram said: "With its strategic focus on enhancing connectivity and



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tourism infrastructure, Uttar Pradesh aims to become a top destination for both domestic and international tourists." He emphasised the rapid growth in the number of foreign tourists due to enhanced connectivity and

improved tourism infrastructure. With excellent connectivity via air, rail, and road, the state is ensuring a seamless travel experience to tourists, accompanied by provisions for accommodation ranging from tent cities to hotels.

The remarkable surge in tourism underlines Uttar Pradesh's status as a premier destination for travellers seeking a glimpse of India's rich cultural and historical marvels. As the state continues to invest in infrastructure and tourism amenities, it remains poised to welcome even more visitors in the years to come.