

Flight ops take off for Azamgarh and Aligarh from Lko

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Lucknow: Flight operations to Azamgarh and Aligarh from Lucknow airport took off on Monday by Fly Big, a Gurugram-based airline.

The regional operator said it operated the launch flights on Lucknow-Azamgarh and Lucknow-Aligarh routes under the subsidised 'Ude desh ka aam naagrik' (UDAN) scheme. On the first day, seven passengers departed for Azamgarh while 15 flew to Aligarh. On the return journey, four passengers came from Azamgarh.

Flight S9 331 took off from Lucknow at 8.55am for Azamgarh, while flight S9 315 departed for Aligarh at 12.55pm.

According to airline's chief Captain Sanjay Mandavia, flights from Lucknow to Chitrakoot and Shravasti will start from Tuesday. "Moradabad flights will take some time," he said.

On Tuesday, the flight for Chitrakoot will depart at

11.40am and for Shravasti at 3.15 pm. "We have three 19-seater turboprop twin otters (De-Haviland DHC 6-400 aircraft) as of now. Ten more have been ordered. The fourth one will join our fleet next month," Mandavia said.

To start with, the flights between Lucknow and the five cities will be thrice weekly.

Their one-way fares have been kept between Rs 1,099 and Rs 1,999 (taxes extra)," Mandavia said, adding, "Four Twin Otters will be based in Lucknow for these flights."

A trained pilot, Mandavia's FlyBig started operations in Jan 2021 out of Indore to Raipur and Ahmedabad.

In a major boost to aviation sector, five UP towns are getting air connectivity with Lucknow.

FlyBig is set to operate direct flights six days a week, barring Wednesday, for Moradabad, Aligarh, Chitrakoot and Azamgarh, while for Shravasti the flight will operate all seven days.