

Sky's the Limit: Uttar Pradesh Tops Charts with Highest Number of Airports

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Kushinagar Airport

In recent years, Uttar Pradesh has become a land of opportunities, attracting major industrialists to establish their industrial units in the state. The state government is also offering various facilities to support small and medium industries. The demand for efficient transportation has increased significantly with the rise in industrial activities. Air transportation is unparalleled in terms of speed, making it crucial for ensuring easy access to different parts of the state. Consequently, airports are being constructed at a rapid pace across Uttar Pradesh.

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In addition to its industrial growth, Uttar Pradesh has significant importance in religious tourism. The state is home to several key pilgrimage sites, including Ayodhya, the birthplace of Lord Shri Ram, the city of Varanasi (Kashi) associated with Lord Shiva, and Kushinagar, a major pilgrimage site for Buddhists. Lucknow, the state capital, not only serves as a hub of political activity but also boasts a rich historical heritage. Reflecting its tourism potential, Uttar Pradesh has four major international airports:

- Lucknow - Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport
- Varanasi - Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport
- Ayodhya - Maharishi Valmiki International Airport
- Kushinagar - Kushinagar International Airport

In addition to the four international airports, Uttar Pradesh is home to six domestic airports:

- Agra
- Kanpur
- Gorakhpur
- Prayagraj
- Hindon
- Bareilly

Noida Set to House UP's Largest Airport

The Noida International Airport, currently under construction in Jewar, Gautam Buddha Nagar district, is set to commence operations by December 2024. Once completed, it will not only be the largest airport in Uttar Pradesh and India but also in Asia.

Additionally, domestic airports in -- Aligarh, Azamgarh, Chitrakoot, Moradabad, and Shravasti -- are swiftly being constructed. Furthermore, there is a proposal to connect several districts mainly Sonbhadra, Lalitpur, and Jhansi through domestic air routes.