

## **₹274cr for land acquisition for Kheri airport**

**T**he state govt on Tuesday sanctioned Rs 274.22 crore to acquire land for expansion of Palia airstrip (Lakhimpur Kheri). Located between Kishanpur wildlife sanctuary and Dudhwa national park, Palia airport has a 1640-metre-long runway and is currently spread across 49 acres. The airstrip can handle small aircraft — weighing upto 5,700 kg. According to officials, after exempting registration fee of Rs 2.60 crore, the district administration will spend Rs 274.22 crore to acquire land around Palia airstrip for its expansion. “With the approved funds, the administration will help residents living around airstrip to rehabilitate at different locations, acquire land, create diversions for construction site accessibility. The administration will ensure that land which would be transferred to the Civil Aviation Department is free of encumbrances,” added the official.