

MORADABAD-LKO AIR SERVICE BEGINS, JOURNEY TIME JUST 75 MINS

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LUCKNOW : The Moradabad-Lucknow air service began on Saturday as the first flight took off from Moradabad airport for Lucknow, said a UP government statement.

Minister Dharmpal Singh flagged off the new 19-seater flight from Moradabad to Lucknow, which took off with 19 passengers on board. The aircraft was welcomed with a traditional water cannon salute and the ceremony included rituals and chanting of mantras by the pandit. The new service significantly reduces travel time to Lucknow to just 75 minutes, with a fare set at Rs 1,348.

Dharmpal Singh emphasized that the new air service would greatly benefit Moradabad and the entire western Uttar Pradesh region.

He also announced plans to extend air connectivity from Moradabad to major cities like Bengaluru and Mumbai, which would enhance the international profile of the city's brass industry.