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“In the state, there has been continuous infrastructure development in land, water, and air sectors. Uttar Pradesh is on track to achieve the distinction of having 21 airports,” stated the Chief Minister in the state assembly.

Over the past nine years, the aviation infrastructure in the state has experienced significant growth, according to Union Minister of Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, who shared in January that Uttar Pradesh had only six airports in 2014.

Area served	Airport name	IATA	ICAO	Airport type	Airport functional status	Owned/operated by
Agra	Agra Airport	AGR	VIAG	Domestic (CE)	Operational	MoD and AAI
Aligarh	Aligarh Airport	—	—	Domestic	Under-Construction	Govt. of UP
Ayodhya	Maharishi Valmiki International Airport	AYJ	VEAY	International	Operational	AAI
Azamgarh	Azamgarh Airport	—	—	Domestic	Under-Construction	Govt. of UP
Bareilly	Bareilly Airport	BEK	VIBY	Domestic (CE)	Operational	MoD and AAI
Chitrakoot	Chitrakoot Airport	—	—	Domestic	Under-Construction	Govt. of UP
Ghaziabad	Hindon Airport	QAH	VIDX	Domestic (CE)	Operational	MoD and AAI
Gorakhpur	Gorakhpur Airport	GOP	VEGK	Domestic (CE)	Operational	MoD and AAI
Jhansi	Jhansi Airport	—	—	Domestic	Proposed	Govt. of UP
Kanpur	Flight Laboratory, IIT Kanpur	—	—	Flying school	—	IIT Kanpur
	Kanpur Airport	KNU	VICX	Domestic (CE)	Operational	MoD and AAI
Kushinagar	Kushinagar International Airport	KBK	VEKI	International	Operational	AAI
Lalitpur	Lalitpur Airport	—	—	Domestic	Proposed	AAI
Lucknow	Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport	LKO	VILK	International	Operational	LIAL ^[1]
Moradabad	Moradabad Airport	—	—	Domestic	Under-Construction	Govt. of UP
Noida	Noida International Airport	—	—	International	Under construction	Zurich Airport AG
Prayagraj	Prayagraj Airport	IXD	VEAB	Domestic (CE)	Operational	MoD and AAI
Raebareil	Fursatganj Airfield	—	VERB	Flying school	—	MoCA
Shravasti	Shravasti Airport	—	—	Domestic	Under-Construction	Govt. of UP
Sonbhadra	Muirpur Airport	—	VI1D	Domestic	Proposed	Govt. of UP
Varanasi	Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport	VNS	VEBN	International	Operational	AAI
Saharanpur	Sarsawa Airport	NA	NA	Domestic	Proposed	Govt. of UP

Presently, the state boasts ten airports, including the recently inaugurated one in Ayodhya (AYJ).

By the coming month, Uttar Pradesh is set to add five more airports, with one in each of Azamgarh, Aligarh, Moradabad, Shravasti, and Chitrakoot. Additionally, an international airport in Jewar is expected to be operational by the end of 2024, as mentioned by Scindia in January 2024.

The expansion of Noida International Airport signifies a significant step forward in enhancing air connectivity and infrastructure in the region. With the completion of each phase, the airport is poised to meet the growing demands of travelers and contribute to the area's economic development.