

Which is the Only Indian State that has Five International Airports?

Uttar Pradesh is the only Indian state with five international airports, enhancing connectivity, tourism, and economic growth. The Noida International Airport (NIA), set to be India's largest airport, cements this status. These airports facilitate trade, travel, and religious tourism, reducing congestion and strengthening the aviation sector in India.



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India's aviation sector has witnessed significant growth in recent years, with new airports established to improve connectivity. Among all Indian states, Uttar Pradesh stands out as the only country with **five international airports**. The recent addition of **Noida International Airport (NIA)** in **Jewar cements** this status, enhancing the state's air travel infrastructure.

List of International Airports in Uttar Pradesh

S.No.	Airport Name	Location	Year of Inauguration	Key Highlights
1.	Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport	Lucknow	Before 2012	A major hub for domestic & international flights
2.	Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport	Varanasi	Before 2012	Connects Varanasi with major global cities
3.	Kushinagar International Airport	Kushinagar	2021	Promotes Buddhist tourism
4.	Maharishi Valmiki International Airport	Ayodhya	2023	Enhances connectivity to the holy city
5.	Noida International Airport (NIA)	Jewar, Gautam Buddha Nagar	2025	Will be India's largest airport upon completion

Key Glance at International Airports of Uttar Pradesh

Connecting the World to the Heart of India: Uttar Pradesh, a land steeped in history and culture, is now seamlessly connected to the world through its network of international airports. These aviation hubs not only facilitate travel but also serve as catalysts for economic growth and development. Let's explore Uttar Pradesh International Airports in detail:

1. Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport: The Aviation Hub of Uttar Pradesh

Strategic Location

- Situated 17.9 km from Lucknow city center
- The second busiest airport in North and Central India after IGI Airport, Delhi

Large Capacity

- **Passenger Handling:** Over 5 million annually
- **Cargo Capacity:** Over 100,000 tonnes per year
- **Aircraft Movements:** More than 40,000 flights annually

Infrastructure Highlights

- **Terminal Size:** 47,097 square meters (T2)
- **Aircraft Stands:** 42
- **Runways:** 2 parallel runways for seamless operations
- **New Terminal Expansion:** Ongoing expansion to handle 13 million passengers annually

2. Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport: Gateway to Varanasi

Strategic Location

- Located in Babatpur, 25.8 km from Varanasi Junction
- Key airport for religious tourism, connecting Varanasi to global destinations