

# UP awarded for 'most proactive' UDAN

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**Lucknow:** Uttar Pradesh was conferred the national award for the 'Most Proactive State' under the "Regional Connectivity Scheme-RCS-UDAN".

The award was given in the non-priority area category, which includes states that are neither hill areas nor part of the north-east region. The state recorded the fastest progress among non-priority states in the implementation of the RCS-UDAN scheme.

Director, civil aviation, UP, Ishan Pratap Singh credited this achievement to airport modernisation, construction of new runways, introduction of night landing facilities and promotion of regional flights under the Yogi Adityanath govt over the past few years. He said: "The impact of govt's policies is clearly reflected in passenger statistics. In 2016, the state recorded 59.97 lakh air passengers. This figure crossed 1.28 crores in 2024 and rose further to over 1.55 crore in 2025."

Over the past nine years, air passenger traffic in the state grew at a compound annual growth rate of 9.98%.