

Touchdown, salute, history: Code 'DXN' goes live on aviation map

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On Board 6E 2278: 8.05am, June 15. A short hop on a medium-range aircraft was a giant leap for Delhi-NCR. As IndiGo's inaugural Lucknow-Noida flight landed Monday morning to a water cannon salute, the code 'DXN' made a quiet entry into India's aviation map, giving it its newest international airport and national capital region's second.

As someone chasing this

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mirage since 2006, I excitedly woke up at 3am in the city of nawabs to get ready for the flight. News of the US-Iran peace deal promised to remove the dark clouds over aviation and seemed like a good portent for the new airport.

Ramesh Sharma



BABY STEPS: Around 175 passengers on board the 50-minute flight from Lucknow became Noida airport's first inbound flyers

At Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport, 175 others had come to Lucknow a day in advance just to be on the inaugural flight, on an

IndiGo-operated 186-seater Airbus A320 with 'Om' in its name (VT-IOM).

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