

Handling capacity of airport in Ayodhya is 500 pax at a time

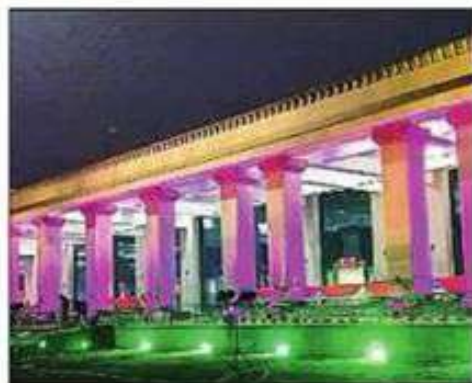
IndiGo recently announced direct flights between Mumbai and Ayodhya, from January 15. Commercial operations between Delhi and Ayodhya will start from January 6 and between Ahmedabad and Ayodhya from January 11.

An Indian Air Force Boeing 737-700 BBJ made a trial landing at Ayodhya airport on December 23. On December 14, the airport had received DGCA's clearance for commercial operations. It can handle up to eight Airbus 320 or Boeing 737 Max series single-aisle 200-seater aircraft. It is fit to operate at night as well and has a handling capacity of 500 passengers at a time.

The structures of both the airport and renovated railway station are inspired by the architecture of the grand temple and reflect the cultural ethos of the place.

After reviewing the airport construction, Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said efforts have been taken to embody the cultural ethos of Ayodhya at the airport.

According to a release from the PMO: "At around 11:15 AM, the PM will inaugurate the redeveloped Ayodhya Railway Station and flag off new Amrit Bharat trains and Vande Bharat trains. He will also dedicate several other railway projects to the nation. At around 12:15 PM, he



Ayodhya Dham Junction lit up ahead of PM visit, on Thursday

will inaugurate the newly built Ayodhya Airport."

"At around 1 PM, the Prime Minister will participate in a public programme where he will inaugurate, dedicate nation and lay the foundation stone of multiple development projects worth more than Rs 15,700 crore in the state. These include projects worth about Rs 11,100 crore for development of Ayodhya and its surrounding areas and projects worth about Rs 4600 crore related to other projects across UP."

"Phase 1 of the state-of-the-art airport is developed at a cost of more than Rs 1,450 crore. The airport's terminal building will have an area of 6500 sqm, equipped to serve about 10 lakh passengers annually," the release says. "Phase I of redeveloped Ayodhya Railway Station - known as Ayodhya Dham Junction Railway Station - is developed at a cost of more than Rs 240 crore. The three-storey modern railway station building is equipped with all modern features like

lifts, escalators, food plazas, shops for puja needs, cloak rooms, child care rooms, waiting halls. The station building will be 'accessible for all' and 'IGBC certified green station building,' it says.

At Ayodhya Dham Junction railway station, the PM will flag off a new category of superfast passenger trains in the country - the Amrit Bharat Express. The Amrit Bharat train is an LHB push pull train with non-AC coaches. This train has locos at both ends for better acceleration. It provides improved facilities for rail passengers like beautiful and attractive designed seats, better luggage rack, mobile charging point with suitable mobile holder, LED lights, CCTV, public information system, among others. Two such trains the PM will flag off are Darbhanga-Ayodhya-Anand Vihar Terminal Amrit Bharat Express and Malda Town-Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminus (Bengaluru) Amrit Bharat Express.

He will also flag off six new Vande Bharat Trains. These include Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi Vande Bharat Express; Amritsar-Delhi Vande Bharat Express; Coimbatore-Bangalore Cantt Vande Bharat Express; Mangalore-Madgaon Vande Bharat Express; Jalna-Mumbai Vande Bharat Express and Ayodhya-Anand Vihar Terminal Vande Bharat Express.