

Prayagraj airport footfall, flight movements soared to record high

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Lucknow: With more than 75,500 passengers and more than 748 flights -- 394 of them chartered -- the Prayagraj airport created a new record in the last three days of Maha Kumbh. It handled a record 282 flights on Monday and a whopping 27,322 passengers Tuesday, both all-time records and way above what Lucknow's international airport handles.

The average handling capacity of Prayagraj airport is 300 passengers during peak hour and only 3,500 passengers per day with 20 aircraft movements.

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India data accessed by TOI shows that flyers' numbers soared significantly during the last 10 days of Maha Kumbh as compared to the period between Jan 11 to Feb 16. The Maha Kumbh started on Jan 13. The total passenger footfall between Feb 17 to 26 was 2.38 lakh while the first 36 days saw the movement of 3.20 lakh passengers. The total count during

46 days of Maha Kumbh festivity was 5,59,178 flyers.

The highest passenger footfall during Kumbh of 27,673 was recorded on Feb 25 when the airport handled 262 flights. On Feb 24, Prayagraj airport handled 282 flights with a passenger count of 26,182. The Lucknow airport recorded its highest footfall of 24,297 on Feb 8 this year with 155 aircraft movements.

The Prayagraj airport recorded a total of 5,229 aircraft movements in 46 days, out of which 2,319 movements were recorded in the last 10 days, while 2,910 aircraft movements were recorded in the initial 36 days.

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