



Uttar Pradesh to Soon Have 21 Airports

Why in News?

Recently, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister announced that emphasizing the rapid pace of the aviation sector, **UP is all set to become the first state in India to have 21 airports.**

Key Points

- According to the Union Minister of Civil Aviation, the state has seen rapid growth of aviation infrastructure in the past 9 years.
 - Uttar Pradesh had only 6 airports in 2014, and now the state has 10 airports including the newly inaugurated airport in Ayodhya.
 - UP will have **5 more airports**, one airport each in **Azamgarh, Aligarh, Moradabad, Shravasti, and Chitrakoot.**
- Under the state budget 2024-25, the Uttar Pradesh government allocated Rs 1,150 crore for the upcoming [Noida International Airport in Jewar](#) of **Gautam Buddha Nagar district.**
- The proposed funds align with the objectives of the [Regional Connectivity Scheme \(RCS-UDAN\)](#) of the Government of India and the **Uttar Pradesh Civil Aviation Promotion Policy.**

Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS-UDAN)

- The scheme was **launched by the Ministry of Civil Aviation** for regional airport development and regional connectivity enhancement.
- It is a **part of the National Civil Aviation Policy 2016.**
- The scheme is **applicable for a period of 10 years.**
- **Objectives:**
 - Improve the air connectivity to remote and regional areas of India.
 - Development of remote areas and enhancing trade and commerce and tourism expansion.
 - Enable common people to access air travel with affordable rates.
 - Employment creation in the aviation sector.

Uttar Pradesh Civil Aviation Promotion Policy

- The Civil Aviation Promotion Policy of Uttar Pradesh was **launched in 2017.**
- It intends to **provide** the necessary direction for the growth of this sector in the state.
- To **improve the air connectivity through development of new routes** under RCS by providing incentives and also to facilitate inter-connectivity of non-RCS airports of U.P.
- To give a **boost to agro-exports**, other perishable goods, manufacturing and e-commerce businesses in UP by supporting the **development of air cargo hubs** and fulfillment centers.
- To facilitate the growth of **Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facilities** in the state.

