



Uttar Pradesh's First Intra-District Helicopter Route

Why in News?

On the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister, [Atal Bihari Vajpayee](#), the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh **inaugurated the state's first intra-district helicopter service** from Bateshwar in Agra to Goverdhan in Mathura.

- During the ceremony, **a statue of Atal Bihari Vajpayee was also unveiled.**

Key Points

- The helicopter service is based on the [Private-Public Partnership \(PPP\)](#), which will be operated by a private company from Uttarakhand.
- Projects worth ₹100 crore are also inaugurated which aims at bringing new life to Bateshwar, a historical village located amid the **ravines of Chambal** across the borders of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.
- Previously, a helicopter **service was available for Goverdhan, a pilgrimage site in Mathura**, but it **flew within the district for pilgrims interested in lodging 'parikrama'** (circumambulation) of the coveted Goverdhan hillock.

About Atal Bihari Vajpayee:

- He was born on 25th December 1924 in the erstwhile **princely state of Gwalior.**
- He was the **former Prime Minister of India** and was elected to the position twice in 1996 and 1999.
- He was conferred with the country's highest civilian honor, the **Bharat Ratna in 2015 and second-highest civilian honor, the Padma Vibhushan** in 1994.