



## CM reviewed the works of Civil Aviation Department

### Why in News?

On August 1, 2023, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath reviewed the work of the Civil Aviation Department at a high-level meeting convened at his official residence and gave necessary directions in the larger public interest.

### Key Points:

- In the review meeting, the Chief Minister directed to increase the capacity of Prayagraj Airport from 300 passengers to 500 passengers along with the expansion of capacity and civic amenities of Prayagraj Airport before Prayagraj Kumbh.
- The Chief Minister said that for better connectivity of Jewar Airport, RRTS or Light Metro should be arranged there.
- At present, Uttar Pradesh has three international airports and 17 airstrips. Out of which 08 airstrips are under Indian Air Force.
- It is known that freight traffic in Uttar Pradesh increased from 5895 MT in the year 2016-2017 to 20,813 MT in the year 2022-23. In the year 2016-2017, the air traffic in the state was 46,585, while in the year 2022-2023, this number has increased to 82,615.
- Along with air flights, the number of passengers has also increased significantly. In the year 2016-2017, 59.97 lakh passengers have travelled by air, while in 2022-2023, 96.02 lakh passengers have availed of air travel.

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