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investment in the state : Chief Minister**

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between state capitals and divisional headquarters**

Five air routes approved under the regional connectivity scheme

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and Jaipur through air-connectivity**

**Weekly flight from Varanasi to Sharjah
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**Yamuna Expressway Authority named the nodal
authority for the Jewar International Airport Project**

**Chief Minister reviews the progress made
under the Civil Aviation Promotion Policy -2017**

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ji has said that the present State Government has implemented the Civil Aviation Promotion Policy which will lead to increase investment in the state. While on one hand it will lead to increase in trade, it will also boost the tourism sector in a big way, he added.

He added that under this policy, priority has been accorded to air-linking go the state capital Lucknow with other state capitals and divisional headquarters. Referring to the regional connectivity, the Chief Minister also requested the union government to ensure time bound action on expanding of the airports in major cities of the state.

It may be pointed out here that the present union government has undertaken the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) to connect small towns and cities with air-connectivity. The Chief Minister today conducted

a high-level review of the progress made under the Civil Aviation promotion Policy-2017, implemented in September this year.

He has said that the present state government was working for a balanced development of all regions of the state. Connecting Lucknow with all divisional headquarters through air, was a live example of this scheme, the Chief Minister pointed out and added that in the past predecessor government pooled in all the funds and resources in developing one or two places.

Yogi ji also directed officials to expedite work on the Jewar International Airport Project and named the Yamuna Expressway Authority as its nodal agency. He stressed on the need of quickly initiating the land acquisition work for the project and said that selection process for picking up a consultant for preparing a DPR should be expeditiously done.

The Chief Minister also said that his government was giving priority to both road and air connectivity. This, he pointed out, will lead to development of various regions, develop the tourism sector and also create new job opportunities. During the meeting, the Chief Minister was informed that under the RCS for the state five air routes have been approved under which buds have been successfully received for Agra, Kanpur and Allahabad.

To minimize travel time, at its own level, the state government has succeeded in linking Lucknow to Dehradun, Bhopal, Patna and Jaipur. In the same way, direct flights between Varanasi-Jaipur have started and air service between Agra-Jaipur is proposed to start on December 15, 2017.

Officials also informed Yogi ji that seeing the presence of people from eastern Uttar Pradesh in Arab countries, the flight between Varanasi and Sharjah, initially operating on weekly basis has now been changed to a daily flight. Air service has also been started between Varanasi and Colombo, a flight has been added on the Varanasi-Delhi sector and that the state government was making efforts to strengthen and expand 10 existing air strips.

Of these eight are under the control of the State Government and the remaining two - Jhansi and Saharanpur are under the control of the defence ministry. It may be pointed out here that in most places like Agra, Kanpur Chakeri, Bareilly, Lalitpur, Jhansi, Meerut, Faizabad, Moradabad, Aligarh and Chitrakoot, most part of the land required has been provided already.

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