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Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Kushinagar International Airport in Uttar Pradesh, which will help connect key Buddhist pilgrimage sites.

➡ It is also at the centre of a Buddhist tourist circuit, which includes Lumbini (Nepal), Sarnath and Bodhgaya.

■ □ Uttar Pradesh :-

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister - Yogi Adityanath

Governor - Smt. Anandiben Patel

➡ Chandraprabha Wildlife Sanctuary

➡ Dudhwa National Park

➡ National Chambal Sanctuary

➡ Govind Vallabh Pant Sagar Lake

➡ Kashi Vishwanath Temple

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