

UDAN scheme

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About UDAN scheme:

Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN

- UDAN (UdeDeshkaAamNaagrik) is a regional airport development and “Regional Connectivity Scheme” (RCS) of the Union Government.
- The scheme UDAN envisages providing connectivity to un-served and under-served airports of the country through revival of existing air-strips and airports.
- Implementing Ministry: **Ministry of Civil Aviation**
- This is first-of-its-kind scheme globally to create economically viable flights on regional routes so that flying becomes affordable to the common man even in small towns.
- It is a key component of the National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP) which was released by the Ministry of Civil Aviation (India) in 2016.
- The scheme is jointly funded by the central government and state governments.

Two components of UDAN:

- **Airports:**The first component is to develop new airports and enhance the existing regional airports to increase the number of operational airports for scheduled civilian flights.
- **Flight routes:**The second component is to add several hundred financially-viable, capped-airfare, new regional flight routes to connect more than 100 under-served and un-served airports in smaller towns by using “Viability Gap Funding” (VGF) where needed.

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