

8 MORE ROUTES START OPERATIONS UNDER UDAN

Prelims: Governance- Schemes; Policies

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Why in News?

- ▶ Giving further fillip to Regional Connectivity, 8 more routes became functional Under Regional Connectivity Scheme – Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik- UDAN of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

Highlights:

- ▶ With the addition of these 8 new routes, total UDAN routes Operational as on date have increased to 194 routes. The scheme seeks to boost regional air connectivity and provides various incentives to airlines. The routes are Mysore - Hyderabad, Mysore - Goa, Mysore - Cochin and Kolkata - Shillong.

UDAN Scheme:

- ▶ UDAN is a regional connectivity scheme. The full form of UDAN is 'Ude Desh ka Aam Nagarik'. The scheme aims to develop smaller regional airports to allow common citizens easier access to aviation services. The following are the stated objectives of the regional connectivity scheme: Operationalisation and development of 425 underserved or unserved airports in the country. Boost inclusive economic development by providing faster connectivity
- ▶ Development of air transport infrastructure in remote areas aiding job growth.