

New International Air Routes Open for Northeast India

Recently, the Centre's Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) initiative has approved four novel air routes linking northeastern states with international destinations.

- These routes are set to connect Assam to Thailand and Bangladesh, Manipur to Myanmar, and Tripura to Bangladesh.
- Under the UDAN scheme, these routes will offer subsidized airfares, marking a significant step in enhancing regional air connectivity.
- The UDAN scheme involves state subsidies for airfares, with the Airport Authority of India managing the bid process, airline selection, and subsequent subsidy allocation, wherein states provide viability gap funding to the lowest bidder.
 - The <u>International UDAN</u>, introduced in 2022, aims to augment socio-economic progress by augmenting air connectivity from specific states to international destinations. The Vision

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