



UDAN 4.0

Why in News

Recently, the Minister of State for Civil Aviation has announced that UDAN 4.0 will be launched.

- UDAN 4.0 seeks to offer priority routes connecting Bilaspur and Ambikapur airports in Chhattisgarh.

Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik

- **Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik** (UDAN) was launched as a regional connectivity scheme under the Ministry of Civil Aviation in 2016.
- It is an innovative scheme to develop the regional aviation market.
- The objective of scheme is to create affordable yet economically viable and profitable flights on regional routes so that flying becomes affordable to the common man even in small towns.
- The scheme envisages providing connectivity to un-served and underserved airports of the country through the revival of existing air-strips and airports. The scheme is operational for a period of 10 years.
 - Under-served airports are those which do not have more than one flight a day, while unserved airports are those where there are no operations.

UDAN 1.0

- Under this phase, 5 airlines companies were awarded 128 flight routes to 70 airports (including 36 newly made operational airports)

UDAN 2.0

- In 2018, the Ministry of Civil Aviation announced 73 underserved and unserved airports.
- For the first time, helipads were also connected under phase 2 of UDAN scheme.

UDAN 3.0

- Key Features of UDAN 3 included:
 - Inclusion of Tourism Routes under UDAN 3 in coordination with the Ministry of Tourism.
 - Inclusion of Seaplanes for connecting Water Aerodromes.
 - Bringing in a number of routes in the North-East Region under the ambit of UDAN.

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