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What is the need for expanding the regional air connectivity in India? In this context, discuss the government's UDAN Scheme and its achievements.

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UDAN / RCS

Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik, the Regional Connectivity Scheme launched in 2016 by the civil aviation ministry.

Viability gap funding

A time-bound public top-up so an airline will fly a thin route that would not break even at a capped fare.

AAI

Airports Authority of India, a key implementer of airports and the RCS mechanism with the ministry.

Unserved / underserved

The scheme's target airports: places with no scheduled flight, or too few, before the award.

State role

GST, VAT on ATF, land and security support are part of the UDAN bargain with State governments.

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