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## **Air Service for Gauchar and Chinyalisaur | Uttarakhand | 28 Nov 2022**

### **Why In News?**

On November 27, 2022, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami met Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia in Delhi and urged him to start air services to Gauchar and Chinyalisaur. This was agreed by the Union Minister.

### **Key Points**

- Under the 'UDAN scheme', air services to Gauchar and Chinyalisaur will be started soon. It will operate a 20-seat fixed wing aircraft. The next tender of the scheme will include air service of both places.
- Apart from this, work orders have been issued to SpiceJet and Big Chartered Airline to start fixed wing aircraft services from Pithoragarh.
- The Chief Minister requested the Union Minister to direct Pawan Hans to operate services in Pithoragarh in an uninterrupted and time-bound manner. He informed the Union Minister that the Airport Authority of India has to submit the survey report in December itself to develop Pantnagar Airport as an international airport.
- The Chief Minister urged to take an early decision for the expansion of Pantnagar Airport. In order to expand the Jolly Grant Airport as per the standards of the international airport, it was also requested to conduct a physical survey of the land through the Airport Authority of India. Union Minister Scindia assured the CM that all proposals related to air service in Uttarakhand would be implemented soon.