



## Important Facts for Prelims (July 16th, 2018)

### Golden Jackal faces threat in its habitat

- Destruction of mangrove cover in the **Bandar Reserve Forest** is forcing the golden jackal (*Canis aureus*) out of its habitat, triggering a conflict with the local communities.
- Several golden jackals have been spotted out of their habitats.
- The conservation status of the animal as classified by IUCN is the '**least concern**' and it preys on wild crab and fish.

### Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik

- Ministry of Civil Aviation launched the Regional Connectivity Scheme "**Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik**" in 2016.
- It is an innovative scheme to develop the regional aviation market.
- The scheme will 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 would be in operation for a period of 10 years.

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