



## Greenfield Airport in Kota

### Why in News?

Recently, **the Union Civil Aviation Minister** has given **in-principle approval** for the development of **Greenfield Airport** at **Kota, Rajasthan** .


### Key Points

- **About the Airport:**
  - The proposed airport will serve the city of Kota — known as a major educational and industrial hub — and the wider Hadauti region.
    - Districts like **Bundi, Baran and Jhalawar** will also get **direct benefit** from this.
  - The project will facilitate travel for **thousands of students, businessmen and residents of the region and boost the economy** .
  - The development of the airport will also boost **job creation, investment attraction and tourism, thereby boosting local development** .
  - This project is a concrete step towards the **"UDAN" scheme** of the **Central Government and strengthening the transport infrastructure in developing India**.
- **Greenfield Project:**
  - A 'greenfield project' refers to a project that does not follow any previous work/project. Infrastructure projects that are built on unused land and do not require remodeling or demolition of the existing structure are called 'green field projects'.


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### UDAN Scheme

- **About:**
  - UDAN aims to democratize aviation and enhance regional connectivity, ensuring that even remote regions of the country are accessible by air.
  - The scheme was designed under the **National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP) 2016**, with a focus on **connecting Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities** through a market-driven yet financially supported model.
  - The **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** serves as the nodal agency responsible for its

implementation.

▪ **Objectives and Significance:**

## Objectives & Significance of UDAN Scheme

**Enhances regional air connectivity** by operationalizing unserved and underserved airports across India.

**Makes air travel affordable** through Viability Gap Funding (VGF) and operational cost concessions.

**Promotes tourism and boosts local economies**, leading to balanced regional development.

**Generates employment opportunities** in the aviation sector and related industries.

**Strengthens socio-economic integration** by bridging the rural-urban connectivity divide.

**Encourages private participation** in aviation through a market-driven approach.



The Vision