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■ UDAN 5.1 Launched with Focus on Helicopter Routes



The Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched UDAN 5.1, the latest version of the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS), to improve connectivity in remote areas. The version has been specifically designed for helicopter routes and aims to reduce airfare caps by 25% to make flying more affordable. Union Minister of Civil Aviation Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia said that the scheme is a testament to two emerging phenomena in Indian civil aviation - first, a

deeper democratisation of air travel with a focus on last-mile connectivity, second, a growing appetite for helicopters in aiding tourism.