



Delhi-Mumbai Expressway: World's Longest

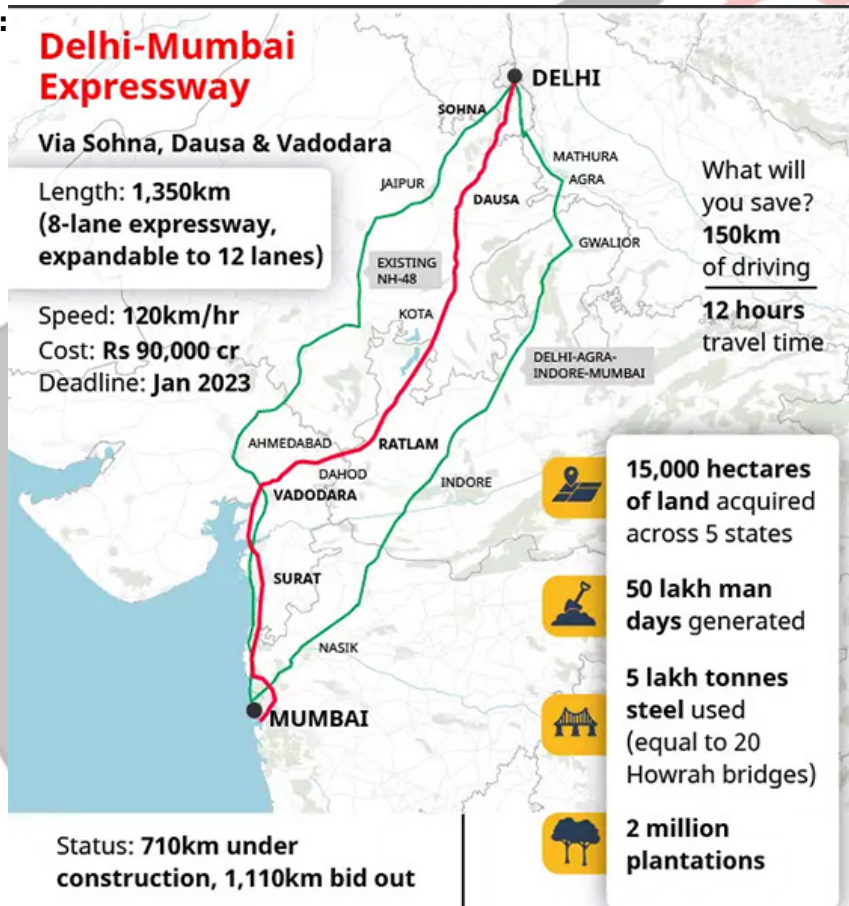
Why in News

Recently, the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways concluded the two-day review of the work progress on the eight-lane **Delhi-Mumbai Expressway**.

- It will be the **world's longest highway once completed**. It is expected to be completed by **March 2023**.

Key Points

- **About:**



- DND Flyway to Sohna (60km): Bid out, work to start by May 15
- Sohna to Sawaimadhopur: Construction underway
- All stretches bid out except Dahod to Godhra (150km), Surat to Valsad (60km) & SPUR to JNPT (80km)

It will pass through...

Rajasthan	380km
Madhya Pradesh	370km
Gujarat	300km
Maharashtra	120km
Haryana	80km

- It is a **1380-km** eight-lane expressway that can be **expanded to a 12-lane expressway** depending on the volume of traffic.
- It will start from **Haryana's Sohna** and will end around **Mira Bhayander near Mumbai**.

▪ **Special Features:**

- It will have **wayside amenities** - resorts, restaurants, food courts, fuel stations, facilities for truckers, logistics parks.
- A **helicopter ambulance service** for accident victims and a heliport, which will use drone services for business as well.
- The expressway is the **first in Asia and only the second in the world to feature animal overpasses** to facilitate unrestricted movement of wildlife.
- It will also include two iconic 8-lane tunnels, one tunneling through **Mukundra sanctuary, Rajasthan** and the second will pass through the **Matheran [eco-sensitive zone](#), Maharashtra**.

▪ **Significance:**

- It will **improve connectivity** to economic hubs like Jaipur, Kishangarh, Ajmer, Kota, Chittorgarh, Udaipur, Bhopal, Ujjain, Indore, Ahmedabad, Vadodara and Surat.
- It will result in **annual fuel savings of more than 320 million litres and reduce CO₂ emissions**. The project has also **created employment for thousands**.

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