

Green National Highway Corridor Project

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The **Government of India** and the <u>World Bank</u> have signed an agreement for the construction of <u>Green National Highway Corridors Project (GNHCP)</u> in **Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh** and Andhra Pradesh, with loan assistance of **USD 500 million.**

- The project aims to show how highways can be safe and eco-friendly by using green technologies and focusing on climate resilience. It includes:
 - Conservation of natural resources using cement treated sub base/reclaimed asphalt pavement
 - Promote use of local/ marginal material such as lime, fly ash and waste plastic
 - Use of <u>bio-engineering</u> measures for slope protection like <u>hydroseeding</u>, shotcrete crib wall with vegetation, <u>bamboo plantation</u>, hedge brush layer etc.
- The scheduled date of completion of the GNHCP project is by May 2026.
- 3 Components of GNHCP:
 - Green highway corridor improvement and maintenance
 - Institutional capacity enhancement
 - Road safety
- Benefits of GNHCP:
 - Reduce <u>carbon emissions</u> and **conservation** of natural resources
 - Smooth and motorable roads with all weather connectivity
 - Socio-economic development as well as enhanced trade and connectivity within the region

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