

Purvanchal Expressway: UP

Why in News

Recently, the Prime Minister inaugurated the **Purvanchal Expressway** in Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points

About:

- It starts from Chandsarai village, located near the existing Lucknow-Sultanpur Road (NH-731), in Lucknow district and it ends at Haidaria village on National Highway 31 in Ghazipur, 18 km from the UP-Bihar border, in Ghazipur district.
- The expressway will connect with the existing Agra-Lucknow and Agra-Noida Yamuna expressways to form an <u>industrial corridor</u>, providing connectivity from the eastern to western borders of UP.
 - An **industrial corridor** is basically a corridor consisting of multi-modal transport services that would pass through the states as main arteries.
- The districts falling on this greenfield expressway are Lucknow, Barabanki, Amethi, Sultanpur, Ayodhya, Ambedkar Nagar, Azamgarh, Mau and Ghazipur.

Features of the Expressway:

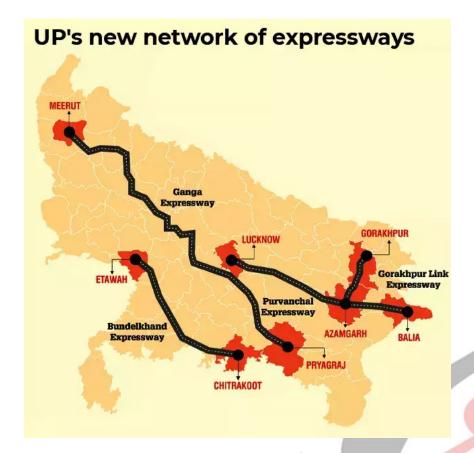
 It will have CNG stations, electric recharge stations for vehicles and will be connected with the defence corridor through the Agra and Bundelkhand expressways.

Expected Benefits:

- The **eastern region of the state would not only be connected to Lucknow** but also further to the National Capital through Agra-Lucknow and Yamuna Expressways.
- It is going to **give a boost to the economic development** of the eastern parts of Uttar Pradesh.
- The expressway will provide **better and quick access to bigger markets** for agri commodities and other products manufactured in the region.

UP's New Network of Expressways:

- Besides Purvanchal, at least three more expressways, besides the <u>proposed defence</u> <u>corridor</u> and already operational Agra-Lucknow and Yamuna expressways, are in various stages of completion in UP.
- The Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) has been given the responsibility of completing these projects.
 - **UPEIDA** has been set up under the UP Industrial Area Development Act.



Industrial Corridor

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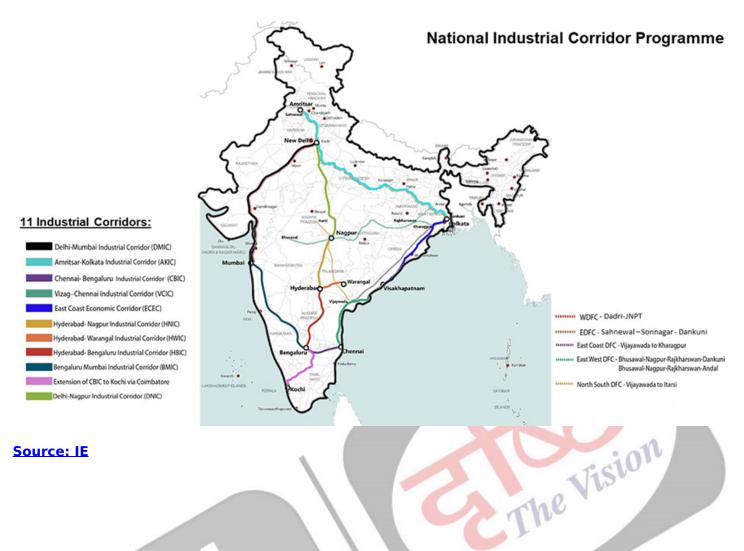
 India is developing various Industrial Corridor Projects as part of the National Industrial Corridor programme.
- National Industrial Corridor Development Programme is India's most ambitious infrastructure programme aiming to develop new industrial cities as "Smart Cities" and converging next generation technologies across infrastructure sectors.

- Aim:

- It is **aimed at development of futuristic industrial cities in India** which can compete with the best manufacturing and investment destinations in the world.
- The same will **create employment opportunities and economic growth** leading to overall socio-economic development.

Implementing Agency:

- The development of these eleven industrial corridor projects will be implemented through the National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT).
- Industrial corridors constitute world-class infrastructure, such as:
 - High-speed transportation network rail and road
 - Ports with state-of-the-art cargo handling equipment
 - Modern airports
 - Special economic regions/industrial areas
 - Logistic parks/transhipment hubs
 - Knowledge parks focused on catering to industrial needs
 - Complementary infrastructure such as townships/real estate
 - Other urban infrastructure along with enabling policy framework



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