

## **Resolution of Issues in NH Projects**

## Why in News?

In an official statement, **Uttar Pradesh** Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath **assured the Centre of timely resolution of any issues** in the execution of **national highway projects** in the state.

## **Key Points**

- The departmental land will be provided free of charge for the expansion of national highways in Uttar Pradesh.
  - The process of land acquisition and compensation distribution would be completed within the stipulated time.
- The CM also emphasised the need to complete projects related to the Mahakumbh. which will be held in 2025.

## Maha Kumbh

- Kumbh Mela comes under <u>United Nations Educational</u>, <u>Scientific and Cultural Organization</u> (UNESCO)'s Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.
- It is the largest peaceful congregation of pilgrims on earth, during which participants bathe or take a dip in a sacred river.
  - It takes place on the banks of the Godavari river in Nashik, the Shipra river in Ujjain, the Ganges in Haridwar, and the confluence of the Ganges, Yamuna, and the mythical Saraswati river in Prayagraj. The confluence is referred to as the 'Sangam'.
- As it is held in four different cities in India, it involves different social and cultural activities, making this a **culturally diverse festival**.
- The **over month-long fair** is marked by the construction of a massive tented township, complete with cottages, huts, platforms, civic facilities, administrative and security measures.
  - It is organized immaculately by the government, the local authorities and the police.
- The mela is especially renowned for the presence of an extraordinary array of religious ascetics enticed from remote hideaways in forests, mountains and caves.

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