



PM Inaugurates Dwarka Expressway in Haryana

Why in News?

Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Haryana segment of the **first-ever 8-lane section of the Dwarka Expressway**.

Key Points

- This newly constructed 19 km stretch, completed at a cost of Rs 4,100 crore, is designed to **enhance traffic flow and alleviate congestion on National Highway (NH)-48**, providing **smoother connectivity between Delhi and Gurugram**.
 - The inaugurated segment covers a distance of 10.2 km from the Delhi-Haryana Border to Basai Rail-over-Bridge (ROB) and an additional 8.7 km section from Basai ROB to Kherki Daula.
- This roadway establishes a **direct link between the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in Delhi and the Gurugram Bypass**.
- Key things about Dwarka Expressway:
 - The Dwarka Expressway, designed with a budget of Rs 9,000 crore, is segmented into **four parts**.
 - Gurugram houses the third and fourth sections, covering approximately 19 km, while the first two segments, totaling 10 km, are situated in Delhi.
 - It stands out as a fully access-controlled, grade-separated **14-lane Expressway**, marking a pioneering initiative in the country.
 - According to the [National Highways Authority of India \(NHAI\)](#) the entire project is set to **conclude by August 2024**.

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)

- It was set up under **NHAI Act, 1988**. It is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
- It has been entrusted with the **National Highways Development Project**, along with other minor projects for development, maintenance and management.
 - National Highways Development Project (NHDP) is a project to upgrade, rehabilitate and widen major highways in India to a higher standard. The project was **started in 1998**.
- NHAI maintains the National Highways network to global standards and cost effective manner and promotes economic well being and quality of life of the people.