

National Highway Projects in Haryana

Why in News?

In a recent rally at Gurgaon ahead of the <u>Haryana Assembly</u> polls on 5th October, the Union Minister highlighted major infrastructure projects and compared Haryana's upcoming <u>national highways</u> to the US by 2024.

Key Points

- Current and Upcoming Projects:
 - The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has completed or initiated projects worth Rs. 2 lakh crore in Haryana, including:
 - Dwarka Expressway
 - Gurgaon-Rewari Highway
 - <u>Mumbai Expressway</u>
 - Tenders for 9 foot-overbridges for Gurgaon and Rewari will be floated in October, and work on 4 new flyovers will commence within two months.
- Sonipat to Jind 352A National Highway:
 - This highway will ease travel between **Sonipat and Jind**. The total length is 80 km, divided into two sections: **Sonipat-Gohana** and **Gohana-Jind**.
- Jind-Panipat State Highway:
 - Haryana is spending Rs. 170 crore on this highway under the <u>Central Road Fund scheme</u>.
 It will benefit commuters traveling between Jind and Panipat.
- 152D National Highway:
 - Completed, this highway shortens the travel time from Jind to Ambala and Chandigarh from 3-4 hours to 2 hours, improving connections to Delhi and Rajasthan as well.
- Rohtak-Jind and Narwana National Highway 352:
 - This highway, now complete, eases travel from Jind to Rohtak, Delhi, and Punjab.
- Panipat-Dabwali National Highway:
 - This upcoming project will connect Karnal, Jind, Panipat, Fatehabad, and Sirsa, simplifying travel from Jind to Sirsa.
- Jammu-Katra and Delhi National Highway:
 - Currently under construction by NHAI, this highway will pass through Jind's Pilukhra, enhancing connectivity between Jammu, Delhi, and Jind while reducing traffic in surrounding areas.

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)

- It was set up under <u>NHAI Act</u>, <u>1988</u>. 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.

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