



Greenfield Airport in Lalitpur

Why in News

- The cabinet meeting chaired by the **Chief Minister** on September 2, 2021 approved the construction of a **greenfield airport in Lalitpur district** on the **Uttar Pradesh-Madhya Pradesh border**.

Key Points

- After the meeting, Cabinet Minister **Siddharth Nath Singh** said that the government has taken this decision in view of the **Drug Park** being set up in Lalitpur and the **Defense Industrial Corridor** being developed in **Bundelkhand**.
- He said that there was an **airstrip of the second World War** era in **Lalitpur**, which would be developed as a **green field airport**.
- **In the first phase**, this airport will be prepared for **landing of small aircraft** and later it will be developed as **an international airport**.
- For the establishment of the airport in Lalitpur, a total of **91.773 hectares of land** will be purchased from two villages there. The total cost of the land is **Rs 86.65 crore**.
- The **Defense Ministry has 12.79 hectares of land**, which the state government will take for the project and in return the same amount of land of the village society will be given to the **Defense Ministry**.
- It is noteworthy that **Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** had announced the construction of this **greenfield airport during the launch of the Bandai Dam project in Lalitpur** in March 2021.