



Development of Integrated Manufacturing Cluster in Gaya | Bihar | 13 Nov 2024

Why in News?

Recently, [National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation \(NICDC\)](#) and the [Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority \(BIADA\)](#) have signed the **State Support Agreement (SSA)** and **Shareholder Agreement (SHA)** for the establishment of an **Integrated Manufacturing Cluster (IMC)** in Gaya.

Key Points

- **Vision of the Project:**
 - It aims to establish an IMC in Gaya, part of the [Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor \(AKIC\)](#).
 - The project aligns with the **'Vikas bhi, Virasat bhi'** vision, blending industrial growth with the [cultural heritage of Gaya](#), a renowned pilgrimage and heritage tourism site.
- **Industrial Growth and Employment Generation:**
 - IMC Gaya, located near [Gaya International Airport](#), with a project cost of Rs 1,339 crore is expected to generate approximately 1,09,185 jobs, boosting local economic growth.
 - Targeted industries include building materials, agri-food processing, leather goods, garments, furniture, handloom, handicrafts, engineering, fabrications, and medical equipment.
- **Strategic Connectivity and Access:**
 - IMC Gaya offers strategic connectivity with **National Highways, Gaya Junction**, and the upcoming **New Paharpur Railway Station**.
 - Key airports include Gaya International, Patna International, and Ranchi Airport.
 - It is close to major ports and inland terminals like **Haldia Port, Gaighat in Patna, and Ramnagar in Varanasi enhances logistics**.
 - Three greenfield road projects are also proposed to improve accessibility, leveraging connections like the [Golden Quadrilateral](#) and multi-track railways.
- **Planned Infrastructure and Facilities:**
 - Facilities include a skill development center, fire station, administrative office, parking, and commercial space to support industries.
 - Infrastructure includes Common Effluent Treatment Plant, [Sewage Treatment Plant](#), Water Treatment Plant, [Solid Waste Management](#), stormwater drainage, and green landscaping.
 - The IMC Gaya is anticipated to drive economic growth, create extensive employment, and **strengthen Bihar's role as an industrial hub in Eastern India**, advancing the ['Make in India' vision](#).

Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor (AKIC)

- It covers **Punjab, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal**.
- The Project extends **from Amritsar (Punjab) to Dankuni (West Bengal)** for a length of 1839 kms.
- The **Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor** is the backbone of this economic corridor.

