



Irrigation Department Project of UP

Why in News?

Recently, the **Irrigation Department of Uttar Pradesh** has initiated the process regarding the **four-laning (widening) the road** along the **Agra Canal**.

Key Points

▪ Project Overview:

- **Objective:** The Uttar Pradesh Irrigation Department aims to widen the road along the Agra Canal into a four-lane stretch, facilitating smoother traffic flow.
- **Proposal:** A **memorandum of understanding (MOU)** with the [Faridabad Metropolitan Development Authority \(FMDA\)](#) has been submitted to formalize the project, estimated to cost Rs 278 crore.

▪ Status and Challenges:

- Despite government approval, progress has stalled due to land ownership formalities.
- Formal permission from the UP Irrigation Department is required as the department owns the land.
- A Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been prepared, and the FMDA's approval is pending for signing the MOU to initiate tenders.

▪ Benefits:

- Enhanced **access to Greater Faridabad, Noida, Delhi, Ballabhgarh**, and the upcoming Greenfield Expressway to [Jewar Airport](#).
- The widened road will ease congestion on the existing two-lane stretch.

▪ Significance:

- This project **addresses long-standing demands for better infrastructure**, promising **enhanced regional connectivity and economic growth**.