



## Ropeway facility will now be available in Varanasi

### Why in News?

On July 12, 2023, The Divisional Commissioner of Varanasi, Kaushal Raj Sharma, said that in order to get rid of the traffic jam in Varanasi, after operating the first cruise and water taxi to promote water transport in the Ganga, now the ropeway operation for transportation is going to start for the first time in the country.

### Key Points:

- In the first phase, the ropeway will cover a distance of about four km from The Cantt station. In the second phase, there will also be a chance to visit BHU and Sarnath.
- In the first phase, work has started on the ropeway from Cantt to Godaulia, which will be completed by December 2024. After the operation of the ropeway up to Godaulia, in the second phase, a line will be run from Chowk, Maidagin, and Golgadda to Namoghat.
- The second line will be between Namoghat and Sarnath, which will pass through Ashapur. The third line from Godaulia will pass through Madanpura, Sonarpura, Broadway Hotel, Ravindrapuri and Ravidas Gate to the BHU campus.
- Apart from these, there is also a plan to take another line to Ravidas Ghat to connect the ghats.
- Under the ongoing project, there will be five stations on the four-km long route from Cantt to Godaulia. There will also be a mini hotel and locker room near the Cantt station. Tourists coming to visit Vishwanath Temple go to Godaulia Square from this route. The responsibility of construction has been given to the Vishwa Samudra.
- The ropeway project, to be completed in 18 months, is the first project in the country, which will be part of urban transport.
- Three thousand passengers per hour will be transported in the cable car of the ropeway. There will be 228 cabins in the ropeway. A cabin can accommodate 10 people and cover the distance in 17 minutes at a speed of 6.5 metres per second.



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