



Bharatmala Project

Why in News?

In a meeting Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala and Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari discussed various issues related to the [National Highways](#), including the [Bharatmala project](#).

Key Points

- The discussion included the demand to **open entry and exit points near Baghot in Mahendragarh district on NH-152 D.**
- The Deputy Chief Minister emphasised on:
 - The construction of **bypass roads under the Bharatmala project in Uchana, Hisar, and Jind.**
 - The construction of **underpasses on dividing roads in sectors 26 and 27 on the Panchkula-Yamunanagar highway.**
 - A survey to **upgrade the Gurugram-Farukh Nagar-Jhajjar-Charkhi Dadri-Loharu road.**
 - To **connect Nelson Mandela Marg Delhi MG Road Gurugram to Faridabad Road.**

National Highways

- National Highways (NH) are the arterial roads of the country for inter-state movement of passengers and goods.
- They **traverse the length and width of the country connecting the National and State capitals**, major ports and rail junctions and link up with border roads and foreign highways.
- The NHs **including Expressways constitute only about 1.7% of the length of all roads**, they carry about 40% of the road traffic.

Bharatmala Project

- It was **started in 2015 by the Union government.** It is an umbrella project **under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.**
- Under the plan the government **intends to develop 83,677 km of highways and roads at an investment of around Rs 7 lakh crore.**
- In the first phase, the plan is to construct 34,800 km of highways at a cost of Rs 5.35 lakh crore.
- It **focuses on the new initiatives like** development of Border and International connectivity roads, Coastal & port connectivity roads, improving efficiency of National Corridors, Economic corridors and others.

BharatMala: Connecting India Like Never Before



34,800 km of roads
to be constructed



Rs. 5,35,000
crores to be invested



- **Economic Corridors (9000 km):**
To unlock full economic potential
- **Inter Corridor and Feeder Route (6000 km):**
Ensuring holistic connectivity
- **National Corridors Efficiency Improvement (5000 km):**
Enhancing efficiency
- **Border Roads and International Connectivity (2000 km):**
Boosting Border Connectivity
- **Coastal Roads and Port Connectivity (2000 km):**
Leveraging Ports for Progress
- **Green field Expressways (800 km):**
Express speeds for Express gains
- **Balance NHDP works (10,000 km):**
Boosting all round connectivity

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