



Railways Upgrade for Delhi-Ambala Corridor

Why in News?

To address **the increasing load on the [Delhi-Ambala rail corridor](#)**, the **[Ministry of Railways](#)** has planned to **upgrade the existing two-track system** into a **four-line corridor**.

- Railway officials met with **district administration officers in Panipat and Sonapat** under the **chairmanship of Deputy Commissioners** to discuss the project details.

Key Points

- **Need for Expansion:**
 - Deputy Commissioner Sonapat emphasized the urgent need for expanding the Delhi-Ambala rail corridor due to the increasing train load.
 - The current two-track system is insufficient, prompting **the Railway Ministry to plan the expansion of the 193.6 km corridor** from Delhi to Ambala.
- **Project Scope and Cost:**
 - The expansion will involve development work at **32 railway stations** along the route.
 - The project has an estimated cost of Rs 7,074 crore and aims for completion within four years.
- **Land Acquisition Details:**
 - The expansion requires 11 hectares of land from 15 villages:
 - 8 villages in Samalkha division
 - 7 villages in Panipat
 - The administration will ensure appropriate **compensation for landowners**.
- **Railway's Land Proposal:**
 - The project requires 85 hectares, including:
 - 80 hectares of private land
 - 5 hectares of government land
 - Upon completion, the upgraded corridor will offer significantly improved facilities for the public.

Indian Railways

- Indian Railways was **established in 1853** and is one of the world's largest railway networks.
- The first railway on the Indian sub-continent ran over a stretch of **21 miles from Bombay to Thane**.
- India is projected to account for **40% of the total global share of rail activity by 2050**.
- Indian Railways crafted **[the National Rail Plan \(NRP\) for India - 2030](#)** to develop a modern railway system.

