

Chennai- Kanyakumari Industrial corridor

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In news- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will be providing a \$484 million loan (over Rs 3,500 crore) to improve transport connectivity and facilitate industrial development in the Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC) in Tamil Nadu.

About CKIC-

- The Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor is **part of India's East Coast Economic Corridor (ECEC)**, which stretches from West Bengal to Tamil Nadu and connects India to the production networks of South, Southeast, and East Asia.
- The ADB is the lead partner of the Indian government in developing the ECEC.



- The funding will be used for a project to **upgrade about 590 kilometers of state highways** in the CKIC influence areas, **covering 23 of the 32 districts** between Chennai and Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu.

Six industrial nodes viz., *Madurai–Dindigul-Virudhunagar-Theni, Thoothukudi-Tirunelveli, Ramanathapuram, Cuddalore-*

Nagapattinam, Tiruchirappalli-Pudukkottai-Sivaganga and Ariyalur-Perambalur have been identified

About Industrial corridors-

The Govt. of India is developing various Industrial Corridor Projects as part of **National Industrial Corridor programme** which is aimed at development of futuristic industrial cities in India. **11 Industrial Corridors Projects** are being taken up for development in **4 phases up to 2024-25.**



1. Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC);
2. Chennai Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (CBIC);
3. Amritsar Kolkata Industrial Corridor (AKIC);
4. East Coast Industrial Corridor (ECIC);
5. Bengaluru Mumbai Industrial Corridor (BMIC);
6. Extension of CBIC to Kochi via Coimbatore;
7. Hyderabad Nagpur Industrial Corridor (HNIC);
8. Hyderabad Warangal Industrial Corridor (HWIC);
9. Hyderabad Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (HBIC);
10. Odisha Economic Corridor (OEC);
11. Delhi Nagpur Industrial Corridor (DNIC);

Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) has been considered as the transportation backbone for the Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) project while **Eastern DFC** has been considered as the backbone for Amritsar Kolkata Industrial Corridor (AKIC) project. NH-4 has been considered as the

backbone for projects like Chennai Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (CBIC) and Bengaluru Mumbai Industrial Corridor (BMIC).

For the East Coast Economic Corridor (ECEC), NH-5 which is part of the Golden Quadrilateral, the Kolkata– Chennai rail route has been considered as the transport backbone. The proposed North- South East-West and East Coast Dedicated Freight Corridors will further supplement the existing transportation backbone for the corresponding Industrial Corridors.