

Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor

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In news

Prime Minister will inaugurate the 'New Bhaupur- New Khurja section' of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) on 29th December

A brief note on New Bhaupur- New Khurja section of EDFC

- The 351 km New Bhaupur- New Khurja section of EDFC is situated in Uttar Pradesh and is built at a cost of Rs 5,750 crores.
- The section will open new vistas of opportunity for the local industries
- The section will also decongest the existing Kanpur-Delhi main line and will enable Indian Railways to run faster trains.
- A state-of-the-art **Operation Control Centre (OCC) at Prayagraj will act as the command centre for the entire route length of the EDFC.**
- The **OCC is one of the largest structures of its type globally, with modern interiors, ergonomic design and best-in-class acoustics.**
- The building is environment-friendly with a Green Building rating of GRIHA4 and is built as per norms of the 'Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan'.

Dedicated Freight Corridors

Presently, Ministry of Railways is implementing two Dedicated Freight Corridors namely, Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor from Ludhiana to Dankuni (1856 km.) and Western Dedicated Freight Corridor from Dadri to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (1504 km.). These corridors are targeted to be completed in phases by December 2021. In addition, Ministry of Railways has decided to undertake Detailed Project Reports (DPR) for new Dedicated Freight corridors on the following routes :

1. East Coast corridor- Kharagpur to Vijayawada
2. East-West Sub-corridor
1. Bhusaval-Wardha-Nagpur-Rajkharswan-Kharagpur-Uluberia-Dankuni East-West Sub-corridor
2. Rajkharswan-Kalipahari-Andal
1. North – South sub-corridor – Vijayawada- Nagpur-Itarsi

About Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC)

- The EDFC (**1856 route km**) starts from **Sahnewal near Ludhiana (Punjab)** and will pass through the states of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand to **terminate at Dankuni in West Bengal.**



- It is being **constructed by Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL)**, that has been set up as a special purpose vehicle to build and operate Dedicated Freight Corridors.
- **DFCCIL is also constructing the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (1504 route km)** that **connects Dadri in Uttar Pradesh to Jawaharlal Nehru Port in Mumbai** and will traverse through the states of UP, Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Maharashtra.