

Green National Highway Corridors (GNHCP)

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In news- Recently the progress under the Green National Highway Corridors (GNHCP) was reviewed by the Union government.

Key updates-

- The **Government of India and the World Bank** signed a \$500 million project to build safe and green national highway corridors in the states of **Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.**
- The loan from the **International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)**, has a maturity of 18.5 years including a grace period of five years.
- The project includes upgradation of about **781 km length of various National Highways passing through the above said states.**
 - The scheduled date of **completion is December, 2025.**
- The project will also enhance the capacity of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) in mainstreaming safety and green technologies.
- The **objective of transport infrastructure is to** provide seamless connectivity and reduce logistics costs.
- The project will help reduce GHG emissions in the construction and maintenance of highways.
- It will also support analytics to map the freight volume and movement pattern on the National Highway network, identify constraints, and provide innovative logistics

solutions.

- It helps in creating jobs for women by training women-led micro enterprises and women collectives to implement green technologies in the highway corridors.
- The first stretch of green highway being built under the project is expected to be completed by December 2021 in Rajasthan.