

Master plan for Delhi, 2041

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In news- The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has given its preliminary approval to the draft Master Plan for Delhi 2041. Once notified, it will **replace the existing Master Plan of Delhi-2021**, which had come into effect on 7 February 2007.

About the plan-

- The **first Master Plan for Delhi (MPD) was promulgated in 1962** under the Delhi Development Act of 1957, followed by the master plans of **2001 and 2021**.
- The Master Plan is a **'strategic' and 'enabling' framework** to guide the growth of the city.
- The **draft plan for 2041 is in two volumes** and comprises sector-wise policies in the key areas of *environment, economy, public spaces, heritage, shelter, mobility and social and physical infrastructure*.
- It includes **spatial development strategies** including green development area, regeneration of planned and unplanned areas, transit-oriented development, strategic regeneration and land pooling area.
- It also focuses on creating efficient mobility options for all and to foster a **"sustainable, liveable and vibrant Delhi by 2041"** that attracts talents and facilitates livelihood opportunities for everyone.
- It includes a **300-metre wide green-blue corridor**, aimed at improving drains and river waterfronts, and allowing regulated development in **green belt villages**, while preserving eco-cultural assets.
- It lays a clear boundary of the buffer zone near the **Yamuna river** and explores how to develop it.
- An **area-based improvement approach** will be adopted for revitalising the commercial and socio-cultural hubs of the city.
- A **Comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP)** will be prepared for

Delhi to achieve integration across all modes of urban transport.

- Under its commitment to environmental safeguard, it aims to minimise vehicular pollution by including a shift to greener fuels for public transport and adoption of mixed-use of **transit-oriented development (TOD)**.
- It advocates for identifying areas in the city for **continuing work, cultural activity and entertainment at night**, thus promoting a vibrant nightlife.
- It addresses parking problems and suggests a **'user pays' principle**, which means users of all personal motor vehicles, except for non-motorised ones, have to pay for authorised parking facilities, spaces and streets.