



Western Freight Corridor

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Why in News

The **Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd. (DFCCIL)** has opened more than 300-km section between Rewari (Haryana) to Madar (Rajasthan) for commercial trial runs. This is the first section to be opened on the under-construction western freight corridor.

- The **1,504-km western freight corridor** begins at Dadri in Uttar Pradesh and stretches till the country's largest container port — Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust, near Mumbai — passing through Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Maharashtra.
- **DFCCIL** under **Ministry of Railways** is a **special purpose vehicle** tasked with planning and completion of 3,306 kms of **Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs)**, consisting of western freight corridor and eastern freight corridor (1,856 kms). The total project cost is estimated at over ₹81,000 crore.
- The **DFC corridor will run only freight trains**. The construction of Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) project would enable the decongestion of existing over-saturated paths which, thereby, will effectively improving punctuality of passenger trains.

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