



Atal Progress Way Included in Bharatmala Phase-1

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Why in News

On August 19, 2021, the Ministry of National Highways and Road Transport, Government of India issued a notification to include the ambitious **Atal Progress-Way project of Madhya Pradesh in Bharatmala Phase-I**.

Key Points

- This completely new expressway of 404 km length in Madhya Pradesh, from Jhansi (Uttar Pradesh) in the east to Kota (Rajasthan) in the west through the **Bhind, Morena and Sheopur districts** of Chambal division, will be added together.
- The Chief Minister has said that the Atal Progress Way will prove to be the lifeline for the development of Gwalior-Chambal division. Industrial corridor will be constructed around this 404 km length expressway, which will become an important link in the economic development of the region.
- With the construction of this route, a major new route from Jhansi (Uttar Pradesh) to Kota (Rajasthan) will be connected, which will benefit 3 districts of Madhya Pradesh. The distance between these two points will also save about 50 kms. With the construction of this expressway, the travel time of 11 hours will be reduced to 6 hours.
- All the land to be used in the expressway is being made available by the state government at its own expense. About Rs 7000 crore is likely to be spent on this project. This expressway is set to be built through 7 different packages. This project is being constructed by NHAI.