



NDB Loan to India

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Why in News

Recently, a **500-million dollar** loan agreement was signed between the **Union government, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, National Capital Region (NCR) Transport Corporation Limited** and the **New Development Bank (NDB)** for the **Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS)**.

Key Points

- **Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System.**
 - It is an **82.15 km long**, under-construction, semi-high speed rail corridor connecting **Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut**.
 - It is one of the three rapid-rail corridors planned under Phase-I of Regional Rapid Transport System (RRTS) project of **National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC)**.
 - **Benefits:**
 - The Project will provide a **fast, reliable, safe and comfortable** public transport system in the NCR.
 - The project will serve as a **demonstration** for developing high-capacity rapid urban transit corridors in other urban areas of India.
 - High-speed connectivity will result in **balanced economic development** across the region, leading to economic benefits to all strata of society and many nodes of development rather than all economic activity happening at one place.
 - It will help in reducing **traffic congestion and total emissions** from the transport sector in NCR.
- **Other Contributors:** The total project cost is estimated at **3,749 million dollars**, which will be financed by the **NDB, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction**, government and other sources.

New Development Bank

- It is a **multilateral development bank** jointly founded by the **BRICS** countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) at the 6th BRICS Summit in Fortaleza, Brazil in 2014.
- It was formed to **support infrastructure and sustainable development** efforts in BRICS and other underserved, emerging economies for faster development through innovation and cutting-edge technology.
- It is headquartered at **Shanghai, China**.
- In 2018, the NDB received observer status in the **United Nations** General Assembly, establishing a firm basis for active and fruitful cooperation with the United Nations.

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