



Major Port at Vadhavan

Why in News

The Union Cabinet has given its 'in-principle' approval for **setting up a major port at Vadhavan** near Dahanu in **Maharashtra**.

- With the development of Vadhavan port, **India will break into the countries with top 10 container ports in the world**. A container port is a port which specializes in handling goods transported in containers.
- The port will be developed on '**land lord model**'.
 - In the landlord port model, the publicly governed port authority acts as a regulatory body and as landlord while private companies carry out port operations—mainly cargo-handling activities.
- A Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) will be formed with **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT)** as the lead partner to implement the project.
 - The position of Jawaharlal Nehru Port, the **biggest container port in India**, is 28th in the world in terms of traffic handling capacity.
 - With the completion of the 4th terminal at JN Port, its capacity will increase to 10 million TEUs (Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units) making it the 17th largest container port in the world.
- The SPV will develop the port infrastructure including reclamation, construction of breakwater, besides establishing connectivity to the hinterland. All the business activities would be undertaken under **Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode** by private developers.

Note: The Union Government is responsible for development of Major Ports whereas minor ports are under the jurisdiction of respective State Governments.

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