



## Japan's Official Development Assistance

**For Prelims:** India-Japan Relations, Climate Change, Patna Metro, Western Dedicated Freight Corridor.

**For Mains:** Japan's Official Development Assistance, India-Japan relations.

### Why in News?

Recently, Japan has approved [Official Development Assistance \(ODA\)](#) to India, for a few Key projects.

- [India and Japan](#) have had a long and fruitful history of bilateral development cooperation since 1958. In the last few years, the economic cooperation between India and Japan has steadily progressed.



### What are the Key Projects under ODA?

- **Patna Metro Rail Construction Project:**
  - Rs. 5,509 crores have been approved for Patna Metro Rail Construction Project (I).
  - It aims to cope with the increase of traffic demand in Patna by constructing the new metro corridor, thereby contributing to **improvement of the urban environment** and development of the economy as well as mitigation of [Climate Change](#).
- **Forest and Biodiversity Conservation in West Bengal:**
  - Rs. 520 crores approx. have been approved for the Project for Forest and Biodiversity

Conservation for Climate Change Response in West Bengal.

- It aims to mitigate and adapt to climate change, conserve and restore ecosystems by **ecosystem-based climate change measures**, biodiversity conservation and restoration, thereby contributing to sustainable socio-economic development in the State.
- **Rajasthan Water Sector Livelihood Improvement Project:**
  - Rs. 1,055.53 crores have been approved for **Rajasthan Water Sector Livelihood Improvement Project (II)**.
  - It aims to improve **livelihoods of farmers as well as promote gender mainstreaming** in agriculture and irrigation sector in the State, by improving water use efficiency and agriculture productivity, through improvement of existing irrigation facilities and agriculture support services.

## What are the Other ODAs to India from Japan?

- Delhi Metro is **one of the most successful examples of Japanese cooperation** through the utilization of ODA.
- India's **Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC)** project is funded by a soft loan provided by Japan International Cooperation Agency under Special terms for economic partnership (STEP).
- Besides, Japan and India had committed to build **High-Speed Railways in India by introducing Japan's Shinkansen System**.
- **India Japan Nuclear Deal 2016** will help India build the six nuclear reactors in southern India, increasing nuclear energy capacity ten-fold by 2032.

## UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Question (PYQ)

**Q.** 'The time has come for India and Japan to build a strong contemporary relationship, one involving global and strategic partnership that will have a great significance for Asia and the world as a whole'. Comment. **(2019)**

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