

## Foundation Stone of 10 NH Projects worth over Rs 8000 crore laid in Pratapgarh & Deoria

## Why in News?

On June 12, 2023, Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari laid the foundation stone of 5 NH projects worth Rs 2,200 crore in Pratapgarh region and 5 NH projects worth Rs 6,215 crore in Deoria in the presence of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

## **Key Points:**

- Union Road Transport & Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said that the widening of 43 km of National Highway-330 from Pratapgarh to Sultanpur, being built at a cost of Rs 1290 crore, will reduce the time taken to travel from Prayagraj to Pratapgarh via Ayodhya.
- He said that the construction work of the proposed 14 km bypass at Pratapgarh in the state at a cost of Rs 309 crore would also start soon. Road safety work will be done for street lights, bus shelters etc. on NH-31 at a cost of Rs 27 crore.
- The construction of Pratapgarh-Musafirkhana section will accelerate the development of cement plant, gas plant, bottling plant and dairy milk factory industries. All these projects will encourage investment in Uttar Pradesh and create new employment opportunities.
- The construction of 22 km 4-lane bypass at Deoria at a cost of Rs 1750 crore will be inaugurated in August 2023.
- These projects will benefit the backward areas of Deoria & Gorakhpur and will also improve connectivity with Bihar.



