



## USD 125.8 billion by 2032

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The [National Highways Authority of India \(NHAI\)](#) has launched **Project Aarohan** to support the education of **children of toll plaza employees**.

### Project Aarohan

- **About:** It is a **scholarship and mentorship initiative** in partnership with **Vertis Infrastructure Trust**, implemented by **SMEC Trust's Bharat Cares**, aimed at children from **economically weaker sections**.
- **Objectives:** To **eliminate financial barriers**, ensure **equal access to quality education**, and **nurture talent**, thereby **bridging socio-economic disparities**.
- **Key Features:** Supports **500 students** from Class 11 to undergraduate level with an annual scholarship of **Rs 12,000**, and **50 postgraduate students** with **Rs 50,000** each.
  - It provides **mentorship, skill development, and career guidance**.
  - It gives priority to **girls, first-generation learners, and students from economically weaker sections (EWS), SC, ST, OBC, and minority communities**.
- **Significance:**
  - **Promotes Educational Equity:** Provides **financial support** and **mentorship** to children of toll plaza employees from **EWS**, ensuring **access to quality education**.
  - **Fosters Inclusive Growth:** Prioritizes **girls, first-generation learners**, and students from **marginalized communities** (SC, ST, OBC, minorities), helping **bridge socio-economic disparities**.
  - **Develops Human Capital:** Enhances **career opportunities, skill development, talent nurturing, employment & entrepreneurship**, contributing to **nation-building**.

### National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)

- **NHAI** was established under the **NHAI Act, 1988** to oversee the **development, maintenance, and management of national highways**.
- National highways span **132,499 km**, carrying **40% of India's road traffic** while accounting for only **2% of the road network**.

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