

Ganga Expressway will be connected to Jewar Airport

Why in News?

The Uttar Pradesh government announced plans to connect the Noida International Airport (NIA), also known as Jewar Airport, under construction in Noida, with the Ganga Expressway.

Key Points

- About the issue:
 - To connect Ganga Expressway to Jewar Airport, a new 76 km long link expressway will be built via **Bulandshahr**.
 - The government has made a provision of Rs 1000 crore for this project in the budget.
 - This link expressway will be connected 24 kilometres earlier through Yamuna Expressway.
 - The estimated cost of this entire project is Rs 4415 crore.
- Benefit:
 - With the construction of this expressway, people of Meerut, Bulandshahr will be able to reach Jewar Airport directly in less time.
 - This will accelerate business and industrial development.
 - Better connectivity will also boost the **tourism sector**, thereby improving the local economy.

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Jewar International Airport

- This airport will be the fourth largest international airport in the world and the fifth international airport in Uttar Pradesh. It will be the second international airport in Delhi NCR after Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI).
- Noida Airport is being developed by Zurich Airport International AG.
- State of the art MRO (Maintenance, Repair & Overhauling) services will also be
 available at this airport. The airport has been designed in such a way that operating costs can be
 kept low and the passenger transfer process can be done quickly.

Ganga Expressway

- Ganga Expressway is the second longest expressway in the country after Mumbai-Nagpur Expressway.
- It is an ambitious initiative with an estimated length of 594 kilometres.
- Connecting the state from east to west, **this expressway** will pass through 518 villages in 12 districts, **significantly reducing the travel time between Meerut and Prayagraj**.
- The Ganga Expressway is not just a transport link but a testimony to Uttar Pradesh's expansion to modernise its adventure landscape.

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