



Mathura Heritage Corridor Project

Why in News?

After Ayodhya and Kashi, the Uttar Pradesh government has now decided to build **a heritage corridor in Mathura** .

Key Points

▪ About the Corridor:

- Its main objective is to promote **tourism** and improve regional connectivity.
- A 6 km long mini link expressway will be built to connect **Banke Bihari temple** with **Yamuna Expressway** , which will make travelling in Mathura and its surrounding areas more convenient and accessible.
- Important constructions like **convention centre, art institute, yoga and naturopathy centre , hospital, resort and electric bus depot** will be there in the corridor.
- This will help in making Mathura not only a spiritual destination but also a major centre for cultural and health tourism.

Mathura

▪ Introduction:

- Mathura district, located in Agra division, is situated on the **banks of river Yamuna**.
- This district borders Aligarh in the north-east, Hathras in the south-east, Agra in the south, Rajasthan in the west and Haryana in the north-west.
- Mathura is a **major Hindu pilgrimage site** and is believed to be the **birthplace and hometown of Lord Krishna**.

▪ History :

- The oldest mention of Mathura is in the **Indian epic Ramayana**. In this, Mathura is called Madhupur or the city of Madhudanav and it is said to be the capital of Lavanasur.
- Mathura became the capital of **the Surasena Empire in the 6th century BCE** .
- **Megasthenes** mentioned Mathura by the name " Methora " in the 3rd century BCE .
- **The Kushans** made Mathura their capital. Art and culture flourished in Mathura under the Kushan Empire .

▪ Mathura Refinery:

- It is the **sixth refinery of IndianOil**, commissioned in 1982 with a capacity of 6.0 MMTPA to meet the growing demand for petroleum products in the north-western region of the country.
- National Research Institute on Goat: Located at Makhdoom, Mathura.
- One District One Product: Sanitary Fittings
- Scenic Spots
 - Mathura Museum
 - Krishna's birthplace
 - Dwarkadhish Temple
 - Bankebihari Temple
 - Govardhan

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