

11 more International Ports

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Why in News?

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs under the Government of India notifies 11 more international ports.

- It includes 09 land ports and 02 airports.
- The newly added land ports are Darranga, Gede, Ghojadanga, Haridaspur, Jaigaon, Dawki, Moreh, and Attari (Road), along with the airports in Bhopal and Tirupati.
- It will further enhance attractiveness and utility of electronic visa.
- India provides approximately 95% E-visas applications in less than 72 hours.
- Total number of International Ports for E-Visa holder foreigners' entry now goes up to 88.
- One significant step taken to liberalize and simplify the Indian Visa regime, especially the tourist visa regime, is the introduction of the e-Visa facility.
- E-visa facility, with Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA), was introduced in 2014 for nationals of 43 countries.
- This facility is presently available to nationals of 172 countries.
- India now issues about 78 per cent visas as electronic visas.
- E-visa is currently available under 17 sub-categories, including mountaineering and group visas for cruise.
- International travellers holding a Pakistani passport or of Pakistani origin must apply for a regular visa at an Indian Mission, as the e-visa facility is not available to them.

E-Visa Expansion

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International ports now allow entry for e-Visa holders

BREAK-UP:

37 Airports

38 Seaports

13 Land Ports

172 countries covered by India's e-Visa facility

78% of visas issued electronically

95% of e-Visa applications cleared in under 72 hours

Latest Addition:

11 international ports + 9 land ports + 2 airports added



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