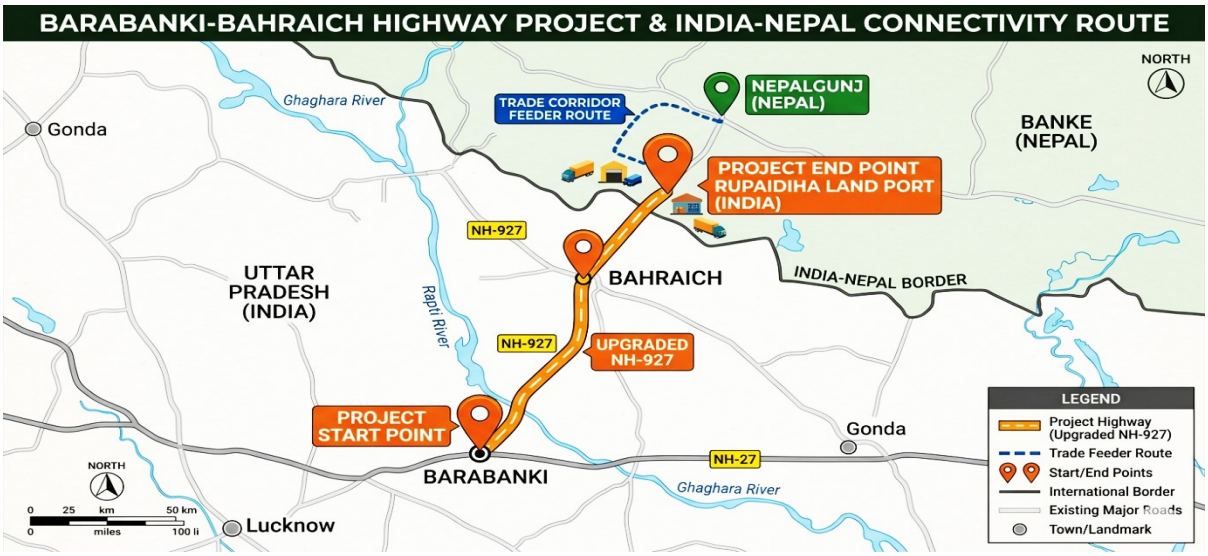
Barabanki–Bahraich Highway

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Why in News?

The Union Cabinet has approved construction of the four-lane, access-controlled Barabanki–Bahraich section of national highway.

- **Project Name –** Barabanki–Bahraich Highway Project (NH-927 Section).
- **Nodal Ministry –** Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH).
- **Length –** 101.5 Kms.
- **Mode of Construction -** Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM).
- **Connecting areas –** This stretch will directly connect Barabanki to Bahraich in ***Uttar Pradesh.***
- **Trade Connectivity –** It serve as a critical trade lifeline to Nepal via the Rupaidiha Land Port and Nepalgunj.
- **Travel Time Reduction –** From 150 minutes to 75 minutes (50%).
- **Speed Increase –** 40 kmph to 80 kmph.
- **Strategic Role –** Facilitates India–Nepal trade (India is 60% of Nepal's trade volume).
- **Key Goods–** Rice, wheat, vegetables, dairy, medicines, consumer goods.



- **Significance -** Faster transport reduces spoilage of perishable goods, improves farmer incomes, and reduces post-harvest losses.
- This project strengthens India–Nepal corridor; like Kaladan Multimodal (India–Myanmar).

  India accounts for over 60% of Nepal's trade volume.

- **Rupaidiha–Nepalgunj** is one of the busiest India–Nepal trade points, which handles majority of exports from India to Nepal.

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