Namo Cities – NCR Regional Plan 2041

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Why in News?

Recently, The meeting of the National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) approved the proposal to develop four semi-greenfield Namo Cities under the Regional Plan-2041.

- **Regional Plan 2041 –** Multi-state growth blueprint approved by NCRPB.
- **Coverage –** Governs land use, housing, transport, environment across 55,083 sq.km including Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan.
- **Population Projection –** Significant rise from 7.86 crore (2026) to 14.73 crore by 2041.
- **Urbanisation –** Expected to rise to 67% by 2041.
- **Growth Hotspots –** Sonipat, Meerut, Jewar, Bhiwadi, Alwar identified as future centres.

Namo Cities

- **Nature –** Semi-greenfield, mixed-use, Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) cities.
- **Location –** Proposed along *Namo Bharat (RRTS) stations.*
- The 4 cities are mandated to be distributed equally — **one each across the four states** (Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan).

  Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) - It is a semi-high-speed, high-frequency regional rail network designed to connect major cities with nearby satellite towns at speeds up to 160 km/h.

- **Objective –** Create *self-sustaining settlements* with local employment hubs, housing, and civic infrastructure to reduce dependence on Delhi.

Key Features

- **30-Minute NCR –** Vision to *connect jobs, homes, and services within half an hour through* RRTS, metro, highways, and rail networks.
- **Green Cover Incentives –** States to be incentivised to expand canopy cover using *green credits and Special Development Rights (SDRs).*
- **Urban Design –** Rationalisation of *Floor Area Ratio (FAR)* and *Floor Space Index (FSI)* around transit corridors to unlock housing and commercial supply.
- **Integration –** Linked with major assets like Noida International Airport, Yamuna Expressway, Dwarka Expressway, and expanding metro/RRTS networks.

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