

Northern Bullet Train Corridor

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Why in News?

Recently Prime Minister has approved the proposed northern bullet train corridor connecting Delhi with Guwahati through Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal.

About

Northern Bullet Train Corridor
Delhi to Guwahati via Siliguri

Faster Travel. Stronger Connectivity.

The infographic shows a map of the route from Delhi to Guwahati via Siliguri, passing through Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and West Bengal. A high-speed train is depicted on a bridge. Below the map, there are four key sections:

- Proposed Route:** Delhi – Agra – Kanpur – Lucknow – Ayodhya – Varanasi – Prayagraj – Patna – Siliguri – Guwahati
- Key Travel Time:**
 - Delhi – Agra : 59 min
 - Delhi – Kanpur : 1 hr 45 min
 - Delhi – Lucknow : 2 hr 12 min
 - Lucknow – Varanasi : 1 hr 21 min
 - Delhi – Varanasi : 3 hr 35 min
- Why It Matters?**
 - Improved connectivity
 - Boost to regional economy
 - Indigenous manufacturing (Make in India)
 - Faster & more convenient travel
- Project Status:** Approved by PM Modi; details on cost and completion timeline awaited.

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- **Route** – Delhi–Agra–Kanpur–Lucknow–Ayodhya–Varanasi–Prayagraj–Patna–Siliguri–**Guwahati**.
- **States covered** – Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal, connecting northern India with the Northeast.
- **Project objective** – To establish high-speed rail connectivity and reduce travel time between major cities.
- **Indigenous development** – The project is proposed to be built under the **Make in India initiative**, involving Indian engineers and workers.

- **Project status** - Approved by the Prime Minister, detailed project cost and completion deadline have not been announced.

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- **Significance**
 - **Regional connectivity** - Expected to improve connectivity between northern and northeastern India.
 - **Economic development** - May support trade, tourism, employment and regional economic activities.
 - **Indigenous manufacturing** - Promotes domestic engineering and construction capabilities under Make in India.
 - **Passenger mobility** - Expected to reduce travel time and provide faster alternatives to road and air transport.

Related Railway Developments

- Ten Mainline Electric Multiple Unit (MEMU) services were announced in and around Varanasi to improve commuter connectivity.
- A daily MEMU service between Varanasi and Prayagraj will connect several intermediate stations.
- Modernisation of railway stations in Uttar Pradesh was also highlighted, with 157 stations reportedly upgraded.

Reference

[Telegraph Online| PM Modi approves northern bullet train corridor](#)