

## Project Aarohan

*Prelims - Current events of National and International Importance|  
Economic and Social Development - Sustainable Development.*

### Why in News?

Recently, the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) launched Project Aarohan.

- **Launched By** - National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) collaborated with Vertis Infrastructure Trust.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
- **Implemented by** - SMEC Trust's Bharat Cares.
- **Aim** - To support the **educational aspirations of the children of toll plaza employees.**
- **Objectives** - To remove financial barriers, bridge socio-economic divides.
- To provide equal access to quality education for students from economically weaker sections, including girls from low-income households, first-generation learners, and those from SC/ST/OBC and minority communities.
- **Fund allocation** - The first phase will have a fund allocation of Rs. 1 crore, and it will be implemented over a period from July 2025 to March 2026.
- **Financial aid** - A total of 500 students from Class 11 to the final year graduation will receive an annual scholarship of **Rs.12,000** during FY 2025-26.
  - 50 bright students aspiring for postgraduate and higher studies will be supported with scholarships of **Rs. 50,000 each.**
- **Components** - It will give structured mentorship, skill-building workshops, and career guidance to holistically prepare students for higher education, employment and entrepreneurship.
- **Application Process** - It will be conducted through an online portal, requiring students to submit relevant documents like academic records, income proof, caste certificate, and ID proof.

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