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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