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Maharashtra State News

Manmad-Indore Railway Line
Project : PM Ghati Shakti

Context:

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the **Manmad–Indore railway line project**.

Key points:

- The **309-km line** will reduce travel distances and improve connectivity in **Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh**.
- The new railway line will span across **two districts in Maharashtra—Nashik and Dhule—and four districts in Madhya Pradesh**, becoming an integral part of the **PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan for multi-modal connectivity**.
- This project aims to foster regional development and strengthen connectivity, particularly to **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) in Mumbai**.

PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan:

- **PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (PMGS-NMP)** was launched on **13th October 2021** for providing multimodal connectivity infrastructure to various economic zones.
- PM GatiShakti is a transformative approach for **economic growth and sustainable development**. The approach is driven by 7 engines, namely:
 - Railways
 - Roads
 - Ports
 - Waterways
 - Airports
 - Mass Transport
 - Logistics Infrastructure
- The plan has been developed as a **Digital Master Planning tool** by **BISAG-N (Bhaskaracharya National Institute for**



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	<p>Space Applications and Geoinformatics) and has been prepared in dynamic Geographic Information System (GIS) platform wherein data on specific action plan of all the Ministries/Departments have been incorporated within a comprehensive database.</p>
Epidemic Deaths	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maharashtra reports 57 deaths due to epidemic diseases in eight months, with Influenza A being the leading cause. <p>Epidemic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An epidemic is the rapid spread of disease to a large number of hosts in a given population within a short period of time. <p>Influenza A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Influenza A is a subtype of the influenza virus that is responsible for seasonal flu epidemics and has the potential to cause pandemics.• It is one of the four types of influenza viruses, which also include influenza B, C, and D.
Har Ghar Durga Abhiyan	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maharashtra Minister Mangal Prabhat Lodha introduced a new campaign, the 'Har Ghar Durga Abhiyan'. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This initiative focuses on imparting self-defense training to female students enrolled in government-run Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) throughout Maharashtra. <p>Historical Inspiration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minister Lodha emphasized the campaign's connection to Maharashtra's history, highlighting the bravery of figures like Rajmata Jijau and Punyashlok Ahilyabai Holkar.• He expressed hope that the 'Har Ghar Durga Abhiyan' will inspire every girl in Maharashtra to embody the same courage and strength, ultimately contributing to a safer and more equitable society.



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