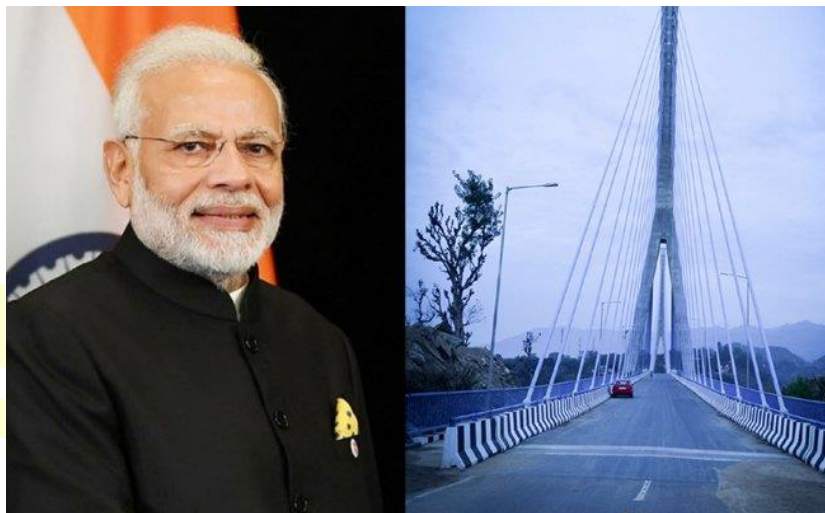


Atal Setu : India's Longest Sea Bridge

Why In News

- **PM is scheduled to travel to Mumbai** to inaugurate and take the Mumbai Trans Harbour Link or the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Sewri-Nhava Sheva Atal Setu, to Navi Mumbai.
- The **Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL) or Atal Setu, longest sea bridge in India.**



Atal Setu

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the **Atal Bihari Vajpayee Sewri-Nhava Sheva Atal Setu in Maharashtra** on December 12. Atal Setu is the longest bridge and also the longest sea bridge in the country.
- The bridge has been named after former prime minister and late BJP veteran **Atal Bihari Vajpayee.**



- It will also reduce the travel time from Mumbai to Pune, Goa and South India. It will also improve connectivity between Mumbai Port and Jawaharlal Nehru Port.
- The cabinet proposal mentioned that the distance between Panvel in Raigad district to Sewri in south-central Mumbai will be reduced by 15 kilometres, while travel time will come down from around two hours to 15 to 20 minutes.
- The **saving in fuel cost** would be around ₹500 per journey, the official said.

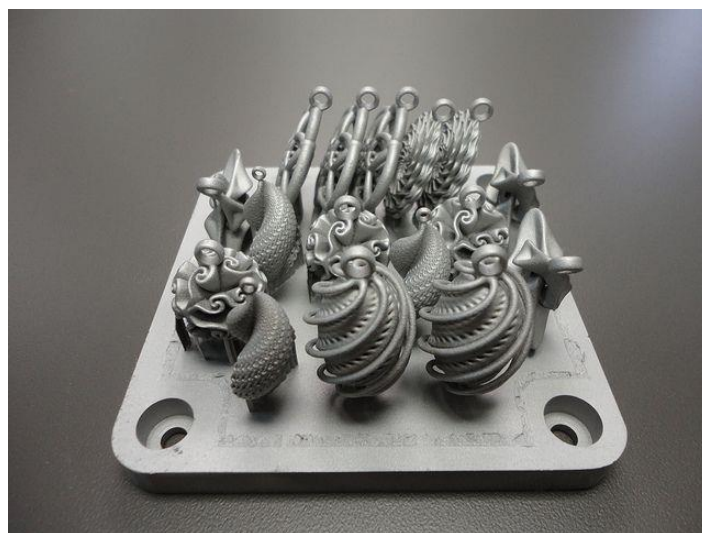


Other Projects

- Prime Minister will lay the **foundation stone of the underground road tunnel** connecting Eastern Freeway's Orange Gate to Marine Drive.
- The 9.2 km tunnel will be built at a cost of more than **₹ 8700 crore** and will be a significant infrastructure development in Mumbai which will reduce travel time between Orange Gate and Marine Drive.
- Prime Minister will dedicate phase 1 of the **Surya regional bulk drinking water** project to the nation.



- The project, developed at a cost of more than ₹ 1,975 crore will provide drinking water supply to the Palghar and Thane districts of Maharashtra, benefiting about 14 lakh people.
- During the programme, Prime Minister will dedicate about ₹ 2000 crore of **railway projects to the nation.**
- The Prime Minister will inaugurate '**Bharat Ratnam**' (Mega Common Facilitation Centre) for the gems and jewellery sector at Santacruz Electronic Export Processing Zone- Special Economic Zone (SEEPZ SEZ), **which is first of its kind in India with "best available machines in world including 3D Metal printing".**



- This will house a **training school for the skilling of the workforce for this sector**, including specially abled students. The Mega CFC will transform the export sector in the gems and jewellery trade and will also help domestic manufacturing.