

2. Heritage Infrastructure Development and Augmentation Yojana

(HRIDAY)

- The National Heritage Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY) aims to **preserve and rejuvenate the rich cultural heritage** of the country.
- Central government will meet the entire expenditure under the scheme (**Central Sector Scheme**). But, the states and local urban bodies are requested to supplement their resources for rapid development of heritage cities.
- The project will work through a **partnership of Government, Academic Institutions and local community** combining affordable technologies.
- The **12 cities** selected for the scheme are **Ajmer, Amritsar, Amravati, Badami, Dwarka, Gaya, Warangal, Puri, Kanchipuram, Mathura, Varanasi and Velankanni.**
- **Objectives of Scheme:**
 - Bring urban planning, economic growth and heritage conservation together for heritage cities.
 - **Beautification of heritage cities** in an inclusive and integrated manner with prime focus on livelihoods, skills, cleanliness, security, safety, accessibility and faster service delivery.
 - Guide conservation, restoration, future use and development of heritage cities.