

NATIONAL HIGHWAY IN INDIA

Road transport network in India is classified into five broad categories

- Expressway;
- National Highways (NHs)
- State Highways (SHs)
- Other & rural roads

National Highways have a length of approx. India has 142,126 km (88,313 mi) of NH as of April 2019, state highways are 1.60 Lakh kms and rest are 'other' roads. With only **2% of road length in India, National Highways** form 40% of the its road traffic. With India having the second largest road network in the world, it has over 200 highways and up to over 1 lakh kilometers.

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)

NHAI is a statutory authority, established by NHAI act, 1988 and became autonomous in 1995. It is responsible for the development, maintenance, management and operation of National Highways.

(NHAI) implements National Highway Development Project (NHDP) which involves creation and upgradation of roads and highways work and construction in order to boost economic development

List of Important National Highways in India

S. No	National Highway	Distance (in km)	Route
1	NH 44 (old NH 7)	3,745	Srinagar to Kanyakumari
2	NH 27	3,507	Porbandar in Gujarat to Silchar in Assam
3	NH 48 (old NH 8)	2,807	Delhi to Chennai
4	NH 52	2,317	Sangrur, Punjab to Ankola, Karnataka

5	NH 30 (Old NH 221)	2,040	Sitarganj in Uttarakhand to Ibrahimpatnam in Andhra Pradesh.
6	NH 6	1,873	Jorabat in Meghalaya and terminates at Selling in Mizoram
7	NH 53	1,781	Hajira in Gujarat and Pradip port in Odisha.
8	NH 16 (Old NH 5)	1,711	East coast of West Bengal to Chennai in Tamil Nadu.
9	NH 66 (Old NH 17)	1,622	Panvel and terminates at Kanyakumari
10	NH 19 (Old NH 20)	1,435	Delhi to Kolkata
11	NH 34	1,426	Gangotri Dham in Uttarakhand to Lakhnadon in Madhya Pradesh

Interesting Facts National Highways in India

The longest National Highway in India:

NH 44 (previously National Highway 7) is longest running major National Highway that starts from Srinagar and terminates in Kanyakumari. Starting from J&K, it passes through the states of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and ends in the Tamil Nadu.

The shortest National Highway in India

NH 966B (previously NH 47A) is the shortest National Highway in India covering a distance of 8 km (5.0 mi) and runs between Kundannoor and Willingdon Island in Kochi, Kerala.

World's Second Highest Motorable Highway

The Leh-Manali Highway, connecting Shimla to Leh in Ladakh is world's second highest-altitude motor highway.

Golden Quadrilateral (GQ)

GQ is a national highway network that connects the four major metro cities of India, viz., **Delhi (north), Kolkata (east), Mumbai (west) and Chennai (south).**

India has the second largest road network in the world

Traffic Colors Used on National Highways

- National highways – Yellow and White
- State highways – Green and White
- City highway – Black and White

