

## \*Fast forward (Gati Shakti National Master Plan)

### - Gati Shakti National Master Plan

- A national master plan for multi-modal connectivity

- Aims to develop infra to reduce logistic costs and boost the economy.

- It is a digital platform that will bring Ministries including Railways and Roadways together for integrated planning and coordination

- It will incorporate the infra schemes of various Ministries and State Govts like Bharatmala, Sagarmala, inland waterways, dry/land ports, UDAN, etc.

- Economic Zones like textile clusters, pharma clusters, defence corridors, electronic parks, industrial corridors,

fishing clusters, agri zones will be covered to improve connectivity .

• It will also leverage tech extensively including spatial planning tools with ISRO

imagery developed by BISAG-N

(Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics).

- States have a crucial role as port linkages and land availability depend on political consensus.

- Need for Gati Shakti

- Lethargic work culture present in development work, with depts working in silos
- There was no coordination on projects.
- India has a high logistics cost at 13-14 % of GDP which impacts competitiveness in exports.

## - Monitoring of the Plan

- It has set targets for all infra ministries.
- A project monitoring group under the (DPIIT) will monitor the progress
- DPIIT to report any inter-ministerial issue to an empowered group of ministers.

## - Significance

- Provide integrated and seamless connectivity for the movement of people, goods and services
- It will facilitate the last mile connectivity of infra and also reduce travel time for people.
- Improve global competitiveness, promote manufacturing and modernize infrastructure in the country.

- It will help raise the global profile of local manufacturers and help them compete with their counterparts worldwide.
- It can generate employment opportunities for the youth in future.
- The portal will also highlight all the clearances any new project would need, based on its location
- Allows stakeholders to apply for these clearances from the relevant authority directly on the portal.