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Gati Shakti National Master Plan [GS II]

CONTEXT : The Prime Minister of India launched **Gati Shakti National Master Plan** on October 13, to renew the momentum towards India's slowing economic growth engine, through major infrastructure upgrades cutting logistics costs for industry and raising the efficiency.

ABOUT : Launch of **PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan** (above ₹ 100-lakh-crore) for the multi-model connectivity will help improve global competitiveness, promote manufacturing and modernise infrastructure in the country

According to experts, PM Gati Shakti targets –

- To cut logistic costs
- Increase cargo handling capacity
- Reducing the turnaround time

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday launched a PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan for multi-modal connectivity in the country.

The initiative promises to integrate 16 Ministries including railways, roads and ports through information technology, satellite mapping and data tools, as an umbrella integrator of ₹111-lakh crore worth of projects under the National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) for 2020-25.

According to NITI Aayog, the importance in the plan is given to rail-road multimodal connectivity and the share of freight for the railways has been hiked.

This includes:

- reducing the cost of logistics to GDP from 14% to 8%
- to meet climate change commitments
- the challenge of reducing vehicular emissions from road freight growth
- containing input costs due to extraordinarily high taxes on diesel

A similar fillip to efficiency in port operations can increase cargo handling capacity and cut vessel turnaround time.

Evidently, States have a crucial role in all this, considering that key pieces of the plan such as port linkages and land availability for highways, railways, industrial clusters and corridors depend on political consensus and active partnership.

The Economic Survey for 2020-21 emphasises the need of better Centre-State relationships for such projects. The infrastructural projects demand investments towards NIP sectors like energy, roads, urban infrastructure and railways for FY 2021 and 22.

REASONS FOR PROJECT DELAYS:

- land acquisition problems
- Environmental degradation issues
- policymakers should reclaim lands already subjected to degradation and pollution

Centre is preferring **Geographic Information Systems** and **remote sensing** to identify potential industrial areas.

Ways to Convince the citizens about the benefits:-

- Social welfare
- Lower service costs
- Higher efficiencies
- Respecting federal boundaries while dealing with the State

Centre has to convince all States to come on board, to reduce logistics support.

TO CONCLUDE: The scheme of the Government has been appreciated by many. The seamless connectivity between rail, road, ports and civil aviation, along with the integration of states, local bodies, corporates, through a geospatial digital platform, will thrust manufacturing and exports besides job creation.

Rajeev Yadav

At the Quad, forming habits of cooperation (GS-2, International relation)

Let's talk about what these 4 leaders said during summit:-

- Mr. Biden portrayed the Quad as a group of democratic partners “who share a worldview and have a **common vision for the future**”.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was confident that the **Quad would “play the role of a force for global good”**.
- Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison “Indo-Pacific be always free from coercion”
- Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga Quad as “an extremely significant initiative”

Practical cooperation

- “a free and open Indo Pacific, which is also **inclusive and resilient**”.
 - **Promoting security and prosperity** in this region is the *raison d'être* of the Quad,
- **New areas of collaboration:**
 - Infrastructure
 - Cybersecurity
 - space;

■ Education and people to people relations.
Aligning the Quad with the G7's Build Back Better World (B3W) Partnership.

● **four key B3W elements:**

- digital connectivity
- Climate
- health security
- gender equality infrastructure.

formation of an infrastructure coordination group composed of senior officials was announced.

Catalyse private sector investment.

On cybersecurity

- the Quad will cooperate on combating cyber threats and securing critical infrastructure.

On the space front

- The plan is to identify new collaboration opportunities, especially sharing of data to monitor climate change, disaster response and preparedness, and sustainable uses of ocean and marine resources.
- A senior cyber group and a new working group on space will be established.

On education

- The Quad fellowship programme will award 100 graduates — 25 scholars from each Quad country — opportunities in leading STEM (Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics)

The three working groups on vaccines, climate and emerging technologies established last March.

- Quad stands committed to donate over 1.2 billion doses globally

The **Quad working group on climate change** has focused on **three thematic areas:**

- Climate ambition
- Clean energy innovation
- climate adaptation and resilience.

- The Quad leaders emphasised enhanced action for achieving global netzero emissions preferably by 2050,

A Quad shipping task force has now been launched to build a green shipping network and green port infrastructure.

- **Technological front:-**

- 5G and beyond 5G networks
- supply chains of critical minerals including semiconductors
- Emerging advances in biotechnology
- A contact group on Advanced Communications and Artificial Intelligence will focus on **standards development and foundational research.**

Maritime security will continue to be strengthened through bilateral 2+2.

- Malabar Exercise
- Bilateral or trilateral arrangements such as AUKUS

Defence cooperation will not be lowered in priority; it will just be handled differently.

International outlook:-

- Quad sees the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) as “the heart of the Indo Pacific region”.
- Together with the small island States in the South Pacific, ASEAN countries will stand to benefit from growing cooperation within the Quad.

Swarn Singh

Banksy : A Renowned British Street Artist (GS Paper 1 Art and Culture)

Context :

- British Street Artist Banksy is in news nowadays because his work is auctioned in London in 18.6 million pounds (A record for an artist)
- About Banksy's Work
- "Love is in the Bin" is the title of his artwork
- It consists of a half-shredded canvas in an ornate frame bearing a spray-painted image of a girl reaching for a heart-shaped red balloon.
- When it last sold at Sotheby's in October 2018, the piece was known as Girl With Balloon.
- His mischievous and often satirical images include two male police officers kissing, armed riot police with yellow smiley faces and a chimpanzee with a sign bearing the words, "Laugh now, but one day I'll be in charge."
- In March, a Banksy mural honouring Britain's health workers, first painted on a hospital wall, sold for 16.8 million pounds (\$29.5 million) at a Christie's auction, which was — until this week — a record for the artist.
- Girl With Balloon was originally stencilled on a wall in east London and has been endlessly reproduced, becoming one of Banksy's best-known images.

About Banksy

- Even Though , we do not know much about Banksy because he has not disclosed his identity much .
- First time he was come in notice when his art work was presented in public in 1993
- Nowadays he is renowned street artist not only of England but internationally recognised also
- Since 2000, he has developed many images which are highly recognizable like Rats & Police man . This image not only expresses his artist work but it also communicates a message. This message is against the authoritarian rule
- The beauty of Banksy artwork is that he merged graffiti art with installation and performance.
- “Turf war: is also highly appreciable work in which used the bodies of live pigs for painting
- “Crude Oils” is also his other work which was shown in London in 2005. Although in this artwork he followed the techniques and style of Claude Monet , Vincent van Ghos and Edward Hopper his presentation was unique . in this exhibition he released 200 live rats in the gallery
- After this, he had become fully recognised painter and everywhere in the world his work was appreciated
- His art works can be seen in the walls of London, Newyork etc
- Many books of Banksy have been published up to now . for example Banging Your Head Against a Brick Wall which was published in 2001 and by the next year his another book Existencilism was published . Wall and Piece is also highly recommended book
- Among all of this work is an image of lifesize, in this image the kissing of two policemen is shown. This image is also picturised in the futuristic film Children of Men
- He also directed a film . Exit Through the Gift Shop,a documentary film of 2010 shows this person of versatile virtues

This artist is a multi talented artist who is not only an expert in painting but also He is a book writer and directed many films also. The most interesting thing about this artist is that he had not opened his identity clearly

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