

# Government Policy Report

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## Gati Shakti 2.0

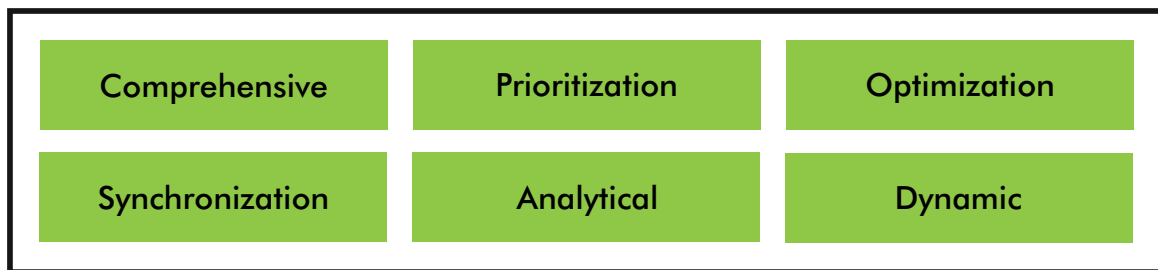
### A Master Plan for National Infrastructure Development

The government of India recently launched a digital platform named “Gati Shakti” and unveiled the master plan for India's future infrastructure development. This platform will connect 16 ministries of the Indian government including the Jumbo Ministries such as Railways and Roadways to plan and execute the infrastructure projects in coordination with one another. The mega project values over 100Lakh Crore and is expected to generate a massive change in the way infrastructural development is taking place in the country. In the global landscape, the developed countries such as the USA, Europe, and China are great examples to observe that the growth of a nation and its economy drive through the way of mega holistic infrastructural development.

Traditionally, there was a lack of coordination between different departments of the central government and state governments. This not only causes a major inconvenience to the common people but additionally wastes the government spending on Infrastructural development projects. Under this plan, steps have been taken to deal with the major developmental issues like the long approval method, the multiplicity of restrictive clearances, etc. It will help the respective ministries and government bodies to ensure new infrastructure plans through a holistic outlook.

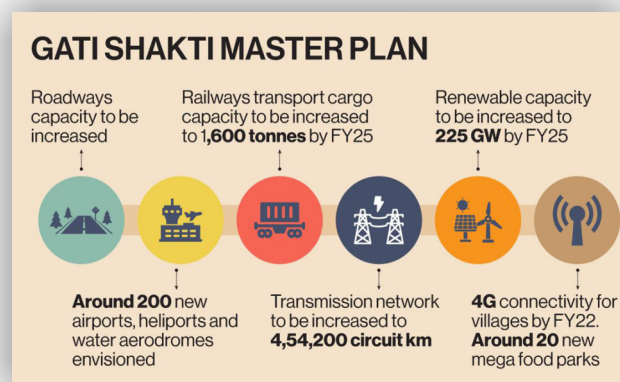
The platform will draw benefits from growing technological tools such as spatial planning tools with ISRO imagery, which is developed by BISAG-N (Bhaskaracharya National Institute of Space Applications and Geoinformatics). Through this masterplan, the projects will be designed and executed by various ministries and stakeholders by keeping a single vision in mind and minimizing the inconvenience and waste of resources. It will include the infrastructural development plans of various ministries as well as State Governments such as the Bharatmala Project, Sagarmala, UDAN Scheme, etc. It also facilitates proper linkages of different clusters of textile, pharmaceutical, agricultural zones, defense parks, and Special economic zones, etc.

## Fundamental Pillars of Gati Shakti Master Plan:



The Gati Shakti master plan will provide a kick start to India's next-generation infrastructure which will help in easing the living of Indian people along with the economic development of the country. It is structured to achieve the completion of all its prioritized infrastructural and mega connectivity plans by 2024-25. This multimodal connectivity plan will encourage the consistent movement of people, services, and goods to the farthest corner of the country as the last mile connectivity is also its comprehensive part. It will open up the new avenues of information exchange by people and businesses and incorporate every stakeholder to the ongoing and upcoming infrastructural and connectivity projects and guide the businesses and public holdings strategically to find suitable locations for their operations. This will encourage global competition and provide new opportunities for employment and engagement. All these can help in making the local Indian products more competitive in the global market and also improve the supply chain which will, in turn, benefit both the customers as well as businesses.

Various studies done by RBI and the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy presented that the master plan will create a multiplier effect on India's growth and will attract private investments too. It will pave the way for a comprehensive and common outlook towards the design and execution of infrastructural projects instead of current fragmented infrastructural development planning. The immediate impact would be seen through enlarged demand for construction activities and demand of skilled and unskilled workforce. This will also in near future affect the economy by saving public revenues and taxes and providing convenience to businesses and common people that will eventually help to grow it exponentially.



## Krishi Udan Scheme 2.0

The Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Krishi Udan Yojana 2.0 in October 2021 to facilitate and incentivize the transportation of agricultural produce of Indian farmers through air transport facilities. This scheme is an extension of the UDAN scheme of the Ministry of Civil Aviation launched in 2016 to boost regional connectivity across India for the common Indian masses.

This scheme will target perishable food products from the north-eastern states, hilly and tribal regions from all over the country. The scheme will resolve the issues related to the wastage of agricultural perishable products and help farmers to better realize the value of all their agricultural products within Indian territory and to the global gateways.

The scheme is in line with the Indian government's vision to double the farmer's income and provide them financial gains through the best price of their agricultural produce. It will cover the two powerful yet diverse sectors of the Indian economy i.e., Agriculture and Aviation to leverage the benefits of one another like possible use of biofuel in aircraft in the coming future, use of drones in agriculture, and better integration and supply chain for agriculture products to realize the best value of the produce.

The Krishi Udan 2.0 which is the enhanced version of Krishi Udan is formulated by AAICLAS (100% subsidiary of Airport Authority of India) and Invest India (The Investment Promotion and Facilitation arm of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry). Under the scheme, the incentives include the full release of the subsequent charges for domestic cargo airlines of Landing, Parking, Terminal Navigation, Route Navigation Facilities, and P2C (Passenger to Cargo) at specified AAI airports, etc, especially in the areas of Northeast, hilly and tribal regions.

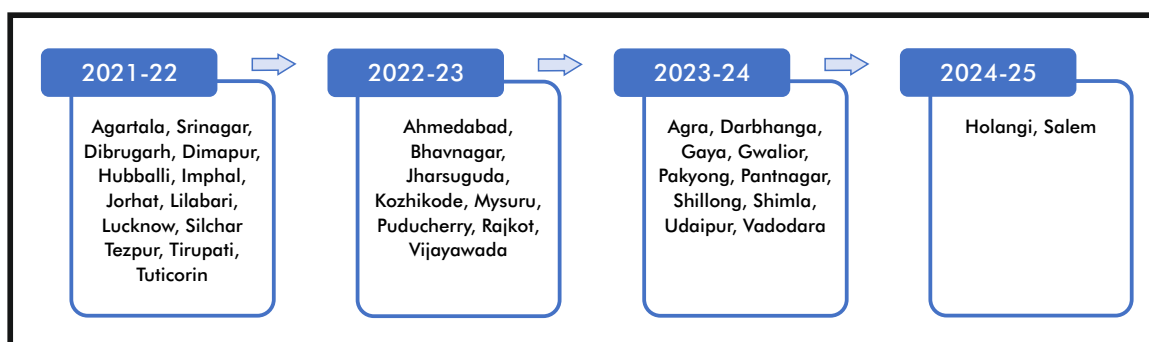
The Ministry of Civil Aviation is planning to set up terminals in Srinagar, Ladakh, Nagpur, Ranchi, Bagdogra, Raipur, and Assam under this scheme. The scheme will be operated on 53 airports out of which the majority of the airports are operated by

the Airport Authority of India. This will revolutionaries the supply chain, logistic linkages, and transportation of agricultural produce in India.

### Pivot Routes & products served under Krishi Udan 2.0 Scheme:

S. No.	Pivot Routes	Products Served
1.	Amritsar - Dubai	Baby com
2.	Darbhanga - Rest of India	Lichis
3.	Chennai, Vizag, Kolkata - Far East	Seafood
4.	Agartala - Delhi & Dubai	Pineapple
5.	Dibrugarh - Delhi & Dubai	Mandarin & Oranges
6.	Guwahati - Hong Kong	Pulses, Fruits & vegetables
7.	Sikkim - Rest of India	Organic Produce

The scheme will work on Hub-and-Spoke Model and create a freight grid for the movement of perishable agricultural produce between 2021- 2025. The locations under the freight grid with the proposed timelines are:



A technology platform named E- KUSHAL (Krishi Udaan for Sustainable Holistic Agri-Logistics) will be developed to converge the whole information under the scheme to all stakeholders for effective coordination, monitoring, and evaluation over time. It is also proposed that later the E-KUSHAL will be linked to e-NAM (the National Agriculture Market). The vision of the scheme is to offer wings to farmers by the value realization of their perishable agricultural produce. The Indian government is emphasizing the modernization of agriculture and allied processes to increase the farm turnout and realization of the vision of Doubling Farmer's income by 2022. Thus, the scheme will open brighter avenues of growth in the Indian agriculture sector.



## SACRED Portal

### Electronic Employment Exchange for Senior Citizens

On the occasion of the International Day of Older Persons, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has launched an electronic employment exchange for senior citizens named SACRED (Senior Able Citizens for Re-Employment in Dignity) along with SAGE(Seniorcare Aging Growth Engine) portal to connect entrepreneurs in elderly care. There has been a gradual rise in the population of senior citizens in India. The number of older persons in India in 1954 was 1.98 cores whereas the number have risen to 10.38 crore in 2011. As per the Report of the Technical Group on Population Projections for India and States (2011-2036) submitted to the National Commission on Population under the ambit of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the projections to rise in senior citizen population in India are:

2011		2021		2026		2031		2036	
Population	%	Population	%	Population	%	Population	%	Population	%
0.38	8.66	13.76	10.1	16.28	11.4	19.34	13.1	22.74	14.9

General improvement within the health care facilities over the years is one of the most reasons for the continued increase in the proportion of the population of senior citizens as it has increased the life expectancy significantly. But to live a long life is not the only need of a person thus to lead a secure, dignified, and productive life in a lifetime could be a significant challenge. The general standards and values of Indian society put pressure on showing respect and looking after elderly people. However, in recent times, Indian society is witnessing a gradual but definite decline in the joint family system and as a matter of fact, that is posing a great challenge in terms of elderly care. In fast urban societies, a large number of senior citizens are being neglected by their families and exposed to vulnerabilities of emotional, physical, and financial support.

As per the report of the Longitudinal Ageing Study of India in 2020, the number of

active senior citizens in the country is above 50% of the total senior citizen population. They possess years of professional exposure and experience with plenty of energy and time. Their experiences can be a great resource for business enterprises where stable employees are needed. Thus, a digital platform like the SACRED portal will work as a bridge to locate experienced and stable employees to the number of private companies to match their requirements. This will empower the elderly population mentally, physically as well as financially and provide them a happy, independent, and dignified life along with strong active social support and inter-generational bonding.

The senior citizens can be better integrated into contemporary society by engaging and providing a chance of employment mainly in Government Sector, Private Enterprises and corporations, Educational Institutions, NGOs, Trusts, Societies, Media, and the public at large. Thus, the portal will help them to find the relevant employment opportunities across all the sectors at a single place and as per their capacity and aspirations for full-time, part-time, freelancer, or Gig job roles. The mechanism will help them to upskill and reskill themselves as per the employment market trends. The psychological needs of the elderly people will also be fulfilled through knowledge sharing and collaborations in the shared network that will help them to accelerate their quality of life.

The digital platform will bring senior citizens seeking jobs and employers to a commonplace. Any senior citizen can register themselves on this Portal along with their relevant qualification, previous experience, skills, and areas of interest and an employer(Individual/Firm/ Company/ Partnership/ Voluntary Organisation, etc.) can also register themselves on the portal to specify the details regarding the task concerned. There will be a provision where Voluntary Organizations can facilitate the senior citizen in applying for these jobs but without any charges. Therefore, the Portal will open avenues to provide services to not only the senior citizens who are looking for employment opportunities but also to the organizations, the SHGs, the senior citizen gaining skills, and different agencies/ people who wish to work in this domain. This will act as an interactive platform where different stakeholders can meet one another and choose the course of action with mutual respect, consent, and understanding.

A unique & innovative Indian employment marketplace to connect Job suppliers & senior citizen Jobseekers on a transparent technology platform, where Public and private enterprises along with other employers across the sectors. This will




facilitate the demand for human resources, and conjointly facilitate Senior, seasoned job seekers having numerous & relevant skill sets, to induce themselves to register for visibility of the rising work demands, and apply for the suitable job in just a few clicks, is a great step by the government. It is undoubtedly a win-win for all the stakeholders in the scenario and the Indian society as a whole.

**Empowering the Elderly**

# SACRED PORTAL

**Senior Able Citizens for  
Re Employment in Dignity**



**An IT portal to bring employment seeker senior citizens & employment providers on one platform**



**Aim is to devise ways to ensure a empowered, dignified & self-reliant life for senior citizens**



**An individual senior citizen can get oneself registered on the portal and select keywords regarding expected tasks, which will enable the job providers find them automatically**

*Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayaas*

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