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PM Gati Shakti will help bring down cost overrun of projects: Modi

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Summary:

PM GatiShakti, the government's digital site aimed at breaking down departmental barriers, has played a significant role in boosting infrastructure efficiency and lowering logistical costs, according to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. According to him, logistics costs account for 13-14 percent of India's GDP, which is greater than in other nations. In her budget statement, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman stated that the Centre has budgeted Rs. 7.5 trillion for capital spending in the next fiscal year, compared to Rs. 5.54 trillion in 2021-22. GatiShakti intends to unify state government data and procedures with major infrastructure ministries on a single platform. Gati-Shakti and other government measures, according to Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, can help cut logistics costs down to 8% of the country's GDP.

Facts and Figures:

- Logistics cost is considered to be 13-14% of India's Gross Domestic Product,
- Government initiatives can help bring down the cost of logistics to 8% of the country's GDP.
- Under the Gati-Shakti plan, a logistics division in every department has been envisaged, along with the formation of an empowered group of secretaries for logistics efficiency.
- The Centre has allocated Rs. 7.5 trillion for capital expenditure in the next financial year, as against Rs. 5.54 trillion in 2021-22.
- The allocation of the ministry of road transport and Highway has been increased by 68% to Rs. 1.99 trillion, while that of the railway's ministry has been increased by 27.5% to Rs. 1.40 trillion.

Opinion: There is a broad thumb rule with connivance to delay projects after they begin construction, for noticeable delays owing to unknown/unknown reasons to common folks. The parties involved, particularly in the situations of flyovers, expressways, and new highway construction, assure the inconveniences for several years before tastefully completing the project.