

Lifelines of Indian Economy

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Abstract

Roads don't lead to development but they make development reach to the marginalized. Measures of governance like e-governance, Digital India, Skill India, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana, Make in India, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sinchayee Yojana and several others, all have endured the connectivity and cooperation; thanks to the lifelines of Indian economy, Roads, which have enabled the policy of logistics to materialize and steer forward the story of Indian development towards next level.

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Origins

There are sectors in any economy which we call strategic or fundamental in the growth of any economy such as atomic sciences, nuclear technology, biotechnology, transportation, new and emerging technologies or in the old days, industry. The strategic significance has it all covered and the country's elites as well as policy makers buff a lot about it till a drastic change happens and priority shifts. History is testimony to the above fact. It goes true from the medieval times in Europe where feudal clutches gave rise to new mercantilism followed by absolute monarchy further giving way to constitutional monarchy and democratic movements in the world. Along all these ideological shifts, the economic significance, too, has moved the thought process of the populace of the time.

We can call the same with regard to the Indian industry as well. We started late, though, however, we have managed to ramp up the capacity to a moderate level, giving way to newer forms of energy and skill set. We are discussing the prospects of roadways in transforming the scope and nature of Indian economy in the last 7 decades of Indian independence.

Step 1:

Following Indian independence, when the country was going through the rages of poverty, unemployment, malnutrition and unthinkable miseries; it was however ironical to think of phenomenal shift but our policymakers thought of a vision for India that laid its first seeds then in the form of *Community Development Programs*. Exclusively, the program didn't mention roads or it talked solely about development of highways, however, it did set the futuristic tone in the name of development.

Authorities like National Highways Authority of India and State Highways Authority of India along with measures like Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana scale up the ante in this regard and it also becomes a supplementary program in our bigger burden against employment and poverty eradication programs.

Step 2:

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Roads don't only connect the inclusive growth with GDP of a country but they also imbibe a spirit of national consciousness among people of the country. They help in instilling a new wave of progress and security.

The benefits of good highways and faster lanes of expressways do call for attention in motion the faster means of transportation which will impact the energy security dynamics which further will lead to revenue growth in some other sustainable sectors of energy generation and overall, it shall dawn in the green, resilient, sustainable and prosperous India.

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