

Network Planning Group

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About Network Planning Group

- It is an Integrated Multimodal Network Planning Group (NPG) with heads of Network Planning Division of all connectivity infrastructure Ministries & Departments.
- It is responsible for unified planning and integration of the proposals and assist the Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGoS) in respect of its mandate.
- It facilitates regular interactions between the stakeholders.
- It will guide all the Departments/ Ministries responsible for creation of economic zones and connectivity infrastructure during the planning phase itself.
- The parameters/prescribed norms of the overall National Master Plan will be the overarching objective of the NPG for examining and sanctioning future projects thus leading to minimising disruptions and strive for the creation of an ideal & efficient operating system for all infrastructure projects in the country.
- Its role is to ensure:
 - integration of networks;
 - enhance optimization through modification/expansion/new network creation;
 - avoid duplication of works for holistic development of any region;
 - reduction logistics costs through micro-plan detailing.

What is PM GatiShakti?

- It is an approach for growth accelerating trustworthy infrastructure through synchronized, holistic, integrated and comprehensive planning based on knowledge, technology and innovation.
 - PM GatiShakti National Master Plan provides comprehensive database of the ongoing & future projects of various Ministries i.e. Infrastructure Ministries & Ministries and States involved in development of Economic Zones, integrated with 200+ GIS layers thereby facilitating planning, designing and execution of the infrastructure projects with a common vision.
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Q1) What is a special economic zone (SEZ)?

It is an area in a country that is designed to generate positive economic growth. An SEZ is normally subject to different and more favorable economic regulations compared to other regions in the same country, including tax incentives and the opportunity to pay lower tariffs.

Source: [66th meeting of Network Planning Group under PM GatiShakti evaluates five infrastructure projects](#)

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