

From the EDITOR'S DESK

Accelerating India's transport and logistics sector is crucial for its economic development and global competitiveness. By infrastructure development through expansion and upgradation of highways and roads, railways, airports, ports and shipping, India can transform its transport and logistics sector into a more efficient, sustainable and globally competitive industry. Technological integration, regulatory reforms, sustainability initiatives, regional connectivity will not only boost economic growth but also enhance the country's status in the global supply chain.

India's logistics and industrial sector has seen impressive growth during the first half of 2024. This issue of Management Accountant carries several articles on the theme- Accelerating India's Transport & Logistics Sector - A corridor to evolution.

Accelerating India's Transport and Logistics Sector – A Corridor To Evolution focuses on the adoption of green logistics technology, smart cities and logistics parks and reflects India's commitment to sustainability and modernization. These innovations are reducing the carbon footprint of logistics operations, optimizing urban freight movement and enhancing the overall efficiency of the sector. India's transport and logistics sector has experienced a significant transformation over the past decade, becoming a critical driver of the nation's

economic progress.

Logistics Leverage and Evolution in Transportation Infrastructure perpetual Augmentation of the Expansion of Indian Economy performs a representative sectoral time-series analysis, establishing the sustainable expansion trajectory of the logistics infrastructure in India.

Advancing Sustainability: The Impact of Green Logistics Technology and Smart Logistics Parks on Future Cities Development states that logistics operations contribute to economic growth and urban effectiveness and therefore, eco-friendly approaches reduce environmental consequences and improve efficiency and service. This article delves into the impact of logistics technology and smart logistics parks on sustainable urban development.

Flagship Highway Project "Bharatmala" The Journey So Far explores the journey of the Bharatmala project. It also discusses the challenges encountered during its execution, including land acquisition, environmental clearances and financial constraints. The article also assesses the socio-economic impacts of the project, particularly in terms of regional development, job creation and the overall modernization of India's transportation network.

The article titled *From Smart Cities to Green Supply Chains: A New Era of Logistics* explores the convergence of green logistics, smart city infrastructure and advanced logistics parks as a cornerstone of sustainable urban

development. It concludes by highlighting the synergistic relationship between these components and their contribution to creating resilient, eco-friendly, and future-oriented cities.

Cost Management and Innovation: The Dual Pillars of India's National Logistics Policy, 2022 examines the policy's two pillars, innovation and cost management. The article also emphasizes how CMA support financial planning, performance evaluation, risk management, cost optimization, regulatory compliance, technology integration, and skill development.

Accelerating India's Transport: Green Logistics, Smart Cities, and Innovation unravels the usage of green logistics technologies in connection with smart city ecosystem endorsed by Kolkata City showing environmental, economic and social-centric dimensions.

The article *Exploring the Development Opportunities of Vizhinjam Mother Port: A Strategic Gateway for Maritime Growth* concludes Vizhinjam Port will greatly boost India's marine trade and establish it as a key centre for international shipping. India's trade capacity and efficiency will rise significantly due to this port's strategic location and modern amenities.

Environmental Cost-Benefit Analysis of Satellite Toll Collection System in India assesses the ecological expenses and advantages of using satellite toll collection systems in India. It offers suggestions for policy and practical application, as well as guidance for future research.

Apart from these thematic articles, this issue contains articles on various other contemporary matters.

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