

PM GatiShakti now open to public: Goyal

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NEW DELHI: PM GatiShakti, a tool for integrated planning and effective execution of infrastructure projects, is now open to the public, Union commerce minister Piyush Goyal said, adding that the system is now evolving beyond physical infrastructure to social infrastructure, human development, industry engagement, and digital integration.

On the fourth anniversary of PM GatiShakti, Goyal said the budget last year announced that the public would be granted access to its databases. I am happy that Bhaskaracharya Institute For Space Applications and Geo-Informatics (an autonomous body under the IT ministry) and the ministry of commerce and industry have prepared themselves so that the public can start using the databases of PM GatiShakti through the Unified Geospatial Interface, enabling easier access and utilization of the data for planning and decision-making purposes. The GatiShakti National Master Plan (PMGS-NMP) was launched on October 13, 2021.

PM GatiShakti is a digital platform that integrates the projects of over 40 ministries, ensuring optimal planning of large infrastructure projects, facilitating co-operation and synergies, and highlighting key gaps.

The announcement on Monday will now also help efficient planning and implementation of the private sector projects. While presenting the Union budget on February 1, 2025, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that PM GatiShakti data will be made open for the private sector to facilitate public-private partnership (PPP) projects.

"For furthering PPPs and assisting the private sector in project planning, access to relevant data and maps from the PM Gati Shakti portal will be provided," she said in her budget speech on February 1.



Piyush Goyal, minister of commerce & industry. SUMIT

Experts said making GatiShakti public will help the private sector prevent time- and cost-overruns. "With the availability of PM GatiShakti data, private players are now better equipped to assess project feasibility, particularly when it comes to location selection. This data will play a crucial role in developing well-structured industrial clusters, fostering greater efficiency and competitiveness," Nilaya Varma, CEO and founder of consulting firm Primus Partners said.

Speaking on the occasion, Goyal on Monday said PM GatiShakti is a tool for integrated national development that will facilitate the government in achieving its goal of 'Viksit Bharat' (developed India) by 2047.

"PM GatiShakti has acted as a bridge between macro-level planning and micro-level implementation. It is a tool helpful for all activities, transcending every sector of government and governance, with game-changing implications for national development," he added.

PM GatiShakti is no longer just about planning road alignments or railway routes, it facilitates far deeper integration of national planning, the minister said. The launch of the PM GatiShakti District Master Plan for 112 aspirational districts, now mapped in a single database, will help address the holistic needs of these districts, he added.