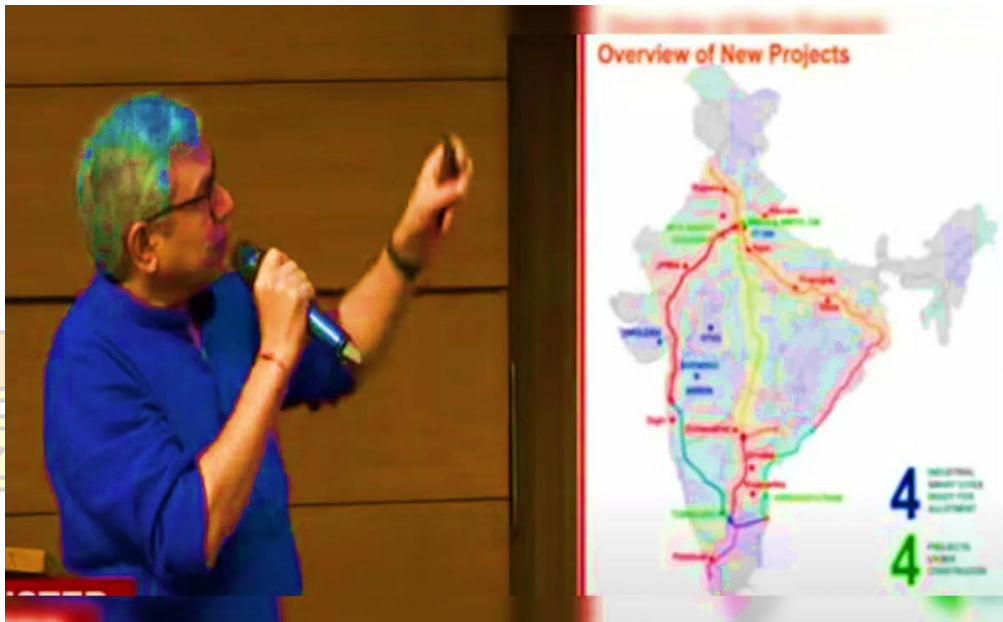


# 12 New Smart Cities, 10 Lakh New Jobs

## Why In News

- Union Cabinet has approved the development of **12 industrial smart cities across 10 states**, with an estimated total cost of **Rs 28,602 crore**. The project is expected to attract investments worth **Rs 1.52 lakh crore** and generate around 9.39 lakh direct jobs, with the potential to create up to 30 lakh indirect jobs.



## New Projects

- Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that these projects will **be implemented across six industrial corridors**, including the Amritsar-Kolkata, Delhi-Mumbai, Vizag-Chennai, Hyderabad-Bengaluru, Hyderabad-Nagpur, and Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridors.
- "These **industrial areas will be located** in Khurpia in Uttarakhand, Rajpura-Patiala in Punjab, Dighi in Maharashtra, Palakkad in Kerala, Agra and Prayagraj in UP, Gaya in Bihar, Zaheerabad in Telangana, Orvakal and Kopparthi in AP and Jodhpur-Pali in Rajasthan," a statement by the government said.



- Cabinet has also greenlit three major railway infrastructure projects totalling 296 kilometers in length, with an estimated cost of Rs 6,456 crore.
- These projects will significantly enhance rail connectivity and are expected to stimulate regional development, particularly in districts like Odisha's Nuapada and Jharkhand's East Singhbhum.
- These sites will soon host state-of-the-art industrial smart cities, each designed to foster a vibrant industrial ecosystem. The proposed industrial nodes would focus on creating regional manufacturing hubs across the country.



- “About 10 lakh direct jobs and 30 lakh indirect employment potential will be created through this. Manufacturing activities from all over the world are shifting to India.
- Be it electronics manufacturing, mobile manufacturing or defence manufacturing, all these are shifting to India. These corridors and these

industrial area projects will accelerate that shift,” Vaishnaw said at a Cabinet briefing.

- **The NICDP aims to facilitate investments** from both large anchor industries and Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), serving as catalysts to achieve the government's ambitious goal of \$2 trillion in exports by 2030.



- The development of these industrial cities is envisioned as greenfield smart cities built to global standards, embodying the **'plug-n-play'** and **'walk-to-work'** concepts.
- This innovative approach ensures that the cities will be equipped with advanced infrastructure designed to support sustainable and efficient industrial operations. The projects are closely aligned with the **PM GatiShakti National Master Plan**, which focuses on integrated and seamless multi-modal connectivity.





## Conclusion

- "By positioning India as a strong player in the **Global Value Chains**" this project will provide developed land parcels ready for immediate allotment, making it easier for domestic and international investors to set up manufacturing units.



- "This aligns with the broader objective of creating an '**Atmanirbhar Bharat**' or a **self-reliant India**, fostering economic growth through enhanced industrial output and employment," the government said.