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Reinventing the Bus System for Clean Air

A Quick Overview

## Cities are growing bigger

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In India, 87 crore people will live in Cities by 2050
(According to United Nations)
As per census 2011-37 crore people.

All top 10 fastest growing cities of the world shall be from India
(According to oxford economics, in between 201935)

## As the Cities growing bigger, so its transport demands:

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Avg. Per Capita Trip Rate


Avg. Motorised Trip Length


Higher transport demands leads to higher vehicular traffic:


Added approx. 1.5 billion vehicles in past 10 years


## Mobility Crisis to worsen:

Between 2011-2030:
-- Daily travel trips will become double;
-- Share of public transport trips shall decline from $26 \%$ to
16\%;
-- Share of personal vehicle trips to increase from $34 \%$ to $51 \%$;
-- Peak traffic to crawl at $8 \mathrm{~km} /$ hour compared to $16 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{hour}$.

Need Mobility Transition:

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## Particulate emission load from Urban Commuting:

 (14 Cities)

Comprehensive Ranking of Cities: Emission from Urban Commuting:

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Based on Overall emissions and energy consumptions.


## Share of private and Public transport (Motorised Trips):

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## Cities need multi-modal strategy:

Clean air action plans for different cities have identified the requirement of :
$\checkmark$ Developing Public transport network
$\checkmark$ Creating NMT infrastructure
$\checkmark \quad$ Use Parking as vehicle restraint measures

## Why Buses?

-- Spine of public transport: Buses provide the bulk of public transport services - as much as 40-60 per cent - in cities that have city bus services.
-- High targets for public transport: MPD 21 targets 80\% public transport share by 2020; Pune 80\%; Kolkata 90\%... Delhi buses along with bus rapid transit system can help to meet at least 73\% of the target.
-- Buses allow greater flexibility, geographical coverage, cost effectiveness, and space efficiency. Can flexibly and easily meet the needs of changes in demography and land use. It can cover areas with lower travel demand.
-- A bus occupies twice the road space taken by a car but carries 40 times the number of passengers. Bus can displace anywhere between 5 and 50 other vehicles and allow enormous oil and pollution savings (IEA).
-- Poor people are most dependent on affordable and cheap public transport to access jobs and services. Urban poor can use up to 25-30 per cent of their income on transportation.
-- Per person emissions several time less than cars

## Challenges faced by Indian Bus Sector:

Combined Daily Bus Ridership in Indian Cities ( Ridership of 18 major cities in India)


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Challenges faced by Indian Bus Sector:

Fleet size in megacities of India



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## Global vs Indian Scenario:



## Need Big Transition:

- Bus fleet requires massive renewal and modernization This needs huge investment. Recently Bhubaneswar has modernize their city bus system with 200 new buses and planning to procure more buses in coming days. Delhi has announced to procure 2000 buses. BEST has decided to add 2500 more buses into their current fleet. Cities are going for electric transformation.
- Need to develop Transit Infrastructures, Stops, Terminals and Depots to maintain those buses.
- Need credible, reliable and quality bus service;
- Improvement in service level of bus service -- Technical planning for route reorganization, frequency, reliability, coverage, reliable information, ITS enabled passenger information service, improvement in ticketing system, bus priority, signaling, GPS enabled deployment strategy, Performance monitoring system, Innovative contracting and tendering, among others.


## Need Massive Investments:

## National Transport Development Policy Committee:

-- By 2031, Rs 10,900-18,500 billion needed for urban transport; --- about $55 \%$ for public transport.
-- Urban India needs about 1,96,000 buses with an investment of Rs 1,181 billion by 2031.

Magnitude of Funding required: -- A pointless discussion without identifying the funding sources / implementation mechanism

## Affordability is another area of concern:

## How to meet this cost of investment and keep services affordable?

-- Even the existing public transport is unable to sustain itself financially
--- huge gap to be bridged

Affordability:
-- No absolute threshold for affordability
-- Globally it is accepted that about 10-15\% of household income can be the upper cap for transport to be affordable
-- Or, where bottom $20 \%$ of households do not spend more than $10 \%$ of income transport
-- Compared to the threshold of 10-15\% of income, -- almost $1 / 3$ rd or 34 per cent of Delhi's population stands excluded from basic non-AC bus services as it cannot afford it.

Where do find money and how do we keep services affordable?

