

BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES OF HIGH SPEED RAIL IN VIEW OF URBAN AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT: AN ALTERNATE VISION

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ABSTRACT

High-Speed Rail projects are part of the development process in developed and developing countries in the world. Since the running of 1st High-Speed train from Tokyo to Osaka in Japan on 1st October, 1964 world has reached to 42978 km of High-Speed Rail lines under operation. India has also taken a giant step by starting its first High-Speed Rail project between Mumbai-Ahmedabad. India has planned to have many more High-Speed Projects. These projects will definitely benefit society. Mainly these projects would be connecting major urban areas and have some effect on the catchment area. However, there is a need to have a different approach to leverage the benefits of High-Speed Rail Projects for the development of the Urban and Rural area.

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