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Transport Sector in Bangladesh



- Highway and Major arterial Road : 21,462 Km
- Rural Road : 97,180 Km
- Urban Road : 4,245 Km



- Rail track : 2,877 Km
- Stations : 444 nos.



- Seaports : 3 nos.
- Inland river ports : 33 nos.
- Length of waterway : 24,000Km (Navigable 5968km)



- International Airports : 3 nos.
- Domestic airports : 7 nos.

Policy Intervention Towards EST

- Road Transport Act 2017
- Revised Strategic Transport Plan (RSTP) 2017 for Dhaka
- Dhaka Structure plan (2016-2035)
- BRT Act 2017 & MRT Act 2016
- National Integrated Multimodal Transport Policy (NIMPT), 2013
- Road Master Plan 2009 & Rail Master Plan 2009
- Road Safety Action Plan 2016-2018

Major Achievement :Avoid(Goal 1-3)

- ❖ District e-service centers and Union Information and Service Centers (UISCs) are established to provide all major public services
- ❖ Video conferencing (VC) among Government offices
- ❖ On line Banking/Shopping/ Air-Train-Bus ticket/Utility bill /Application for educational institute
- ❖ E-procurement for Government purchases
- ❖ Transit Oriented Development (TOD) along major Transit Line



Major Achievement: Shift (Goal 4-7)

- ❖ Designated lane for NMT in some selected urban roads and inter-city roads
- ❖ Construction work of two mass transit projects (1 BRT & 1 MRT)
- ❖ Bus Sector Reform project for Dhaka
- ❖ Working time of government offices, financial institutions, educational institutions have been staggered
- ❖ Capacity to carry Passenger & Fright by rail & waterway has been Enhanced.
- ❖ Water Taxi has been introduced in Dhaka
- ❖ Car Free Day



Major Achievement: Improve (Goal 8-12)

- ❖ Introducing Hybrid & Solar powered Vehicle
- ❖ Both Private and Public Vehicles runs with CNG
- ❖ Road map to reduce the sulfur level to 50 ppm by 2023.
- ❖ Modern vehicle inspection center in Dhaka.
- ❖ Import car with idle stop feature also a plan to introduce it is existing vehicle
- ❖ Passenger Information System (PIS) at all major Railway Stations
- ❖ *Green freight* concept has been adopted at national level.
- ❖ SOOT free Urban Buses



Major Achievement: Cross Cutting (Goal 13-20)

- ❖ Improvement of Black spots on National highways
- ❖ Road safety in Primary level Education curriculum
- ❖ Piloting of Solar energy in Vehicle
- ❖ Elevators have been installed at foot over bridges to ease crossing for Child, Elderly, Women and Person with disability.
- ❖ Special bus services for women and students
- ❖ Promotional campaigns (branding, community awareness etc.) in Urban transport project
- ❖ Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority (DTCA)
- ❖ Rural Access Index (RAI) 86.7



Critical Challenges faced

- ❖ **Lack of Coordination between different agencies involved in Transport Sector**
- ❖ **Integrated Transport Planning disrupted with Land Constraint**
- ❖ **Shortage of Natural Gas**
- ❖ **Fragmented Public Transport Sector**
- ❖ **Insufficient Fund**

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