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FUTURE TECHNOLOGIES: HYDROGEN TRAINS & HYPERLOOP SYSTEMS

Cleaner Energy • Faster Connectivity • Responsible Innovation



Clean Propulsion

Zero tailpipe emissions for a greener tomorrow.



High-Speed Research

Exploring next-gen mobility through rigorous testing and innovation.



Safety First

Robust testing, standards and risk assessment at every stage.



Evidence-Led Progress

Data-driven decisions for reliable, scalable and public-value outcomes.



Hydrogen trains advance established railways; hyperloop explores a new transport mode. Both require rigorous testing, safety assessment and public-value evaluation.

Innovation With Evidence. Mobility With Responsibility.



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WHY INDIA NEEDS NEXT-GENERATION MOBILITY

More Capacity • Cleaner Energy • Stronger Connectivity



Growing
Passenger
Demand



Efficient
Freight
Movement



Remote-Route
Solutions



Lower
Lifecycle
Emissions



Integrated
Public
Value

DECISION FRAMEWORK

SAFETY • COST • CAPACITY • ENERGY • ACCESSIBILITY • INTEGRATION

KEY MESSAGE

New technology must solve a genuine transport need—not pursue speed or novelty alone.

Choose the Right Technology for the Right Route.



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HOW HYDROGEN TRAINS WORK

Green Hydrogen • Fuel Cells • Batteries • Electric Traction



Fuel Cell:
Continuous Power



Provides steady electricity for sustained operation.

Battery:
Acceleration Support



Delivers high power for acceleration and peak demands.

Regenerative Braking



Recovers energy during braking and stores in batteries.

Water & Heat:
Direct By-products



Clean water and heat are the only by-products.



Hydrogen is an energy carrier.

Its environmental value depends on how the hydrogen is produced.

Clean Energy In. Electric Power Forward.



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GREEN HYDROGEN, REFUELLING & ENVIRONMENTAL VALUE

Renewable Production • Safe Storage • Efficient Operations



Renewable Electricity



Clean power from solar & wind

Water & Electrolysis



Purified water split into hydrogen

Compression & Storage



Compressed & stored safely under control

Scheduled Refuelling



Procedure-based safe refuelling

Lifecycle Assessment



Measure, monitor & improve impact

INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY BY DESIGN



GAS DETECTION



VENTILATION



FIRE PROTECTION



CONTROLLED ACCESS



EMERGENCY ISOLATION



KEY MESSAGE

Zero tailpipe carbon does not automatically mean zero lifecycle emissions—green production and efficient infrastructure are essential.

Produce Cleanly. Store Safely. Operate Responsibly.



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HYDROGEN SAFETY, MAINTENANCE & WORKFORCE READINESS

Engineer the Risk • Train the Team • Protect Every Journey



Leak Detection



Ventilation



Pressure-Rated
Tanks



Automatic
Shutdown



Emergency
Training

WORKFORCE COMPETENCIES

HYDROGEN HANDLING • HIGH-VOLTAGE SAFETY • FUEL-CELL DIAGNOSTICS
FIRE RESPONSE • SAFE EVACUATION

KEY MESSAGE

Hydrogen can be used safely when specialised engineering controls, procedures and competency standards are rigorously applied.

New Energy Demands New Skills and Uncompromising Safety.



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UNDERSTANDING HYPERLOOP & INDIA'S RESEARCH ECOSYSTEM

Low-Pressure Tube • Research Pod • Propulsion • Control

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NOT FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

HYPERLOOP TEST FACILITY
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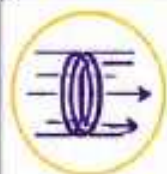
REDUCED AIR RESISTANCE

Low-pressure tube
minimizes drag for
high efficiency



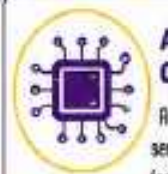
LOW-FRICTION SUPPORT

Maglev or low-friction
guidance for stable
and smooth travel



LINEAR ELECTRIC PROPULSION

Precise, scalable
thrust for safe
acceleration



AUTOMATED CONTROL

Real-time monitoring,
sensors and control
for safety and stability

RESEARCH PATHWAY



COMPONENT TESTS

Validate materials,
subsystems and
technologies



INTEGRATED POD

Assemble and test
pod systems
as a unit



LONGER TEST TRACK

Evaluate in extended
tube for performance
and reliability



HIGH-SPEED TRIALS

Progressively higher
speeds under
controlled conditions



CERTIFICATION EVIDENCE

Generate data for
safety case and
standards



KEY MESSAGE:

A test facility builds engineering capability;
it is not yet a commercial passenger corridor.



Research Boldly. Test Rigorously. Claim-Only What Evidence Proves.



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HYPERLOOP ENGINEERING, PASSENGER SAFETY & EVACUATION

Design for Failure • Protect the Cabin • Reach Every Incident



Tube
Integrity



Safe
Braking



Pressure
Loss



Fire &
Smoke



Power
Failure



Medical
Emergency

SAFETY ARCHITECTURE



PREVENTION



DETECTION



ISOLATION



SAFE STOP



EVACUATION



RESCUE ACCESS



Public operation requires validated design, independent certification and effective evacuation under realistic worst-case conditions.



HUMAN FACTORS:

Comfortable Acceleration • Ventilation • Communication • Accessible Evacuation

No Speed Is Valuable Without Proven Safety.



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HYPERLOOP: CAPACITY, ENERGY, LAND, COST & VIABILITY

Measure the Whole System—not Maximum Speed Alone



COMPARE THE WHOLE SYSTEM

Passenger Capacity (PPHPD)
Total Journey Time
Full-System Energy (per passenger-km)
Land Use & Alignment Impact
Lifecycle Cost (₹ per passenger-km)
Resilience & Reliability
Maturity & Implementation Risk

HYPERLOOP



HIGH-SPEED RAIL



UPGRADED RAIL



AIR TRANSPORT



1 PASSENGER CAPACITY



- Can the system move the required passengers per hour per direction?
- Can terminals process passengers safely?

2 TOTAL JOURNEY TIME



- What is door-to-door time including access, waiting, transfers and egress?
- Does it outperform proven alternatives?

3 FULL-SYSTEM ENERGY



- What is total energy per passenger-km across the entire system?
- Is it better than high-speed rail and air?

4 LAND & ALIGNMENT



- What is the total land required and land-use impact?
- Can emergency access reach the entire route?

5 LIFECYCLE COST



- What is the total cost over the full life cycle?
- Can demand support the investment?



KEY EVALUATION QUESTIONS



Can terminals process passengers safely?



Can emergency access reach the entire route?



Can demand support the investment?



Does it outperform proven alternatives?



Theoretical performance is not commercial proof.
Decisions require verified test data and consistent comparison
with high-speed rail, upgraded rail and air transport.

Public Investment Demands Public Value.



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HYDROGEN TRAINS & HYPERLOOP: DIFFERENT TECHNOLOGIES, DIFFERENT ROLES

Compare Purpose • Infrastructure • Maturity • Safety



HYDROGEN TRAINS

HYPERLOOP

**Purpose:**

Cleaner traction

Purpose:

Proposed ultra-high-speed transport

**Infrastructure:**

Existing tracks +
hydrogen facilities

Infrastructure:

Entirely new tube
and terminals

**Maturity:**

Prototype and
pilot operation

Maturity:

Research, testing and
demonstration

**Best Fit:**

Selected non-electrified
or specialised routes

Possible Fit:

Long-term selected
intercity corridors

**Priority:**

Green fuel, reliability
and safe refuelling

Priority:

Engineering proof, evacuation,
regulation and viability



Hydrogen changes how a train obtains energy.
Hyperloop proposes a new transport system.

Evaluate Each Technology on Its Real Role and Evidence.



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A RESPONSIBLE TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY FOR INDIA

Ambition With Evidence • Innovation With Safety • Progress With Public Value



1 Pilot Before Scale



2 Independent Safety Assessment



3 Lifecycle Evaluation



4 Transparent Comparison



5 Domestic Capability



6 Standards & Regulation



ROADMAP FOR RESPONSIBLE ADOPTION



India should not adopt technology because it appears futuristic. It should select solutions that are safe, sustainable, affordable and genuinely suited to national needs.



VISION ZERO PLEDGE

Every Innovation Tested • Every Risk Understood • Every Decision Accountable • Every Life Valued

Building Future Mobility for Viksit Bharat 2047



Research • Skills • Safety Culture • Responsible Innovation