

Nirmala Sitharaman asks Niti Aayog to map all industrial zones under Gati Shakti initiative

Synopsis

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The Union <u>finance minister</u> Nirmala <u>Sitharaman</u> on Thursday asked the <u>Niti</u> <u>Aayog</u> to prepare a report that maps all the industrial zones including industrial corridors, logistics parks and pharma hubs to be incorporated under the PM <u>Gati</u> <u>Shakti</u> initiative. Sitharaman also urged the shipping ministry to explore linkages that can be achieved between seaports and the industrial corridors.

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"I would like the NITI Aayog to <u>map</u> all this (industrial corridors, freight corridors, defence corridors, manufacturing zones, textile parks, logistics parks, medical and pharma hubs). Map it all and tell us where you see a possibility for bringing them under the PM <u>Gati</u> <u>NSE 2.57 %</u> Shakti," Sitharaman said. "I find many of them still lying loose and unconnected. Mapping it up will probably give a better idea of how they can all come into this scheme of things," she added.

She added that <u>Gati Shakti National</u> Master Plan will bring greater coherence in all investments pertaining to infrastructure projects.

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