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The shock of crumbling infrastructure and the solution

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What are the main issues highlighted in India's infrastructure sector?

- Collapse of under-construction bridges in Bihar, raising concerns about **quality control**
- **Time delays and cost overruns** in government-sponsored projects.
- As of December 2023, 431 projects suffered a cost overrun of ₹4.82 lakh crore
- 36% of delayed projects were running behind schedule by 25 to 60 months

What are the key challenges in project implementation?

- Multiple clearances required from conception to commissioning
- Gaps in project management practices, especially in urban infrastructure
- Lack of comprehensive planning and management by urban local bodies
- Insufficient attention, time, and expertise devoted during the project planning stage

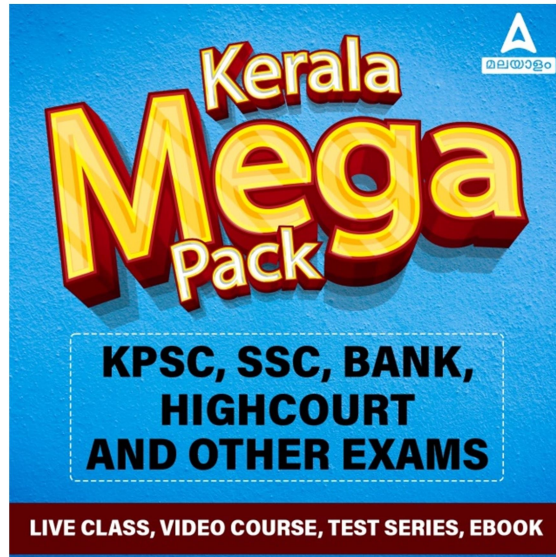
What initiatives has the government taken to address these issues?

- Launch of PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan to break silos in government departments
- Introduction of a GIS-based ERP portal for real-time progress monitoring
- Increased capital expenditure allocation to ₹11.11 lakh crore (3.4% of GDP) in Budget 2024
- Implementation of National Logistics Policy and Smart Cities Mission

How can project management practices be improved?

- Integrating modern tools and techniques involving real-time data management
- Adopting global best standards on project management
- Implementing a holistic "Program Management Approach"
- Setting up an agency to conduct professional courses in project management

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