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National Household Travel Survey (NHTS)

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Context of the News

The **National Statistics Office (NSO)** released the findings of India's **first-ever National Household Travel Survey (NHTS)**, conducted from **July 2025 to June 2026**.

Key Highlights

What Is the Survey?

- India's **first all-India household travel survey**
- It records **why people travel, how they travel, how far, for how long** and **how much they spend**
- Covered **4.92 lakh households** and over **20.34 lakh persons**
- Conducted by the **NSO** under **MoSPI**
- **Important note:** in this survey, "travel" means a trip of **1 km or more**. Shorter trips are **not counted**

Important Facts for Exams

- **NHTS** — India's **first household travel survey**; **July 2025 to June 2026**; **4.92 lakh households**, **20.34 lakh persons**; by the **NSO** under **MoSPI**
- **"Travel" means trips of 1 km or more**
- Students: **66.4 per cent** travel 1 km+; **walking 37**, **bus 29.5**, **bicycle 15.8 per cent**
- Workers: **57.6 per cent** travel 1 km+; **urban 64.1**, **rural 54.5 per cent**
- **Two-wheelers: 42.6 per cent** overall; **52.3 urban**, **37.1 rural**
- Gender gap: **61.9 per cent men** against **41.9 per cent women**
- Average travel time: **23 minutes (students)**, **25 minutes (workers)**
- Monthly commute cost: **₹785** average; **₹1,044 urban**, **₹612 rural**
- Overnight travel: **buses 55.8**, **railways 17.7 per cent**; **70.2 per cent** for social and religious reasons
- The **female work-travel gap** connects to India's low **female labour force participation of 41.7 per cent (PLFS 2023-24)**

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