## **Editor's Desk**

Amidst the celebrations of our 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, India witnessed a number of developments which will go a long way in changing the global perception of India.

From Neeraj Chopra's Gold Medal, the first in athletics for India in the Olympics, to the withdrawal of the contentious retrospective taxation and the announcement of a National Hydrogen Mission by the Prime Minister from the ramparts of the Red Fort, all bode well for us.

This issue of Policy Times focuses on several items including the Vehicle Scrappage Policy, the proposal to bring in tourism under the Concurrent List of the Constitution and the impetus being given to ecotourism. We will also take a look at the fresh out of the oven, Odisha Electric Vehicles policy, the new RoDTEP scheme, the ambitious National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP), an update on the SCALE panel report and the Tamil Nadu Budget 2021.

These positive developments in August followed several key policy decisions and legislative actions taken over the past two months are all go a long way in changing the country's economic and industrial landscape.

Happy Reading!