According to an Uber study, India wastes Rs 1.44 lakh crore due to congestion.

Here affordable mass transport can play a key role especially in urban areas. This includes buses, local trains, metros, etc.

=> Role of efficient & affordable urban mass transport for rapid economic development

1. Less congestion: This will help ensure timely delivery of goods & services, reducing logistic time.

2. Reduced cost of production: will further help increase competitiveness of local industries, due to reduced transportation cost.

3. Environment & Investment: Cleaner environment, due to increased use of public transport (& less polluting vehicles), will help attract increased investment in the region.
4. Saving of fuel will result in reduction in import bill, & savings can be invested for boosting economic growth.

5. Urban sprawl & industrial agglomeration: With reduced time of travel, new industries will be established in & around urban areas (agglomeration).

- People will settle in nearby areas (suburbs) & commute to urban area, causing spread of urban influence & development in suburbs.

Role played by Delhi Metro in Delhi in an example of rapid mass transport spurring Economic development. It has been connected to IT centres of Noida, Gurgaon & Noida, ensuring commute to & from these centres. Similar role has been played by local trains in Mumbai.

Switching to electric vehicles (buses), ensuring timely services & periodicity can be the way forward.