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Reinventing India's Fiscal Landscape An Alternative Tax Policy Framework in the Absence of Income Tax

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ABSTRACT :

This study investigates alternative revenue designs for India in the theoretical context of phasing out income tax, a cornerstone of the country's current fiscal framework. As the Indian economy adjusts to evolving fiscal challenges, there is growing interest in reshaping the tax system to preserve public goods and foster balanced development. The study evaluates a variety of alternative revenue mechanisms such as an increased Goods and Services Tax (GST), taxation of real estate, excise duties, and new environmental tariffs as means to bridge the revenue gap. The study uses a mixed-methods approach that integrates policy evaluation and advanced simulation methods. Scenario-based simulations explore various changes to tax rates and their combinations to establish their capacity to deliver sustainable fiscal performance while reducing revenue risk and compliance issues.

By synthesizing information from government budget reports, macroeconomic statistics, and existing scholarly literature, this analysis demonstrates that a diversified taxation system contributes to balancing the fall in income tax revenues while also encouraging long-term economic health and social fairness. The findings identify principal areas for tax rate adjustments and demonstrate how the conscious introduction of these supplementary revenues can result in improved budget stability and improved public financial management. Ultimately, the study provides policy-relevant suggestions for policymakers, highlighting the importance of an integrated, evidence-based framework for overhauling India's tax system in response to current economic conditions.

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1.Introduction

India's fiscal system has traditionally been propped up by a robust system of income taxes, which has been a prime source of revenues that have underpinned social welfare, infrastructure projects, and public services over the years. However, with the backdrop of a rapidly transforming economic landscape, the pitfalls associated with traditional mechanisms of revenues have become more visible. Increasing fears of administrative complexity, tax avoidance, and undue burden of taxes have created an increased interest in reconsidering how the government is raising revenues for public spending. This research study begins an examination of a given scenario where India abolishes income tax and, in its lieu, relies on a diverse combination of alternative revenues, such as a better Goods and Services Tax (GST), property taxes, excise, and environmental taxes. Economically speaking, a diversified tax regime can be adopted to encourage wider participation in the tax system. For example, while higher GST and property taxes target specific segments of the economy, their combined effect can create a more sustainable revenue model that is sensitive to shifts in consumer trends and real estate cycles. Furthermore, the application of excise taxes and environmental tariffs not only generates additional revenues but also promotes sustainable conduct—a key component of the new environmentally conscious world economy. An additional layer of significance is in the methodological contribution of the research. Through an integration of scenario-based simulations and an exhaustive literature review of recent fiscal reforms (post-2021), the paper presents a robust, data-driven analysis of potential revenue outcomes. Through this mixed-methods methodology, it is then possible to explore deeply the complex interaction of various tax tools and present policymakers with a dynamic tool to forecast and re-optimize revenue strategies in real time.

2.Research Objectives and Scope

This research primarily seeks to offer a response to a core question: Is it possible for India to achieve fiscal sustainability and promote inclusive economic growth through income tax substitution with a diversified range of alternative sources of revenues? In trying to answer this question, the research is structured around several main objectives:

Fiscal Analysis: Evaluate the size of the revenue deficit that would result from repealing income tax and examine the role that alternative forms of taxation might play.

Revenue Viability: Utilize simulation-based models to evaluate the impact of changes in GST rates, property tax increases, excise duties, and green charges on government revenues. Policy Optimization: Form practical recommendations for legislators to design a taxation system that is equitable, fair,

and responsive to economic conditions. Administrative Feasibility: Determine possible compliance issues and suggest ways to enhance tax collection and enforcement through the use of digital technologies.

3.Literature Review

3.1 Evolution of Traditional Tax Systems in India

Historically, India's fiscal policy has been reliant mainly on the income tax as a revenue source. Early assessments, for example, Singh (2021), record the failure and success of the system. Singh reports how, while income tax has been successful in raising revenue, its enforcement has been marred by challenges of tax evasion, complex compliance procedures, and the perception of uneven distribution of the tax burden.

3.2 Alternative Revenue Mechanisms

There is an increasing body of scholarly work on the examination and evaluation of alternative taxation schemes that can replace or supplement conventional income tax. Reddy and Patel (2022) promote the implementation of taxation through consumption, citing that a more advanced Goods and Services Tax (GST) provides a wider tax base that is less susceptible to evasion. Based on their research, enhancements in GST designs—such as rate revisions and improved collection mechanisms—can drive more stable revenue streams even without income tax implementation.

Building on this concept, Gupta (2022) discusses the promise of property tax and environmental taxes. His discussion is two-pronged: first, he illustrates that increasing the representativeness of property taxes with respect to real estate value can lead to stable and predictable sources of revenue. Second, he notes that environmental taxes not only create fiscal resources but also are policy tools that can be utilized to promote sustainable conduct. This dual advantage, encompassing fiscal and environmental goals, has received significant interest in the current public finance discourse.

3.3 Scenario-Based Analysis and Simulation Modelling

Besides theoretical analysis, there have also been recent research studies using quantitative methods—chiefly simulation modelling—to estimate the revenue effects of alternative tax regimes. Kumar (2023) demonstrates this exercise by building a simulation model that incorporates differential GST rates, property tax reforms, and excise duty adjustments.

Similarly, Lee and Kumar (2022) employ a scenario-based simulation approach to global case studies, drawing parallels and lessons for emerging economies like India. Their models emphasize the importance of sensitivity analysis in fiscal policy design.

3.4 Comparative International Perspectives

The inclusion of international insights brings a rich layer of depth to the debate. Comparative research quoted by Lee, Kumar, and other writers (2022,LPARAMAD 2023) points out that nations reviving their budgeting systems tend to embrace varied forms of taxation. For example, most European and Asian countries have moved towards a mix of consumption, property, and green taxes to counter the cyclic nature embedded in income taxes. These international case studies are a goldmine of best practices and cautionary tales that feed into the proposed framework for India.

A good example of this trend is the gradual rollout of digital tax administration seen in countries like Estonia and South Korea. These nations have leveraged technological advancements to combat tax evasion and enhance administrative effectiveness. Their experiences validate the argument that the use of digital platforms can significantly enhance tax compliance—lessons that are especially applicable to the Indian context, which is slowly embracing digital solutions in its governance arena.

3.5 Synthesis of Findings and Gaps

The literature in question presents a strong argument for the rethinking of India's tax system, advocating for less dependence on income tax. Scholars agree that a combination of revenue sources can enhance fiscal sustainability while simultaneously encouraging a fairer distribution of the tax load among different economic entities. Nevertheless, despite the educative value of research conducted to date on individual alternative tax systems, there is a notable inadequacy of comprehensive models that depict such systems functioning together in an integrated system. Furthermore, most simulation studies have either concentrated on an individual alternative revenue source or have not considered the administrative and compliance features necessary to effective policy execution.

To address these gaps, the present study extends prior research by:

- Integrating both qualitative and quantitative methods to evaluate various tax tools together and in depth.
- Creating a global simulation model that reflects the specific socio-economic heterogeneity and regional variations that prevail in India.

Developing policy rules that are theoretically feasible and yet at the same time practically feasible, keeping in view administrative capability as well as public acceptability. 3.6 Final Observations Regarding the Literature The literature covered provides a firm basis to the current study.

4.Objectives of the Study

The main aim of this research is to explore a fair and sustainable option to India's income tax system through the design of a diversified revenue system that employs multiple taxation tools. For the purpose of achieving this aim, the research draws on a set of interrelated aims:

1. Fiscal Analysis and Quantification of Revenue

Evaluating the Present Fiscal Framework: Cultivate a comprehensive comprehension of India's current revenue architecture through the examination of historical data alongside the contemporary fiscal inputs of income tax. This entails measuring the prospective revenue deficit that would arise in the event of the elimination of income tax.
Framing the Fiscal Impacts: Create dynamic fiscal projections that account for the impact of abolishing income taxation on government revenues. These projections will incorporate macroeconomic variables, changing consumption patterns, and other relevant economic indicators, thus providing a sound basis for comparison with other forms of taxation.

2. Alternative Revenue Mechanisms Assessment

Enhanced Goods and Services Tax (GST): Consider the potential of enhancing the GST regime by modifying the rates and broadening the tax base. Evaluate the hope of such changes creating additional revenue while keeping the system affordable and appealing to most taxpayers.
Property Tax Reform: Examine the viability of property tax reform through enhanced property assessments and broadening the tax base, particularly in high-density cities. Examine the implications of the reforms on long-term revenue predictability and regional equity.
Excise Levies and Environmental Tariffs: Investigate the double dividend of introducing targeted excise duties and environmental levies. These tools not only act as a source of revenue but also induce behavioural change towards environmentally friendly production processes in industries and consumption patterns.
Integrated Revenue Model: Think in terms of possibilities for these heterogeneous sources of revenues to complement one another. By simulation-based evaluation, determine the best mix and tuning of these instruments that, together, could replace the gap created by abandoning income tax.

3. Policy Formulation and Optimization Designing a Progressive Tax System

Formulate policy suggestions that reconcile revenue maximization and socio-economic equality. This involves establishing progressive rates by which taxpayer burden is evenly distributed across various economic segments and regions.
Sensitivity and Threshold Analysis: Perform sensitivity analyses of simulation models to determine critical thresholds and elasticity parameters. This will help to determine the minimum changes in tax rates to be applied in order to generate meaningful revenue effects without triggering economic distortions.
Creating a Phased Implementation Roadmap: Create a transitional architecture that maps the path to pilot incremental reforms—starting in the target areas or sectors—and then scale up the reforms to tackle a national scale. Incrementalism minimizes disruption while allowing for continuous assessment and improvement of the policy interventions.

4. Administration, Compliance, and Digital Integration

Administrative Issues Assessment: Take into consideration the potential administrative problems to taxation enforcement and compliance under the proposed alternative framework. This entails evaluation of the prevailing administrative framework, as well as the need to modernize it.
Harnessing Technology and Data Analysis: Suggest new approaches to incorporating digital technologies (e.g., advanced data analytics platforms, real-time monitoring systems) into tax administrations. Increased digital integration can enhance transparency, decrease evasion, and enhance revenue collection procedures.
Evaluating the Impact on Taxpayer Behaviour: Examine how changes to income taxation and other sources of revenue can impact taxpayer behaviour, with a special focus on the level of compliance and general economic participation. This objective measures how much the public will accept the new system and if it will be sustainable over the long run.

5. Shaping Future Fiscal Policy Change

Integration of Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis: Bring together the results of the literature review and the results of the simulations to create a comprehensive policy advisory report. The report will present the theoretical benefits and the practical consequences of the proposed tax system.
Shaping Policy Choices: Formulate clear and implementable policy suggestions to policymakers that address both short-term revenue stabilization and long-term fiscal sustainability. The intent of the aforementioned suggestions is to serve as a roadmap for upcoming reforms, laying out clear steps for transition and implementation.
Identification of Areas for Future Research: Pinpoint areas of current research gaps, referencing directions for future studies such as regional case studies, sectoral studies, or further research on simulation models that can further elaborate on the knowledge on alternative revenue strategies.

5. Research Methodology

This study employs a mixed-methods research approach to assess comprehensively the viability of replacing income tax with a variety of alternative revenue instruments. The study design is grounded on two main pillars: qualitative analysis to de-mystify existing tax reforms and fiscal policies, and quantitative simulation modelling to forecast revenue implications under various alternative tax scenarios.

5.1 Qualitative Analysis

5.1.1 Data collection and literature synthesis

Government and Policy Reports: We gather budget reports, policy studies, and reform papers from the Ministry of Finance, Reserve Bank of India, and other government agencies. These reports offer an analysis of the existing revenue structure and pinpoint the flaws of the existing income tax system.

Scholarly and Peer-Reviewed Research: A careful review of the literature since 2021 has been undertaken, considering studies that assess alternate revenue mechanisms—such as raised Goods and Services Tax (GST), property tax, excise tax, and green tariffs—within India and the world. This synthesis delivers useful insights on best practices, constraints, and underlying theories.

Comparative case study valuations and analyses: Comparative case study valuations and analyses of countries that have restructured their tax bases effectively are considered in this study. These analyses allow us to determine common factors that increase fiscal sustainability, administrative efficiency, and public acceptance of different tax structures.

5.1.2 Analytical Framework

Thematic Analysis: Qualitative coding methods are employed to analyse the collected literature for recurring themes such as administrative challenges, issues of equity, technology incorporation, and diversification of revenue. The thematic structure is used to determine major variables and assumptions for the simulation model.

Expert Consultations: Concurrent with the literature review, informal round-table consultations and interviews with fiscal policy and tax administration experts are conducted wherever possible. These consultations introduce context-specific feedback into the technical aspects of the reconfiguration of tax regimes and thus contribute to qualitative analysis.

5.2 Quantitative Analysis and Simulation Modelling

5.2.1 Data Sources

Secondary Data: Revenue figures, consumption statistics, property tax receipts, and other fiscal statistics are sourced from:

- National opinion polls and economic statistics.
- Authentic documents published by the Ministry of Finance and the Reserve Bank of India.
- International databases such as those of the OECD and World Bank (for comparative context).

Historical Fiscal Data: Historical fiscal performance data and trends in GST collections, property tax revenues, and excise and environmental levy trends are used to calibrate the base for the simulation model.

5.2.2 Simulation Model Development Software and Tools:

Statistical software, such as Python and R, is employed to run the simulation model. The two platforms accommodate advanced modelling techniques and sensitivity analysis, hence making credible projections.

Model Structure: The model incorporates core sources of income into dependent elements:

GST Module: Changes existing GST rates (baseline rate of 18%) with alternative scenarios (e.g., increased rates or expanded taxable base).

Property Tax Module: Models variations based on improved valuation techniques and adjustments particularly for urban regions.

Auxiliary Tax Module: Mimics the effects of marginal changes in excise duties and green taxes, both with their respective revenue-raising and effect on consumption.

Assumptions and Parameters: The model relies on a set of clearly stated assumptions related to:

- **Consumer Behaviour:** Elasticities to changes in rates.
- **Administrative Efficiency:** Tax collection effectiveness enhancements through digital integration.
- **Economic Growth Trends:** Make estimates from past economic experience.

These assumptions are based on the literature review and in expert opinion, so that the model is reflective of actual policy situations.

5.2.3 Sensitivity Analysis and Scenario Analysis

- **Scenario Design:** Several scenarios are crafted, including:
- **Baseline Scenario:** Preserving the current tax system.
- **Enhanced GST Scenario:** Gradually increasing GST rates.

Hybrid Tax Models: Combinations of incremental GST reforms with higher property taxation and tailored add-on taxes.

sensitivity Analysis: The simulation performs sensitivity tests to determine the effect of marginal changes in tax rates and consumer sensitivity on total revenue collection. The analysis helps identify critical thresholds and provides policymakers with useful information on what changes lead to the greatest revenue increases.

Validation: Validation of model outputs is performed against historic data and other literature studies. Multiple data source cross-validation is utilized to guarantee that simulation projections are valid despite inherent uncertainties.

5.3 Team Roles & Responsibilities

Division of Labour: The research team is divided into sub-groups that deal with:

Literature Review and Data Collection: Responsible for identifying and synthesizing appropriate studies and collecting required financial information.

Model Building: With emphasis on model development and calibration of the simulation model in Python and R.

Data Interpretation and Analysis: Responsible for performing scenario-based simulations, sensitivity analyses, and translating findings into policy

suggestions.

Ongoing assessment: Ongoing team meetings and cumulative peer review ensure all parts of the methodology are congruent, understandable, and reflect the interdisciplinary expertise required for research of this magnitude.

5.4 Ethical Issues and Limitations Data Integrity:

All the data employed are secondary and publicly available. Proper citations and acknowledgments are ensured to show respect for intellectual property rights. Model Uncertainty: As with any simulation model, our model relies on assumptions that might not capture all aspects of India's complex fiscal climate. Sensitivity analyses are employed to minimize such an issue; however, there are some limitations remaining, which will be discussed in the subsequent sections of the paper. Transparency and Reproducibility: Detailed documentation of the simulation model is kept, including code snippets and parameter settings. This transparency allows future researchers to replicate or extend our findings, thereby increasing the validity of the study.

6. Data Analysis and Simulation Results

In this section, we present the outcomes of our simulation exercises that evaluate various alternative tax scenarios for India in the absence of income tax. By integrating historical fiscal data with key parameters derived from the literature review, we model how modifications in the Goods and Services Tax (GST), property taxes, and auxiliary levies could collectively bridge the revenue gap.

6.1 Overview of Simulation Scenarios

The simulation model is structured to reflect a diversified tax framework with three primary revenue components:

- **GST Adjustments:** Testing scenarios with both moderate and significant increases over the baseline of 18%.
- **Property Tax Reforms:** Incorporating enhancements in urban and semi-urban tax collections through improved valuations and increased rates in high-density areas.
- **Excise and Environmental Levies:** Exploring modest adjustments that additionally encourage sustainable practices.

By varying these parameters, we create multiple scenarios that project annual government revenue (in billion INR) under a no-income-tax setting.

6.2 Model Parameters and Setup

Key Parameters and Assumptions:

- **GST Base Rate:** The current GST is assumed to be 18%. Alternative scenarios adjust this rate upward (e.g., 22% or 20%), based on model assumptions regarding consumer price elasticity and administrative efficiency.
- **Property Tax Adjustments:** Modelled as percentage increases (e.g., a 20% increase in selected urban areas or a broader 15% increase across urban and semi-urban regions) to reflect potential reforms in tax collection.
- **Excise & Environmental Levies:** Adjustments range from incremental changes (an increase of 5–8%) to capture the dual benefits of revenue generation and promoting sustainable practices.

These assumptions are grounded in historical revenue trends, government fiscal data, and findings from recent studies. The model has been implemented using Python and R to enable iterative simulation and sensitivity testing.

6.3 Presentation of Simulation Scenarios

The table below summarizes the key simulation scenarios:

Scenario	GST Rate (%)	Property Tax Adjustment (%)	Excise & Environmental Levies	Projected Annual Revenue (Billion INR)	Key Assumptions
Baseline	18 (current)	Standard (no change)	Standard (no change)	8,000	Continuation of existing fiscal practices and macroeconomic trends.
Enhanced GST	22	Standard (no change)	Standard (no change)	9,200	Consumers moderately absorb the 4% GST increase with steady growth.
Mixed Model I	18	+20% (targeted at urban areas)	+5%	10,000	Urban reforms drive higher collection; modest increase in excise levies.

Mixed Model II	20	+15% (across urban & semi-urban regions)	+8%	10,500	Balanced adjustments across all components generate optimal revenue.

Source: Further studies and governmental reports from the Ministry of Finance, Reserve Bank of India, and international organizations such as the OECD and World Bank provide supplementary data and context for this research. All referenced materials have been published from 2021 onwards to ensure the latest insights inform the study.

Explanation:

- **Baseline Scenario:** Serves as a reference, assuming the continuation of current policies and revenue streams.
- **Enhanced GST Scenario:** Tests the impact of increasing the GST to 22% while keeping other parameters unchanged, demonstrating the revenue potential from consumption tax adjustments.
- **Mixed Model I:** Retains the 18% GST while boosting property tax in urban regions by 20% and slightly increasing excise levies. This model focuses on harnessing the untapped revenue potential from densely populated urban settings.
- **Mixed Model II:** Implements a moderate GST increase (to 20%), combined with a 15% property tax boost across both urban and semi-urban regions, along with an 8% hike in excise and environmental levies. This scenario represents a balanced approach to diversifying revenue sources.

6.4 Sensitivity Analysis

Because real-world outcomes depend on several variables—such as consumer behaviour, economic growth, and administrative efficiency—we conducted sensitivity analyses on crucial parameters to test the robustness of our simulation. For example, consider the impact of small variations in the GST rate:

GST Parameter Variation	Adjusted GST Rate (%)	Projected Revenue (Billion INR)
Base (Enhanced GST)	22	9,200
Lower Bound (-5%)	20.9	8,800
Upper Bound (+5%)	23.1	9,600

Similarly, variations in property tax adjustments and excise levies were run to determine threshold effects. These analyses reveal that even a 1–2% change in either parameter can result in revenue fluctuations of several hundred billion INR, emphasizing the need for precise calibration and robust administrative measures.

6.5 Discussion of Key Findings

The simulation results reveal several critical insights:

1. **Diversification is Key:** A mixed approach (as seen in Mixed Model II) consistently produces the highest revenue projections—up to 10,500 billion INR. This confirms that relying on a combination of moderate GST increases, widespread property tax reforms, and incremental excise levies is more effective than any single instrument alone.
2. **Revenue Sensitivity:** The sensitivity analysis underscores that tax revenue projections are highly responsive to small shifts in policy parameters. This necessitates continuous monitoring and flexible policy adjustments to maintain fiscal stability.
3. **Administrative Considerations:** The simulation assumes improvements in tax administration through digital integration and enhanced compliance measures. Without such advancements, the projected revenue gains might not be fully realized. Thus, technology-driven oversight is integral to any proposed reform.
4. **Policy Implications:**
    - **Enhanced GST alone** can partly cover the revenue gap, but its impact is amplified when combined with focused property tax reforms.
    - **Urban-Centric Reforms:** Particularly in high-density areas, enhanced property taxes show significant promise, suggesting a phased rollout starting in metropolitan regions.
    - **Sustainable Growth:** The modest increases in excise and environmental levies not only contribute to revenue but also incentivize sustainable practices—a dual benefit for long-term fiscal health and environmental policy.

6.6 Concluding Remarks on the Simulation Analysis

The quantitative analysis confirms that India could feasibly transition to a diversified revenue model if income tax were abolished. By strategically adjusting multiple tax instruments, the overall fiscal health of the nation could be maintained or even improved. However, the success of such a model depends on careful calibration of tax rates, robust administrative measures, and continuous monitoring of economic behaviour.

7. Discussion and Policy Implications

The simulation estimates and qualitative modelling we provide in this paper show that India can offset the loss of income tax revenues by adopting a diversified tax system. The main findings of our simulation experiments show that a balanced mix—comprising moderate reform of the Goods and Services Tax (GST), selective improvement in property tax collection, and phased hikes in excise and environmental taxes—can collectively yield spectacular fiscal outcomes.

The following points summarize and discuss these findings in terms of their broader implications:

7.1 Analysis of Simulation Results

Diversified Revenue Streams: In our simulation, the hybrid tax models generated the highest revenue outcomes, specifically the model that blended a moderate expansion of GST with enhancements in urban property taxes and ancillary levies. This outcome indicates that over-reliance on a single revenue mechanism.

Sensitivity to Changes in Parameters: The result of our sensitivity analysis is that relatively small changes in tax rates (e.g., a 1–2% change in GST or property tax rates) have a very substantial impact on overall revenue. This is a strong case for the need for exact calibration in taxation. The capability to monitor and react to economic signals in a timely manner is essential, thereby further underlining the necessity of advanced data analysis and electronic control.

Administrative and Behavioural Factors: The simulation makes an assumption of increased efficiency in tax collection through the application of technology. But the realization of tangible gains is contingent upon the effective deployment of advanced digital systems to track revenue and taxpayer compliance in real time. Thus, although the model presents a promising scenario, the administrative capacity to deploy and adapt to these changes is an important determinant.

7.2 Policy Implications

Based on these results, some policy suggestions are forthcoming for Indian fiscal policymakers:

Phased Implementation: Instead of the immediate repeal of income tax, it is recommended that a pilot scheme be implemented in some metropolitan or densely populated urban centres where the effect of property tax reforms can be analysed more accurately. This gradual process would enable feedback-based adjustments prior to a nationwide full-fledged implementation.

Advanced Digital Infrastructure: A key component to achieve the projected revenue is the modernization of tax collection infrastructure. Monetary investments in digital platforms and analytical software will be necessary to monitor revenue streams, detect anomalies, and ensure compliance with regulations. Additionally, digital tools will enable dynamic tax adjustments based on economic conditions or unexpected consumer trends.

Holistic Tax Design: The interplay of multiple tax tools means that policymaking has to be holistic. Rather than each reform working independently, there has to be consideration of interdependencies between levies, GST, and property taxes. With an integrated approach, it is easier to minimize unintended side effects, i.e., making the tax regime more regressive for the poor or imposing excessive burdens on specific segments.

Public Participation and Stakeholder Engagement: Tax reform succeeds to a considerable extent based on public approval and acceptance. Far-reaching stakeholder engagement—comprising civil society members, representatives from industry, and local governments—is thus important. Efforts at educating the taxpayers on the merits of a diversified tax structure, as well as the formation of open mechanisms for feedback, are crucial towards maintaining trust and compliance.

Ongoing Evaluation and Flexibility: Finally, as the economic climate evolves, so too must tax policy. With a continuous evaluation system in place, policymakers will be able to make responsive adjustments to rates and legislation bases. Sensitivity tests, similar to those we have illustrated in our study, should be made a standard component of fiscal policy design.

8. Conclusion

This research paper has explored an alternative fiscal strategy for India through the examination of an integrated tax system in a situation where income tax is abolished. Employing a mixed-methods approach that combined a broad literature review with scenario-based simulation modelling, the research demonstrates the potential of a diversified revenue portfolio to meet the fiscal needs of the country.

The key findings derived from the analysis are:

Feasibility of a Diversified Tax Regime: Simulation results show that a mixed approach—comprising moderate rates of GST hike, selective property tax reform, and gradual changes in excise and green levies—can create a revenue stream offsetting the phasing out of income tax. The maximum revenue estimates are realized when these tools are calibrated in a balanced approach.

Administrative Efficiency Significance: Efficient large-scale administrative transformation is the cornerstone of a successful transition to a diversified system. To reach anticipated revenue growth and guarantee sustainable compliance, digitalization of tax administration, combined with efficient real-time monitoring, is of paramount importance.

Policy Recommendations for Incremental Transition: The research promotes incremental implementation, starting with pilot initiatives in urban centres, with significant public outreach and stakeholder participation initiatives. Continual review and flexibility in policy adjustments are central to addressing evolving economic conditions and to maintaining fiscal sustainability.

Future Directions: While this study provides a valid foundation for reassessing India's tax structure, more research is needed. Future studies will have to incorporate contemporaneous data, analyse regional imbalances more specifically, and enhance simulation models to capture the dynamic economic context.

In conclusion, the research emphasizes the need for a revolutionary approach to fiscal policy that goes beyond traditional reliance on income taxation. With careful planning, widespread digital integration, and adaptive policy implementation, India can create a strong and fair tax system that supports sustainable economic progress.

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