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Message

Although, the State of Maharashtra forms 9.28 percent of the total population of India, it contributes 12.2% of vehicular population in the country. This high share of motorized traffic in absence of adequate infrastructure has created a rebound effect in the form of traffic congestion in urban centres which in turn leads to higher vehicle operating cost, loss of time, increased accident cost and degradation of the ambient environment in the cities. Going by the present-day scenario of urban commute in the State, a paradigm shift is needed in view of the complexities involved in developing infrastructure and the necessity for greater integration in providing, maintaining and managing the urban environment.

To cater to these needs, the State has provided a systematised bus based public transport along with BRTS in various cities. To further contribute towards the national goal of emission reduction, electric and other renewable fuelled buses have been introduced in some cities. To provide a holistic, seamless and easy transit to the users, an integrated transport system have been envisaged between **Metro**, regional rail and buses across urban centres. To promote active mobility, Maharashtra has introduced a number of skywalks to provide safe and convenient walkability among the road users.

I am grateful to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India for providing Government of Maharashtra an opportunity to host the 11th Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo, 2018 which is being organised by Institute of Urban Transport (India) in partnership with Maha Metro in the "Orange City" of Nagpur. I hope this Conference would provide a platform for learning and sharing of knowledge and experience, marking an important milestone in the trajectory of growth, and thereby providing an impetus to the entire green mobility ecosystem.

My best wishes for the success of this event.


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