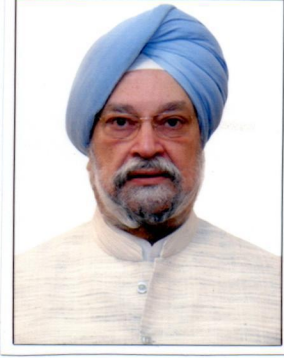


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13 per cent of all greenhouse gas emissions globally come from the transport sector and three-quarters of this is attributed to road transport only. By 2050, global carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from motor vehicle use could be three times more than the 2010 level. The situation is particularly precarious in Asian countries, which have experienced rapid economic development and urbanisation leading to a significant surge in private transport modes since the latter half of the last century. This is mirrored in the rapid growth of India's urbanization, motorization and wealth over the last few decades which has led to an increased demand and intensity of use of energy by the urban transport sector.

Given the core issues associated with the incessant increase of motorised traffic, today's urbanised India entails a specific focus on planning and design for sustainable and green urban mobility in line with the National Urban Transportation Policy (NUTP) which aims at providing sustainable mobility by focussing on moving people and not vehicles. New policy initiatives to encourage investment in climate friendly and sustainable public transport systems like bus and Metro and other low carbon emitting systems in urban areas such as promotion of non-motorised transport infrastructure for encouraging walking and cycling for promoting green mobility is the need of the hour.

In this context, the theme of this Urban Mobility India — 2018 Conference on "Green Mobility" will imbibe a new wave of mobility which will result in a swathe of initiatives which will help realize the vision towards clean, convenient and congestion free travel, duly complemented by key overarching strategic enablers in place.

I convey my best wishes for the success of this 11th Edition of Urban Mobility India Conference 2018.

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