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Road transport has emerged as the dominant segment in India's transportation sector catering to 90% of passenger and 65% of freight traffic, and contributing to about 4.7 % in India's GDP. Easy accessibility, flexibility of operations, door-to-door service and reliability have earned road transport an increasingly higher share of both passenger and freight traffic vis-à-vis other transport modes. Sustained economic development and expanding road network have led to rapidly increasing motorized vehicles in India at a 10% Compound Annual Growth Rate. In turn, it has led to a significant footprint on the natural environment, especially on the ambient air quality.

On account of the pressing environmental concerns that have emerged over the years, the Government of India has launched a string of policy measures that are set to change the landscape of the transit scenario in the country. Shift towards Bharat Stage VI-emission norms by 2020, National Road Safety Policy, Green Highways etc. are some of the measures. Government has taken several decisions to promote electric vehicles in the country. Apart from these policy directives, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has issued an array of guidelines and notifications to promote alternate fuels for vehicles. Government is also keen to promote public transport and shared mobility to effect a major shift from private mobility.

These conjoint efforts are directed towards involving a gamut of smart transportation solutions to change the mobility experience in India, which are environment friendly and sustainable. I am delighted to be associated with the 11th Urban Mobility India Conference and Exhibition, which has over the past 10 years played a significant role in churning of ideas and exchange of knowledge in the field of urban mobility and its facets. I convey my best wishes to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and all other working for the success of this conference and hope that the participants will be benefited with the rich and thought provoking deliberations.

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