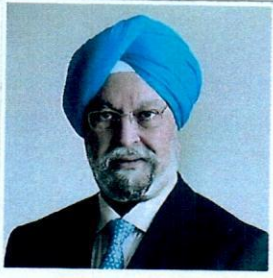


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Message

The United Nations had adopted the universal Sustainable Development Goals in 2017 in Agenda 2030, which recognizes and emphasises the need to achieve sustainable transport development. Accomplishing these goals will require shedding the 'business as usual' approach by leveraging the appropriate technology and introducing new mobility trends. The transport sector alone accounts for a quarter of energy-related greenhouse gas emissions requiring immediate and sustainable reforms.

India's digital surge and numerous initiatives taken in the country have been the torchbearer for achieving sustainable and smart mobility. The rapid growth of mass rapid systems with multimodal integration, intelligent transport management systems, Fare integration through National Mobility card, green mobility including cycling and pedestrianization constitute the future of the Indian urban transport. With the vision to increase the share of public transport share to 40% by 2024, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has introduced modern yet affordable mass transit systems, including Metro Lite, Metro Neo, Regional Rapid Transit Systems and city bus system to fulfil the aspirations of smaller towns and cities.

It is a fact that the prevailing pandemic has plummeted the public transport ridership by 90%. In order to address the changing travel needs of the urban population due to this pandemic, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has issued a detailed advisory to all State Governments and Union Territories on the steps to be taken for the resurgence of urban mobility.

The theme of this year's Urban Mobility India (UMI) conference on "Emerging Trends in Urban Mobility" has been aptly chosen. The Conference through its deliberations will help realize the vision towards sustainable, convenient and congestion free travel, duly complemented by key overarching strategic enablers in place.

I convey by best wishes for the success of this 13th Urban Mobility India Conference 2020 being held online on 9 November, 2020.

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