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Message

With greater recognition for the central role that India's cities will play in achieving its economic aspirations, it has become imperative to generate a sustainable pattern of mobility that enables cities to be productive, liveable and equitable spaces. Well-planned mobility options predominantly determine the efficiency of cities, and minimise the effects of climate change. Affordable and inclusive mobility options greatly improve the quality of life of our poorer urban residents. These considerations have been the driving force behind the reframing of India's mobility agenda under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has prioritised "moving people over moving vehicles", with special attention provided to the needs of the specially-abled, elderly, women, and children. The Metro Rail Policy, 2017 promotes seamlessly integrated urban transport which emphasises reliable and accessible transit for all as well as mandates a more compact and walkable development pattern for commuters. Today, the 732 kms of metro rail that are operational across 14 Indian cities and the 1047 kms of metro rail / RRTS that are under construction signify the Government's commitment to scaling mobility and providing affordable access to urban transport that eliminates social exclusion.

The theme of "Mobility for All" for the Urban Mobility India 2021 conference is highly relevant, and aligns well with the Prime Minister's clarion call for "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas". I convey my best wishes to the event, and look forward to the ensuing deliberations.


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