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Message

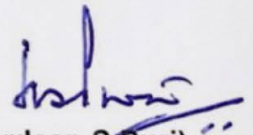
The hallmark of developed nations are vibrant cities which become hubs for economic growth. One of the key drivers of economic growth and prosperity of cities is the existence of sustainable urban mobility.

Recognizing this imperative as a driver for economic integration, environmental sensitivity, social equity, health, and urban resilience, the Government under the leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji, is working towards increasing public transportation throughout the country. With the introduction of modern and affordable mass transit systems, the Government has ensured that the quality of life for all urban residents, especially the weaker and vulnerable sections of society is enhanced.

The metro projects have evolved from mere transportation projects to transformative projects and are a stellar example of the Government's commitment to further scale up the mobility options throughout the country. Today, the metro rail is operational across 810 kms and another 980 kms of metro rail / RRTS is under construction. These projects are also paving the way for 'Make in India' products in the sector which are in alignment with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's clarion call of 'Aatmanirbharta'.

The theme of this year's Urban Mobility India (UMI) conference is 'Azadi@75 Sustainable AatmaNirbhar Urban Mobility'. The theme has been aptly chosen and I am hopeful that the conference through its deliberations will help realize the vision towards sustainable and self-reliant urban mobility in the country.

I convey my best wishes for the success of this 15th edition of the Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo 2022 being held in Kochi from 4 to 6 November, 2022.


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