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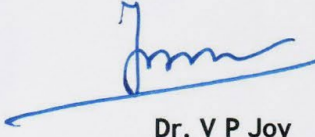


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MESSAGE

The efforts made by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) to hold the UMI Conference cum Exhibition every year and discuss relevant subjects about urban mobility is praiseworthy. This year, this crucial event is being held in Kochi. Kerala has evolved over a period of time through robust systems of transport, particularly its unique Water Transport system based on its typical geography of canals, backwaters and rivers. Kochi has extremely efficient water transport systems. It is one of the best examples of water transport with its country boats, motor boats, solar boats and now electric boats. It is a very good example of an intermodal integrated public transport system also. Further new forms of transportation are being inducted by the Government of Kerala. We are trying to induct Green Hydrogen fuelled vehicles in the state. We are also inducting a large number of electric vehicles for public transport. This conference which is being held after a gap of 2 years, will facilitate high quality discussions, deliberation and presentations.

I wish this event all success and hope that the conference will fast-track the pace of urban mobility improvements in the country.



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