मनोज जोशी सचिव **Manoj Joshi** Secretary







भारत सरकार
) आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्रालय
निर्माण भवन, नई दिल्ली—110011
Government of India
Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-110011



Message

Urbanization acts as a key catalyst for economic growth. The emphasis must be on securing the optimal chances for robust, resilient, sustainable, and self-reliant transportation system. As India approaches the tipping point of transformation from a largely rural to an urban society, their mobility infrastructure and services must be in pace with the technology advancement and solutions. Accordingly, the approach of planning for urban mobility infrastructure in India must be reimagined, restructured and reinstated to achieve affordable, reliable, safe, secure, smooth and green mobility in urban areas.

With this vision, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has been promoting modern, green and affordable public transit system like Metro, MetroLite, MetroNeo, Regional Rapid Transit Systems, and city bus systems with multimodal integration, intelligent transport management systems, and fare integration through the National Mobility card. My Ministry is also focussed to take forward the vision of "AtmaNirbhar Bharat" laid by our Honourable Prime Minister for better well-being and quality of life of every citizen.

The 15th Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo being held at Kochi from 4th to 6th November 2022 is an excellent platform for all the stakeholders at the state and national level to come together to deliberate on contemporary issues associated with sustainable and self-reliant mobility. The theme "Azadi@75 Sustainable AtmaNirbhar Urban Mobility", of this year's UMI conference is quite pertinent to the country's requirements. I believe this event will provide the correct stage for researchers, practitioners, policymakers, decision-makers, academicians, industry leaders, and all the stakeholders to exchange and learn more about the changing face of urban mobility.

I convey my best wishes for the success of this event.

Man of Joshi)

11th October, 2022 New Delhi.