Message

I am happy to know that the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Government of India is organising the 12th Urban Mobility India Conference and Exhibition, 2019 in Lucknow from 15th to 17th November, 2019. A Souvenir will also be brought out to mark the occasion.

Indian cities are rapidly growing and becoming the primary habitat for the country’s population. Mobility needs of this huge urban agglomeration is one of the most studied and most relevant aspect affecting quality of life for all, especially the aged, women, children and differently abled alike. In an era where ‘inclusive development’ is being emphasised as the right path towards sustainable development, focussed initiatives for the welfare of people with special needs have become essential.

The state of Uttar Pradesh has thus evoked a conscious policy shift, by considering accessibility as no longer a social duty, albeit a constitutional obligation. Many cities in the state such as Kanpur, Varanasi, Lucknow, Ghaziabad, and many more have been highly ranked under the 'Ease of Living Index' in the transportation and mobility sectors. The state of Uttar Pradesh has been a staunch follower of the 'Accessible India Campaign' or 'Suganya Bharat Abhiyan' initiated as a nation-wide flagship campaign by our Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji for achieving universal accessibility.

In this context, various projects have been initiated to provide a barrier-free environment for ensuring universal accessibility across various cities of the state. The first metro system of the state in the host city of Lucknow has categorically provided facilities for the visually impaired, hearing impaired and mobility impaired passengers to enhance and ensure a seamless transit environment for all.

To make heritage cities more liveable and sustainable, the state under schemes such as HRIDAY has promoted pedestrian mobility by providing approach roads to ensure universal accessibility. Today, Uttar Pradesh embarks on the path of developing sustainable cities by ushering in an era of universally accessible, affordable and available public transport system across the state. We believe the state would prove to be the torch bearer for the rest to follow for ensuring inclusive development.

On behalf of the People and the Government of Uttar Pradesh, I welcome all participants of the 12th Urban Mobility India Conference and Exhibition, 2019 and wish the event all success.

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