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## Message

Globally, it has been seen that transport authorities together with local authorities are actively vying for "smart transport". Urban transportation as a wider context of urbanization in India has proven to be exemplary in embracing smart technologies in all spheres of its operations. This transformation has been riding on innovative and strategic partnerships, new technologies, improved project and asset management.

For cities to be truly "smart", planners must use time tested strategies, which emphasize on moving people and not the cars to ensure sustainable mobility. This would entail developing a set of options that will contribute to a genuinely sustainable society; promoting green urban mobility growth within a framework of local devolution, fiscal stability and social responsibility.

To understand and validate such requirement of urban dwellers, this year, the 13th Urban Mobility India Conference in its first ever digital avatar is also an emerging trend for post Covid 19 congregations of such magnitude. The conference intends to provide a professional platform for proliferation of thoughts and ideas on the 'Emerging Trends in Urban Mobility' to a wider audience and set the stage for resurgence of sustainable transport in India.

As OSD (Urban Transport) in the Ministry and Director General, IUT (India), I convey my best wishes to the organizing team for the successful conduct and conclusion of the event.

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