

CONFERENCE BRIEF

9th Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo inaugurated on 8th November, 2016, was attended by a wide spectrum of participants comprising of professionals of high eminence in the field of urban transport at national and international level, policy makers from Government of India and State Governments, Chief Executives of Transport Authorities and Corporations world over, manufacturers of transport system technologies, academicians, researchers, urban transport planners, city officials, Municipal Councillors and various other stakeholders. In all about 2500 delegates from India and abroad attended the inaugural session of the Conference. An Exhibition, a complete showcase of urban transport sector has exhibits from about 30 companies in transport sector both domestic and international. Over the next 3 days a plethora of burning issues like improving city bus service, inclusive mobility, transport and urban safety, financing metro system, sustainable mobility systems, ITS for smart mobility, electric mobility, road pricing, climate resilient transport etc. will be discussed in 3 plenary sessions, 14 technical sessions, 3 round table discussions and 6 research symposiums on specific areas of urban transport. One of the key features of the event would be conducting urban transport quiz for students as well as delegates during the coffee break on all days. On the last day in the valedictory session, the Hon'ble Minister of State for Urban Development and Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation will be giving awards for excellence in urban transport and urban mobility. The Conference will provide an excellent opportunity to share and disseminate best transport technologies and will be a platform for exchange of ideas and knowledge for the benefit of urban transport professionals, policy makers, city managers and administrators. The outcome of the Conference will be useful for promoting sustainable transport for development of smart cities.

SPECIAL SESSION

A Special Session for Municipal Councillors from Western States of India like Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Goa and Madhya Pradesh was organised under the Chairmanship of Shri Nitinbhai Patel, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Gujarat on the theme "Decongesting roads and intersections in relieving traffic congestion". In the Session it was highlighted that the rapid growth of urbanisation has led to uncontrolled rapid motorisation which has worsen the urban transport situation even in small and medium towns in terms of reduction in travel speed, increase in travel time, rising air pollution level, high rate of accidents, deficiency of parking space and increasing use of fossil fuel. He said that to solve the impending problems of urban transport cities need to adopt smart and innovative solutions by retrofitting of road section as per road design guidelines. There is a need to develop Non-Motorised Transport network through out the city. Parking should not be free rather appropriately priced and managed. The traffic management such as introduction of one way traffic and ITS facilities will go a long way in relieving the congestion. Road conditions, quality of vehicles and users behaviour are some of the other factors which have to be addressed holistically. In the special session expert presentations were also made by eminent Speakers, sharing their views on how to address mobility challenges to relieve the traffic congestion in various cities. About 500 Councillors participated and shared their experiences in the special



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Inaugurating the 9th Urban Mobility India Conference – cum – Exhibition, 2016 on "Planning Mobility for City's Sustainability" on 8th November, 2016, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development and Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Information and Broadcasting said that urbanisation is one of the most glaring realities of the 21st Century which is called as urban century. Continuous increase of urban population particularly in the large and million plus cities have implications for urban transport management strategy. Although urbanisation is inevitable, it is better to see this as an opportunity and by adopting this approach a big difference can be made for cities. In fact demand for transport facilities outpace the capacity of the city's transport system. Urban transport is, therefore, to be guided by the existing and future needs of urbanisation.

The theme of this year's Conference is very important in the context of the flagship programmes of Smart City and AMRUT being implemented by my Ministry. I compliment the Ministry for choosing the theme of the Conference which is in line with the current programmes of the urban development. As enunciated in the National Urban Transport Policy, 2006 efficient urban mobility focussing on public transport and Non-Motorised Transport modes particularly walking and cycling should figure quite prominently in the urban transport system. Since mobility is the most dynamic factor for cities economic growth, the health of cities and their ability to generate income and wealth is improved with the increasing efficiency of transport system. Urban transport planning has to be people centric and be able to meet the city's aspirations.



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Today's Programme

Time (hrs)	Seminar Hall 1 (250)	Seminar Hall 2 (150)	Seminar Hall 3 (100)	Meeting Room (50)	Conference Room 1
Day 2 (9 th November, 2016)					
0930 – 1100	Research Symposium 1: Integrated Landuse Transport Planning	Research Symposium 2: Transport Policy and Practice	Research Symposium 3: Public Transport Planning, Operations and Management	Technical Session 1 – Introduction (Sponsored by PTV)	
1100 – 1130	Tea &Coffee Break/ Networking Break/ Transport Quiz (Exhibition Hall 1)				
1130 – 1300	Technical Session 2 – Improving City Bus Service	Technical Session 3 – Financing Metro Systems	Round Table Discussion 2 – Mobilise Your City - Comprehensive Mobility Plans for Low Carbon Strategies (organized by CODATU)	Technical Session 4 – Smart Traffic Solution for Smart Cities (Sponsored by PTV)	Leaders Forum- Sharing of Experience
1300 – 1430	Lunch/ Visit to Exhibition (Exhibition Hall 1)				
1430 – 1600	Technical Session 5 – Intermediate Public Transport: Systems in between Public Transport and Private vehicles	State Specific Session 1 – Mobility Solutions in Smart Cities of Gujarat (being organized by CEPT)	Technical Session for Municipal Councilors – Inclusive Mobility: Improving access for pedestrians	Technical Session 7 – Solution for Multimodal Urban Transport (Sponsored by PTV)	Round Table Discussion 2- Advancing Bus-Based Public Transport for Green Urban Mobility in India
1600 – 1630	Tea &Coffee Break/ Networking Break/ Transport Quiz (Exhibition Hall 1)				
1630 – 1800	Plenary Session 1 – Mobility in Small and Medium Towns (Seminar Hall 1) Chairperson – O.P. Agarwal, ED, ISB, Mohali				
1800 - 2000	Site Visit to Janmarg BRTS (optional)				

EXHIBITORS



In view of the emerging needs of urban transport my Ministry has taken a number of initiatives to improve the urban transport system in various cities. We have made considerable progress in development of BRT System. About 580 kms of BRTS is in various stages of development across 16 cities of which about 200 kms is operational in 8 cities of Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Surat, Indore, Bhopal, Jaipur Pimpri-Chindwar and Pune. Ahmedabad Janmarg is the largest BRTS network in the country with a daily ridership of more than 1.25 lakh. As of now, 313 kms of metro rail is in operation in the country in the major cities of National Capital Region of Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru, Mumbai and Jaipur. About 630 kms of metro rail is under construction and another 600 kms is under planning stage. Ministry has sanctioned 22500 buses to 177 cities across the country which have made a significant impact on improving the city bus system. The flagship AMRUT programme also provide for assistance to the cities to procure buses. In both the flagship missions on Smart City and AMRUT due emphasis is being given on development of Non-Motorise Transport (walking and cycling) and road safety measures. NMT initiative taken by the Government include pedestrian and cycle track network development promoting eco cabs and electric rickshaws for last mile connectivity. As regards efficiency of public transport system the model shift from private cars to metro rail has proved that given acceptable alternate the people would shift to public transport. It is for the planners and policy makers to ensure this modal shift. Urban transport in cities is greatly affected by the Urban Planning and Development Regulations. Mixed land use, compact and dense development as stipulated in the National Mission on Sustainable Habitat will ensure the success of public transport system in cities. In this context my Ministry has recently issued the model building by laws which made provisions for development, control and building regulations for orderly and planned development for sustainable habitat. For regulation of traffic in a city, travel demand management, use of intelligent transport system have to be promoted at a wider scale for efficient mobility. He highlighted on the initiatives taken by the Ministry in preparing a new metro policy as well as the new Metro Act and developing a scheme on Green Mobility India. He said that the Ministry of Urban Development will be acting as a catalyst to provide safe, clean, dependable and quick public transport that is people oriented. We are committed to plan liveable, loveable and sustainable cities through the instrument of efficient urban mobility. The future of transport in India lies in sustainable mobility and eco-friendly alternatives. Smart City has to have smart mobility.

Earlier the Hon'ble Minister inaugurated the Exhibition and visited various pavilions from India and abroad which have showcased the latest development in transport technology and services. On this occasion the following publications were also released by the Hon'ble Minister:-

- (I) E-rickshaw in Indian cities: Status and Scope for Improvement.
- (ii) Operations Documents for Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (UMTA) and Urban Transport Fund (UTF).
- (iii) Operations Documents for Traffic Management and Information Control Centre (TMICC) and National Urban Transport Helpline (NUTH).
- (iv) Guidance Documents for Transit Oriented Development (TOD), Non-Motorised Transport (NMT) and Public Bicycle Sharing (PBS)
- (v) Guidelines Document and Model Contracts for City Bus Private Operations.

The Hon'ble Minister also launched Knowledge Management Centre being developed at IUT. On this occasion two MoUs were signed for mutual cooperation between: (I) IUT and Korea Transport Institute and (ii) CEPT and Korea Transport Institute.



In the inaugural session Shri Vijaybhai Rupani, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat also addressed the gathering by highlighting the problems, issues and programmes of the urban transport in Gujarat which are in line with the national perspective. Gujarat being the highly urbanised State, has taken up urban transport programmes on large scale to strengthen and upgrade the transport infrastructure in cities. A Keynote Address was delivered by Mr. Chang Woon Lee, President Korea Transport Institute (KOTI) highlighting the latest innovations in terms of ICT advancement and its applications in urban transport operation and management in Korea which could be considered in planning and operation of public transport system in Indian cities. Earlier in his welcome address Shri Rajiv Gauba, Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development highlighted the significance of Urban Mobility India Conference. He said that the importance of this year's theme on "Planning Mobility for City's Sustainability" assumes greater importance when the Ministry is in midst of implementing Smart City and AMRUT programmes. This year's Conference is significant as it is for the first time that the Conference is being organised outside Delhi. Shri Durga Shankar Mishra, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development proposed a vote of thanks.

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