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## MESSAGE

With the rapid urbanisation, urban India will power the growth of Indian economy in the coming years. This would bring enormous opportunities for economic growth and global competitiveness. Therefore, efforts must be channelized to ensure the preparedness of the cities to manage the mobility demand of a massive urban transition and save them from the clutches of unforeseen mobility bottlenecks. The future of urban mobility and urban living must evolve on the back of a resilient, self-reliant, and sustainable transportation system.

In this endeavour, 27 Indian cities are on metro map with operational network of 810 km in 20 cities and about 982 km under construction. The Government of India has also introduced low-cost transit options namely MetroLite and MetroNeo to expedite the development of metro systems in tier-2 cities in the country. MoHUA at national level have been providing support to facilitate structured bus transit services in all 5 lakhs+cities and encourage non-motorized and other cleaner modes of transportation through green mobility initiatives. Our continuous strive would be to improve urban wellbeing and quality of life that comes through efficient mobility planning.

To fulfil the aspirations, the 15th Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo which is being held at Kochi from 4th to 6th November, 2022 aims to offer the right environment for the proliferation of knowledge sharing and peer learning on resilient, self-reliant, and sustainable urban mobility. I hope, this event will set a stage for making the urban transport scenario in India truly AtmaNirbhar.

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

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