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Shri Bhupendrabhai Rajnikant Patel	Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat <p>Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel was sworn-in as 17th Chief Minister of Gujarat on September 13, 2021. Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel began his political journey as a member in Memnagar municipality and got elected as MLA from Ghatlodia constituency (Ahmedabad) in 2017 Gujarat assembly elections.</p> <p>Shri Patel has extensive experience in administration, having served as the Chairman of the Standing Committee of Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC). He began his political career in 1995, when he was appointed as the Chairman of the Standing Committee of Memnagar Municipality. He served the municipality for over a decade, becoming Chairman of the local body during 1999-2000 and 2004-2006.</p> <p>In 2015, he was appointed as the chairman of Ahmedabad Urban Development Authority (AUDA). In 2017, Shree Patel became a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for the first time.</p> 
Shri Srinivas R Katikithala, IAS	Secretary, Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs, Government of India <p>Shri Srinivas Katikithala Secretary Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India belongs to 1989 batch of Indian Administrative Service (IAS) from Gujarat Cadre.</p> <p>He is credited with numerous public policy reforms & project implementation in the areas of</p> 

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	<p>Public Infrastructure, Urban Affairs, Revenue Administration, Personnel Administration etc. He had the unique honor of implementing the iconic 'Statue of Unity', the national tribute to Sardar Patel.</p> <p>In the Government of India he served in several capacities including Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Director of the LBSNAA-Mussoorie, Establishment Officer & Secretary to the Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet etc.</p>
Shri Raj Kumar, IAS	<p>Chief Secretary, Government of Gujarat</p> <p>Shri Raj Kumar, IAS (1987) is Chief Secretary to Government of Gujarat since 31st January, 2023.</p> <p>He is an alumnus of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur. He has worked in various leadership roles in public administration.</p> <p>Moreover, he has held several policy making positions in diverse sectors such as Finance, Energy, Social Security, Agriculture, Internal Security both in the State and Central Government. He has also served as Secretary to Government of India in the Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence.</p> <p>At present, apart from his responsibility as Chief Secretary of the State, he is also Chairman of Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Limited, Gujarat State Fertilisers & Chemicals Ltd., Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilisers & Chemicals Ltd. and Chairman & Managing Director of Gujarat State Petronet Limited.</p> 
Shri Ashwini Kumar IAS	<p>Principal Secretary, Urban Development and Urban Housing Department (UD&UHD), Government of Gujarat</p>

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	<p>Shri Ashwini Kumar, IAS is the Principal Secretary to the Government of Gujarat, Urban Development & Urban Housing Department, with additional charges of Sports, Youth & Cultural Activities and Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Department. Shri Kumar is the Chairman of Gujarat Urban Development Company Limited and Urban Ring Development Corporation Limited, and a Nominee Director in multiple organisations including GIFT City, Gujarat Metro Rail, Diamond Research and Mercantile City Limited Gujarat Town Planning, and Olympic Planning & Infrastructure Limited.</p>	
Smt. Pratibhaben Rakeshkumar Jain	<p>Mayor Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, Ahmedabad, Gujarat</p> <p>She served as a Municipal Councillor in Madhupura Ward from 2010-2015. She served as a Municipal Councillor in Shahibaug Ward from 2015-2020 and continue as Municipal Councillor in Shahibaug Ward to till date. She served as a member of Road and Building Committee, Revenue Committee and Water Supply and Sewage Committee.</p> <p>She Served as Chairperson of Woman and Child Development Welfare Committee from 31-05-2021 to 11-09-2023 and from 11-09-2023 nominated as Mayor of Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation.</p>	
Shri Surendra Kumar Bagde IAS	<p>Additional Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)</p>	

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	<p>Dr. Surendrakumar Bagde has spent more than 31 years in the Indian Administrative Service. In his extensive career he has promoted domestic & foreign direct investment in various sectors in the State of Maharashtra and was involved in the formulation of State's policies for Information Technology and Biotechnology sectors during his stint at Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation. In his last stint in BEST, he has led initiatives of bringing in new models of bus operations and technology induction that has resulted in complete transformation of bus operations in Mumbai.</p> <p>While working in the Government of India, Dr. Bagde has dealt with the formulation of national strategy on bilateral economic cooperation with countries like USA, Japan and Canada. He also negotiated financing of development projects with Government of Japan for projects in the infrastructure, water supply and power sectors which included Western Dedicated Freight Corridor project. Dr. Bagde is currently working as Additional Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.</p>	
Shri Jaideep	<p>Officer on Special Duty (Urban Transport) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India</p> <p>Shri Jaideep belongs to Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers (IRSEE). Currently, he is working as Officer on Special Duty (Urban Transport), Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) since November, 2019. Prior to joining the MoHUA, he has worked on several important assignments in Indian Railways related with train operations, maintenance of rolling stock & traction distribution systems, rolling stock manufacturing, IT system etc.</p>	
Shri Yogesh Antil	<p>Director in Urban Transport Division, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India</p>	


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	<p>Shri Yogesh Antil, Director in Urban Transport Division, M/o Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Yogesh Antil has done his B Tech. in (Electrical Engineering) from National Institute of Technology, Bhopal (M.P). He belongs to Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers, 2010 Batch. He has rich experience of working in different aspect of Railways. He has handled challenging profile of EMU car shed Mumbai Central, Mahalaxmi Workshop and Suburban & mainline operations of Mumbai Central Division of Western Railway.</p> <p>Presently, He is working as Director in Urban Transport Division, M/o Housing and Urban Affairs and handles key port-folios of DMRC, NCRTC, BMRCL etc.</p>	
Dr. Mangu Singh	<p>Former Managing Director, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd., New Delhi</p> <p>Mr. Singh Graduated in Civil Engineering from University of Roorkee (1979) with an outstanding academic performance. Thereafter, he joined the elite Indian Railways Services of Engineers (IRSE).</p> <p>He joined Delhi Metro Rail Corporation at the inception stage in November 1997 and was MD (CEO) for more than 10 years. He is also instrumental in planning and creating Metro Rail Projects in various states of India like Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Kolkata, Lucknow, Kochi, Jaipur, and Ahmedabad. He has more than 33 years of experience of Planning, designing and Construction of underground structures and constructed more than 200 km tunnels, 70 underground Metro stations, underground parking, commercial complex and other structures. He introduced modern construction techniques in Project Management and underground tunnels and structures construction in the country. He is Fellow Indian National Academy of Engineering, Fellow Institution of Engineers (India)</p>	

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	and President, Tunnelling Association of India. He was a Member of Policy Board of UITP and also Member of many Institutions.
Dr. I.P. Gautam IAS	<p>Former Member, Lokpal of India</p> <p>Dr. Gautam began his career with Indian Revenue Service as an Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax and joined Indian Administrative Service in 1986. He has served as Collector & DM Baroda, Joint MD GIIC Municipal Commissioner and also as Secretary / Principal Secretary Government of Gujarat in various departments like Power, Energy & Petrochemical, Home, Ports & Transport and Urban Development & Urban Housing etc. He has also served as Director Finance of Sardar Sarovar Narmada Project (Life line of Gujarat) for more than 5 years.</p> <p>He has been instrumental for implementing Projects like Ahmedabad BRTS (Janmarg), Kankaria Lake Front and Sabarmati River Front Development Projects. Dr. Gautam was Vice Chairman & Managing Director of Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation (2013-19) for implementation of Ahmedabad & Surat Metro Rail Projects in Gujarat.</p> <p>Dr Gautam was appointed by the President of India as a Member (status of a judge of Supreme Court) Lokpal of India, in 2019 where he served full term and retired recently.</p> 
Mr. Sushil Kumar	<p>Managing Director, Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation Ltd.</p> <p>Since July 2022, Shri Sushil Kumar has been the Managing Director of Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation. Before his elevation as MD/UPMRC Mr. Sushil Kumar worked as Director (Operations)/UPMRC.</p> <p>He has the exposure of International Metro projects across the globe including Tokyo, Seoul, Singapore,</p> 



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	<p>Hong Kong, Paris, Vienna etc. He is a recipient of "National Award for Outstanding Service" from Hon'ble minister of Railways in 2012.</p>
Dr. Vikas Kumar	<p>Managing Director, DMRC Ltd.</p> <p>Dr. Vikas Kumar, graduated in Electrical Engineering from University of Roorkee (now IIT), he did Masters in Opto-Electronics & Optical Communications from IIT-Delhi. He belongs to 1988 batch of Indian Railway Traffic Service. He has more than 34 years experience in all phases of Rail based Urban Transportation Projects including more than 19 years experience with Delhi Metro Rail Corp. Ltd. He has been involved in overall planning of various metro rail projects in India/Abroad. He was also instrumental in 1st Driverless Train Operations which commenced on Magenta Line of DMRC network during Dec-2020. Being Managing Director of DMRC Ltd., Dr. Vikas Kumar is looking after all aspects of the working of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation including Project & Planning, running of metro train services & maintenance of infrastructure. He was instrumental in 1st Driverless Train Operations by Delhi Metro which was inaugurated by Hon'ble PM during Dec-2020.</p> 
Mr. Loknath Behera, IPS (Retd.)	<p>Managing Director, Kochi Metro Rail Limited</p> <p>Mr. Loknath Behera, IPS (Retd.) Retired from the post of Director General of Police & State Police Chief, Kerala, w.e.f. 30th June 2021 after serving 5 long years in this post.</p> <p>He worked for about 16 years in Govt. of India, gained vast experience in functioning of the Central Govt., counter terrorism, corruption, etc. He is an expert in Legal (especially in International Criminal Law), Administration, Investigative, Technology matters, Innovation is the USP, Technological innovation in various Policing & Security fields.</p> 

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Thiru. M.A. Siddique IAS	Managing Director, Chennai Metro Rail Limited Mr. Siddique is an IAS officer of Tamil Nadu Cadre belonging to the batch of 1995. He has served in various capacities in the Government of Tamil Nadu and Government of India. He is currently working as Managing Director, Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) since June 2022. Mr. Siddique has gained expertise in public finance, policy making and public administration. In Government of India, Mr. Siddique worked as Director in Department of Expenditure for a year in 2008-2009 and worked in two key ministries of Home and Finance for five years between 2009 and 2014. 
Mr. KVB Reddy	Managing Director & CEO, L&T Metro Rail (Hyderabad) Limited KVB Reddy is the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of L&T-Metro Rail (Hyderabad) Limited, the largest Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Project in Asia and the largest Metro Rail Project (MRTS) in the world being implemented in PPP mode on Design Built, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) basis, with an estimated cost of Rs.20000 cr.  He joined L&T Group effective November 2017. Prior to joining L&T, Mr. Reddy was the Chief Executive Officer of Essar Power Limited and was associated with Essar group for 22 years. Mr. Reddy brings a rich experience of four decades in the areas of Procurement, Project coordination and development, Operations & Maintenance, Business Development, Project Execution, EPC, Project Financing, Commercial and Business Strategy, Strategic Planning and implementation among others. Mr. Reddy's areas of expertise include overall business development, project execution, operations & maintenance.

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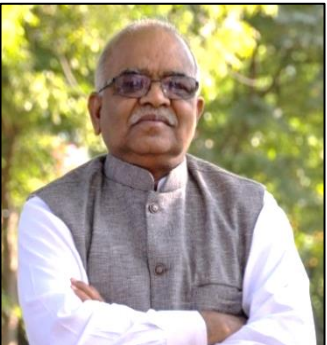
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Ms. Ashwini Bhide, IAS	Managing Director, Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRCL) Ms. Ashwini Bhide has served as Managing Director of Mumbai Metro (MMRCL) since its inception in 2015. She has been responsible and recognized for her work in the development of Line 3 of Mumbai Metro, recently inaugurated in October 2024. Ashwini Bhide was named 'Woman Leader of the Year - Governance' at the ETPrime Women Leadership Awards in 2023. 
Mr. Shravan Hardikar, IAS	Managing Director, Maha Metro Mr. Shravan Hardikar is an IAS Officer of 2005 batch of Maharashtra Cadre. Has served as Managing Director for Maha metro since his appointment on July 2023. Previously, he held the position of Additional Municipal Commissioner at BMC and also served as Municipal Commissioner in Nagpur for two years. 
Mr. M Maheshwar Rao, IAS	Managing Director, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) M Maheshwar Rao brings over 15 years of industry expertise in urban mobility sector. He will lead BMRCL's efforts to decongest Bengaluru traffic, reduce vehicle pollution, and enhance public transport. In his previous roles, Rao served as the Commissioner of Industrial Development and Director of Industries & Commerce for the Department of Industries and Commerce. He also held the position of Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate for the state government, overseeing all administrative functions of Dakshina Kannada and Mandya districts. 

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	<p>Prior to this, he held the position of Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor, Department of Space, Bengaluru. Rao is a 1995-batch IAS officer.</p>
Prof. Shivanand Swamy	<p>Professor Emeritus, CoE-UT</p> <p>Shivanand is an economist and urban and regional planner with deep experience in transport systems, integrated landuse-transport planning and development management. He has been teaching at CEPT University since 1986 and has served as a policy and systems advisor to National, State and Local Governments on public transport and planning initiatives across the country. He has been instrumental in spearheading the planning and operationalization of Janmarg, Ahmedabad, the first dedicated Bus Rapid Transit System (BRT) in India. He has also supported the planning and development of BRT systems in Surat, Bhubaneswar, Hubballi–Dharwad and Vadodara. Shivanand is an advisor to the MoUD, Government of India on evolving planning and design guidelines for BRTS and scaling up of bus-based services in Indian cities. He is currently involved in facilitating technology adoption, operations, financing and capacity building for transitioning to electric public mobility in India.</p>  <p>Shivanand is an active member of the Developing Countries Committee of the Transport Research Board and an Advisor to Land Transport Academy, Singapore.</p>



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Dr. Bimal Patel	<p>Managing Director, HCP Design, Planning and Management Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad</p> <p>Dr. Bimal Patel is an architect, urbanist and academic who has traversed disciplinary, professional and institutional boundaries to explore how architecture and urbanism enrich the lives of people. He received his PhD and Master in City Planning, and Master in Architecture from University of California, Berkeley in 1995 and his Diploma in Architecture from the School of Architecture, CEPT, Ahmedabad in 1984. He is Chairman and Managing Director, HCP Design, Planning and Management Pvt. Ltd. and was the President at CEPT University until January 2024. Dr. Patel's work has won numerous awards. In 2019 he was awarded the Padma Shri.</p> 
Mr. Arvind Nautiyal	<p>Member Secretary, Joint Secretary to Government of India, Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas</p> <p>Arvind Nautiyal (an officer of the Indian Railway Service of Mechanical Engineers) is a qualified Mechanical Engineer by training through the prestigious Special Class Railway Apprentice (SCRA) Scheme and possesses vast experience in Railway rolling stock design, production, maintenance and operations in one of the most complex and biggest Railway networks across the world.</p>  <p>Prior to his appointment as a Member in the Commission, he was posted as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change where he was handling a multitude of charges like Environment Impact Assessment of Infrastructure Sector, Coastal Regulation Zone policy and project appraisals, Himalayan Ecology and Sustainable Development.</p>
Dr. Sharad Saxena	Principal Transport Specialist, Asian Development Bank


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	<p>Dr. Sharad Saxena has over 27 years of professional experience in railways and international development. He started his career with the government in the prestigious Indian Railway Service. He joined ADB in 2008 and has worked in Sustainable Development, East Asia and South Asia departments, overseeing projects in Vietnam, Laos, People's Republic of China, Mongolia and India. He leads design and implementation teams related to transport infrastructure and policy development. He has worked extensively on projects related to railway infrastructure, rolling stock, logistics and urban transport. Sharad also assisted in the formulation and implementation of ADB's Sustainable Transport Initiative. His present work is focused on urban rail projects in India. He holds a Master of Science and a PhD in Transport Studies and Geography from the University of Oxford, UK.</p> 
Mr. Mukund Kumar Sinha	<p>Senior Transport Specialist, Asian Development Bank</p> <p>Senior Transport Specialist with the Asian Development Bank, Mukund is currently on external assignment to KfW Development Bank, Germany. He supports bank's lending in the urban development, mobility, and climate change sectors in South Asia. Earlier, as OSD & Joint Secretary (Urban Transport) from 2013-19, in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, he headed the nodal office for rail and road based urban transport in India. He drafted the Metro Rail Policy, 2017 and ToD policy, 2017 for the government. Prior to this assignment, he was Director - Planning in the Ministry of Railways. In his earlier assignments he has headed the challenging railroad branch in parts of Eastern India. Mukund is from the 1988 batch of the Special Class Railway Apprentice of India. An alumnus of the London School of Economics, Mukund also holds MBA from</p> 



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	MDI, Gurgaon, postgraduate diploma in public policy from IIM, Bangalore, India, and a PhD from IIT, Delhi.
Mr. Mohinder Singh	<p>Former Dean, The Land Transport Authority of Singapore</p> <p>Mr Mohinder Singh is the former Dean of the LTA Academy in the Land Transport Authority of Singapore. He was the Director of Planning of the Land Transport Authority from 1996 to 2007. Before joining the Land Transport Authority in 1996, he served in various positions in the Ministry of National Development overseeing urban and transport planning in Singapore.</p>  <p>His work experience over 40 years covered transport policy and planning, integration of transport with land use planning, planning of public transport systems and road networks, and urban traffic management and congestion pricing.</p>
Mr. Partha Sarathi Reddy Chevuru	<p>Adviser (PPP), NITI Aayog</p> <p>A graduate in electrical engineering from NIT Warangal and Masters in Public Affairs from University of Minnesota and belong to Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers. Experience of more than 25 years in various fields including power generation, rail transportation, projects appraisal and in policy initiatives. Some of the successful initiatives actively involved in include long term procurement cum maintenance of electric and diesel locomotives through PPP mode and private participation in passenger train operations. Current assignment in NITI Aayog, working since September, 2020, includes undertaking policy initiatives towards increasing private participation in infrastructure, appraisal of PPP Projects and monitoring monetization of assets under National Monetization Pipeline.</p>

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Prof. Ashish Verma	<p>Professor, Transportation Systems Engg. (TSE), Convenor, IISc Sustainable Transportation Lab. (IST Lab.), Dept. of Civil Engg., Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore</p>  <p>Prof. Ashish Verma has been the Convenor of “IISc Sustainable Transportation Lab. (IST Lab.)” for last more than 15 years. He is Ph.D. from IIT Bombay and is currently serving as a Professor of Transportation Systems Engg. at Dept. of Civil Engg, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, India. Before joining IISc, he has served in IIT Guwahati, and Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA). His research interests are in: sustainable transportation planning & policy; integrated public transport planning and management; non-motorized transport (NMT); transport & Livability/Quality of Life (QoL); transport & climate change; disaster resilient transport; modeling, optimization and simulation of transportation systems; travel behavior analysis and modeling; pedestrian and crowd flow modeling; driver behaviour and road safety; intelligent transportation system (ITS); traffic control & management etc.</p> <p>He is also the past Hony. Secretary and current Vice-President of Institute of Urban Transport (India).</p>
Prof. P K Sarkar	<p>Former Professor & Head, Department of Transport Planning, School of Planning & Architecture, New Delhi</p> <p>Prof. P K Sarkar is former Vice-President of the Institute of Urban Transport (India) and former Professor & Head, Department of Transport Planning at School of Planning & Architecture and engaged in teaching and research and consulting work in the areas of Transport Planning, Intelligent Transport System and Road Safety at various institutes of repute. He has been actively involved as an expert on various consulting projects in areas of Transport Engineering, Planning, Transport Economics, Road Safety,</p> 

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	<p>and ITS. Presently he is an active member of various technical committees at national and international level such as National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation and International Road Federation. He is presently the convener of ITS committee in Indian Road Congress while he actively participates as a technical expert of ITS committee in BIS, as well as ISO, Geneva.</p>
Mr. Kanzo Nakai	<p>Director, Transport Sector Office, ADB</p> <p>Mr. Kanzo Nakai is the Director in Transport Sector Office of ADB. He is a national of Japan, holds master's degrees in international development policy from Duke University, United States and in Economics from the University of Essex, United Kingdom. He holds a bachelor's degree in law from Kyoto University, Japan. He has 31 years of professional experience including 11 years in ADB. Prior to joining ADB, he was Director, South Asia Division in the Japan International Cooperation Agency and Director, Development Assistance Division in the Japan Bank for International Cooperation. He also worked for Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport, the Government of Japan, to handle urban problems.</p> 
Dr. Klaus Liebig	<p>Head of Division, Climate Finance and Mobility South Asia, KfW Development Bank</p> <p>Dr. Klaus Liebig currently heads KfW's "Climate Finance and Mobility in South Asia" team, overseeing all public transport projects in India (co-)financed by KfW.</p> <p>Klaus joined KfW in 2009. He has occupied different positions in KfW Development Bank, starting as project manager in the East Africa Department and as regional economist for South America. Between 2015 and 2019, Klaus headed KfW's office in Nairobi / Kenya. Afterwards, he led the team for environmental and social sustainability in Europe and Asia.</p> 

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	<p>Before joining KfW, Klaus worked as a lecturer at the German Development Institute specializing in International Trade and Finance. He completed his PhD thesis in economics at the University of Goettingen on the International Regulation of Intellectual Property Rights and its Effects on Developing Countries.</p>
Mr. Ulrich Thomas	<p>Senior Technical Advisor, Urban Mobility, KfW</p> <p>Mr. Thomas is technical advisor for the German Development Bank KfW with a focus on Metro and urban Bus Systems. He focuses on developing sustainable and economic mobility solutions with the target of climate mitigation and improvement of system accessibility and safer transport. He combines both the operational and infrastructure aspects of the projects. His field of work is South Asia with a large focus on India. Before joining KfW, Mr. Thomas worked for many years as a consultant on international mobility projects, for public transport authorities and as a project manager in transport companies. He is a civil and an economic engineer.</p> 
Mr. Ravi Peri	<p>Former Director, Transport & Communications Division, ADB</p> <p>Mr. Ravi has over 30 years of experience in the infrastructure sector, both in the government and private sector. His experience and skill sets span a wide spectrum across the technical, financial, and management streams. Ravi started his professional career with the government in the prestigious Indian Railway Services for Engineers. During his career with Indian Railways, he had the opportunity to work on the Konkan Railway Project, a pathbreaking greenfield railway project of the country. From the government, Ravi moved to the private sector with national-level organizations that financed infrastructure through the private sector and public private partnerships in urban and transport sectors. In this capacity, he developed</p> 


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	<p>extensive experience in transaction structuring for transportation (roads, ports, airports, rail) and urban infrastructure (metro rail, water, solid waste management).</p>
Mr. Shalabh Goel	<p>Managing Director, NCRTC</p> <p>Mr. Shalabh Goel, is a 1989 batch officer of the prestigious Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers (IRSEE). He has assumed charge as the Managing Director (MD) of National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) in July 2024. He brings with him a wealth of experience and a distinguished career in Indian Railways, having served in various key positions. A graduate in Electrical Engineering from IIT Roorkee, he completed post-graduation in Energy Studies from IIT Delhi. In his illustrious career spanning over three decades, Mr. Goel has held several challenging assignments such as Executive Director, Ministry of Railways, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Mumbai Division of Central Railway, Chief Electrical Locomotive Engineer, Central Railway and SDGM/CVO (Western Railway).</p> 
Mr. Shekhar Singh IAS	<p>Commissioner, Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation, Government of Maharashtra</p> <p>Shekhar Singh, is a graduate of IIT Guwahati and earned his postgraduate degree in structural engineering from the University of California (Berkeley, US). Currently serving as the Municipal Commissioner of Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) since August 2022, he also takes on the roles of CEO at Pimpri Chinchwad Smart City Ltd. and Chairperson of Auto Cluster Development and Research Instit(ACDRI). His leadership has sparked transformative urban projects, notably the Harit Setu Master Plan for sustainable</p> 



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	<p>mobility, and the establishment of a Sustainability Cell aligned with SDGs. Shekhar Singh's commitment extends to promoting EVs, empowering women through skilling centers, launch of PCMC's first Municipal Bond and securing numerous awards, including the Bloomberg Initiative's \$400,000 accolade for the Harit Setu project.</p>
Mr. Donáth Zoltán	<p>Principal Advisor, Lead Transport Engineer (EIB), European Investment Bank</p> <p>Mr. Zoltán DONÁTH is the Principal Advisor and Lead Transport Engineer of the European Investment Bank (EIB) in Luxembourg, working in the Urban Mobility Division within the Urban & Territorial Development Department of the Project Directorate in the Bank.</p> <p>Mr Donáth has accumulated vast experience in the urban mobility sector over more than 35 years both in project management and the operation of transport systems. He has worked at the EIB since 2009 and he currently appraises and monitors different transport projects within and outside of Europe financed by the Bank, with special focus on urban mobility projects in India.</p> <p>Before joining the Bank, Mr Donáth worked for almost 20 years in the public transportation sector in the city of Budapest (Hungary). Between 2004 and 2007 he was Technical Deputy CEO of Budapest Transport Limited (BKV) responsible for the technical operation of multiple transport branches (metros, trams, buses, trolleybuses, and suburban trains). From 2007 to 2009 he was CEO of a bus manufacturing company in Hungary which was Strategic Partner of Volvo Bus Corporation.</p> <p>During his professional life, he managed complex logistical, procurement and investment activities, including leading different major urban mobility development projects financed by International Financial Institutions (IFIs), like the World Bank, the EBRD and the EIB.</p> 

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Mr. Praveen Goyal	<p>Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of DB RRTS Operations India Pvt Ltd.</p>  <p>Mr. Praveen Goyal is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of DB RRTS Operations India Pvt Ltd, with over 30 years of expertise in project management, operations, and leadership within the railway sector. A graduate in Electrical Engineering from IIT Kanpur, he served in the Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers (IRSEE) for two decades. Mr. Goyal has held prominent leadership roles in global engineering consulting firms, and was instrumental in commissioning key metro projects, including Hyderabad Metro and Kochi Metro. His strategic vision continues to drive innovation in India's rail infrastructure.</p>
Mr. Prakash Gaur	<p>Director In-charge & CEO, NHLML</p>  <p>Mr. Prakash Gaur has a strong educational background with three master's degrees from Entura University, Belgium, in Economics, Transport Logistics, and Port and Logistics. With over two decades of experience in urban and transport project development, he played a key role in the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) project, India's first smart city. He was involved from the beginning to the end, contributing to the development of its top-notch urban infrastructure and establishment as an International Finance Center. He also served with the Government of Andhra Pradesh as Director of Strategy, contributing to the development of the new capital, Amravati. Later, he assumed the role of CEO of Andhra Pradesh Urban Infrastructure Asset Management Limited, overseeing urban infrastructure projects and establishing the Urban Development Fund.</p>
Mr. Ajit Sharma	Director (Finance), Delhi Metro Rail Corporation

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	<p>Mr. Ajit Sharma, Director (Finance) joined DMRC in September 2021. Before this, Shri Ajit Sharma was working as Director (Finance) with Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd (MRVC), a PSU under Ministry of Railways. Joined Indian Railways in 1988, he has worked in various capacities in Mumbai Suburban Division of Western Railway and in Western Railway Headquarters, looking after operations and maintenance.</p>  <p>He is B.E. (Electrical) from PEC, Chandigarh and MBA from the faculty of Management Studies, Delhi University.</p>
Dr. Gopal R. Patil	<p>Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay</p> <p>Dr Gopal R. Patil is a Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay. Dr Patil's areas of interest include transportation systems planning, network optimization, freight transportation modeling, and traffic operations. He has advised many government agencies including Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust, Mumbai Port Authority, Mumbai Metropolitan Regional Development Authority, Bangalore Airport Authority, New Mangalore Port Authority. Dr Patil was the Vice-Chair (Conference) of the Scientific Committee (SCC) of WCTRS from 2019 to 2023. He is currently Vice President of Institute of Urban Transport (India) and WCTR Country Area Representative for India.</p> 
Dr. Shalini Sinha	<p>Professor and Dean, Faculty of Planning, CEPT University Centre Head, Centre of Excellence in Urban Transport (CoE-UT), CRDF, Ahmedabad</p>

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	<p>Dr Shalini Sinha is Professor and Dean at Faculty of Planning, CEPT University and Head of the Center of Excellence in Urban Transport, CEPT Research and Development Foundation. With over 23 years of experience in the urban transport sector across India and the UK, she has worked extensively in strategic transport planning, transport system analysis and modelling and public transport projects including bus and BRT system planning, operations and monitoring in Indian cities. More recently, she has been involved in research projects dealing with commuter behaviour and choices and the emerging areas of electric mobility and data analytics applications in transport system operations and performance assessments.</p> 
<p>Dr. Gaurang Joshi</p>	<p>Professor, Transportation Engineering & Planning, Civil Engineering Department</p> <p>Dr.G.J.Joshi is working as Professor of Transportation Engineering & Planning at SV National Institute of Technology, Surat. He has more than 30 years of experience in teaching, research and consultancy assignments in the field of urban and regional travel demand modelling, highway designing and road safety. He has guided more than 75 master's theses and 15 doctoral research scholars and has published more than 150 research papers in reputed national and international conferences (TRB, EASTS, WCTRS, APTE, HKSTS, ANT, TPMDC, CTRG, UMI, RATE) and indexed journals. He is reviewer of national and international indexed journals. He has led research projects in the field of traffic flow analysis for urban and rural areas with Indian Roads Congress and CSIR-Central Road Research Institute, New Delhi. He has served as resource person for World Bank aided capacity Building programme for Sustainable Urban Transport Project of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India. He is member of technical committees H-5, G-6, G-7 of Indian Roads Congress.</p> 


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Mr. Jignesh Mehta	TOD Expert, CEPT University <p>Jignesh Mehta is a professional and an academician with more than 25 years of international experience working in both public and private sector projects in the USA, India and other countries. Jignesh has led and worked on significant planning and urban design projects winning National Awards in the US from American Planning Association (APA), and from HUDCO in India. His areas of expertise range from large scale statutory plans including Development Plans/Master plans to Local Area Plans and Town Planning Schemes. He is considered domain expert Transit Oriented Developments (TOD), Development Regulations (DCRs), Form-based approach, Heritage Precinct Planning and Urban Design solutions.</p> <p>Beyond his professional practice as consultant in team leader on various projects, since past 10 years, Jignesh has been also involved in Academics and Research as Senior Associate Professor (Adjunct) and Program Chair for Master of Urban Planning (MUP) at CEPT University. Jignesh has also been a Special Invitee on the High Level Committee (HLC) on Urban Planning by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and UDD, Govt of Gujarat.</p> 
Ms. Anumita Roy Chowdhury	Executive Director Research and Advocacy, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) <p>Ms. Anumita Roychowdhury is the Executive Director of Research and Advocacy at the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), New Delhi. She has a distinguished career in research, communication, and advocacy on sustainable urbanization, encompassing clean air action, clean and low carbon mobility, and sustainable buildings and habitat. Her work has driven key initiatives, including improved vehicle emissions standards and the shift to natural gas-based public transport in Delhi. Anumita has contributed to national and international air quality strategies and served on several expert committees.</p> 


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	<p>She received the 2017 Haagen Smit Clean Air Award from the California Air Resources Board for her efforts in advancing clean air policies.</p>
Mr. Sudhendu J Sinha	<p>Programme Director (Tpt. Infra), NITI Aayog, New Delhi</p> <p>An alumnus of St. Stephen's College, Delhi did his Major in History. He has experience of over 29 years in operations, infrastructure planning, coordination and management at field and policy making levels in Indian Railways with considerable success and appreciation. His performance has been recognised and awarded twice at the National level (National Award for e-Governance- 2019-20, for 'Excellence in providing Citizen - Centric Delivery' by Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Govt. of India, 'National Award for Outstanding Service' Ministry of Railways Govt. of India - 2006) and thrice at the Ministry (of Railways) level. He also served as Dean of the Indian Railway Institute of Transport Management (IRITM), Lucknow, and General Manager Web Applications at the Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS). He has training and enrichment from Japan (Railway Management), Malaysia (ICLIF - Advance Management), Singapore (INSEAD - Advance Management), Germany (UIC) and the US (Oracle). He is the Adviser at the NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transformation of India), the apex 'Think Tank' of the Govt. of India.</p> 
Mr. S Sivamathan	<p>Director (Finance) & Chief Financial Officer, BMRCL</p> <p>Mr. Sivamathan joined BMRCL in September 2021, bringing a wealth of experience in finance and project management. During his tenure of just over three years at BMRCL, Mr. Sivamathan has made significant improvements in the Finance & Accounts Department.</p> <p>Before his tenure at BMRCL, he served as Director (Finance) & CFO at Maha-Metro (Nagpur and Pune) from September 2016 to September 2021. His</p>



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	<p>expertise encompasses project finance, cost estimation, fare revision, financing models, financial concurrence, and financial closure.</p> <p>From December 2005 to September 2016, Mr. Sivamathan was with DMRC, where he oversaw project finance, including the development of funding patterns for metro rail projects across India. He played a key role in project appraisal for JICA, facilitating ODA funding assistance through bilateral cooperation between the Government of India and JICA as well as coordination with other stakeholders in project approvals.</p> <p>Prior to joining DMRC, he worked in a fertilizer manufacturing company, managing various accounting and finance aspects. In addition to his corporate roles, Mr. Sivamathan is regularly invited to deliver lectures and training on Sustainable Urban Transport at esteemed institutions such as NIFM (Faridabad), Railway Staff College (Vadodara), and IUT. Mr. Sivamathan holds a Commerce degree, an MBA, and is an Associate Member of the ICMA.</p>
Mr. Kavi Prakash	<p>COS, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation</p> <p>Shri Kavi Prakash is an IRSS-1999 batch officer and presently working as Contoller of Stores, being overall incharge of Goods procurement and Materials Management. Function in DMRC. He did his B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering from Harcourt Butler Technological Institute (HBTI) Kanpur in 1994 followed by M.Tech in Fluids Engineering from IIT Delhi. He started his professional career as an Engineer with ONGC and after a two year stint he joined Indian Railway Stores Service in 2000. Since then he has been associated with Material Management activities at Railways and worked in various capacities in Northern Railway, Railway Electrification, MCF/Rae Bareli, Eastern. Railway with postings at different locations at New Delhi, Allahabad and Jamalpur. He has a rich experience in Purchase, warehousing and Scrap disposal (Auction) activities.</p> <p>He joined DMRC in 2016 and has taken absorption in DMRC in Oct'23. While heading the Goods procurement team at DMRC he has played a leading role in ensuring compliance of various Government directives in the Public Procurement</p> 

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	fields like Make in India Order, Procurement through GeM, Land Border Policy, Technology transfer issues and the various directives on Waste Management etc.
Mr. Owais Ahmed Rana, IAS	<p>Commissioner of Srinagar Municipal Corporation and CEO of Srinagar Smart City Ltd</p> <p>Mr. Owais Ahmed Rana (born 10 July 1988) is an IAS officer from 2014 batch, holding the rank of 741 in the Jammu and Kashmir cadre. He serves as the Commissioner of Srinagar Municipal Corporation and CEO of Srinagar Smart City Ltd.</p> <p>In 2012, he began his career in the Kashmir Administrative Services, holding various positions. In 2014, he transitioned to the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), subsequently being assigned to the Jammu and Kashmir Cadre. From 2014 to the present, he has held several roles, including Sub Divisional Magistrate in Marh, Jammu, Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India, Sub Divisional Magistrate in Bhadarwah, among others.</p> 
Mr. Sandeep Fuller	<p>Sr. Vice President (Systems), Systra MVA India Ltd.</p> <p>Shri Sandeep Fuller, Sr Vice President (Systems) joined Systra India on 29th July 2021 as Project Director, GEC for Ahmedabad Metro phase I. With successful commissioning of the system on 30th September 2022, he moved to his new role of Business Head for Systems.</p> <p>A graduate in Electrical Engineering with PG in Management, he brings with him an outstanding experience of his working for nearly 20 years with Indian Railways in various capacities and 12 years in private sector in senior management positions with leading firms like Larsen & Toubro, Texmaco Rail and Engineering Limited and Titagarh Wagons Limited before taking over his present assignment with Systra. His core experience is in the domain of Metro</p> 

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	Coaches, Locomotives, Traction Operation and Maintenance as well as project management.
Mr. Prasanna Patwardhan	<p>Chairperson & Managing Director, The Prasanna Group of Companies</p> <p>Mr. Prasanna Patwardhan is Chairperson & Managing Director of The Prasanna Group of Companies.</p> <p>He has been instrumental in introducing new activities such as Passenger, Goods transportation, Domestic/International Tours & Travels and highway Restaurants/Motels. He has consolidated the group activities and drove the group's annual turnover from mere 3.0 lacs to 300+ crores.</p> <p>The Prasanna Group, has a long history of more than five decades in the Transportation & Leisure business with qualified, experienced and highly trained team of professionals managing the operations 24/7 efficiently with professionally designed Standard Operational Systems and Processes.</p> 
Mr Kishore Nathani	<p>Managing Director & CEO, UMTC, New Delhi</p> <p>Kishor Nathani, MSC, MBA, is a seasoned supply chain, logistics, public and freight transport professional with C-level positions in the government and private sector. Kishor is well conversant with policies and administration at federal, state, municipal and corporate levels. He has undertaken 'Concept to Commission' assignment encompassing planning, project development, management and operations. In addition, he has been associated with training and capacity building measures.</p> <p>In his present capacity as Principal Advisor, Urban Mass Transit Company, he provides guidance and expert advice on various business and project matters pertaining to mobility and logistics. Other interest areas also include electric</p> 

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	vehicles and drones where he acts as 'Sherpa'. In spare time, Kishor prefers to be with family, nature, music and books.
Mr. Nitin Nair	<p>Senior Vice President, ONDC</p> <p>Nitin Nair is a Senior Vice President and leads the network expansion initiative pan India for Mobility, Transportation and Travel along with the overall South India business for Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).</p> <p>Previously, he held roles with Nissan Motors, Uber and EY where he managed multiple teams solving for connected cars, tech enabled urban mobility and business advisory across India, Middle East, Europe and Oceania. With overall experience of over 20+ years, he has a proven track record for delivering impactful results with organisations and teams working on tip of the spear problem statements across varying geographies and scale.</p> <p>As an industry and function leader, he has been instrumental in ONDC forging successful collaborations with various Central and State Government entities, large technology platforms and start-ups. He is an alumnus of the University of Pune and IIM Kozhikode.</p> 
Ms. Swati Khanna	<p>Project Officer KfW Development Bank</p> <p>Swati is an urban development professional with 17+ years of working closely with local communities, governments, and private sector in India and globally. She has worked across cities on urban development, mobility, and governance. With keen interest in innovative and inclusive mobility and technology transitions, she is now associated with KfW Development Bank since 2017.</p> <p>With background in Urban Planning and Management and Transport Economics and Risk Management, Swati leads the urban mobility portfolio as Senior Sector Specialist covering metro rail systems, electric buses, water-based transport et al. Electric mobility and Indo-German Green Urban Mobility Partnership are some of the areas Swati is currently</p> 

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	engaged in with India at national and state level. Climate Finance and mobility is further an area of focus from developmental perspective.
Dr. Pawan Mulukutla	<p>Executive Director of Integrated Transport, Clean Air & Hydrogen programs at WRI India</p> <p>Pawan Mulukutla is the Executive Director of Integrated Transport, Clean Air & Hydrogen programs at WRI India. With over 22 years of experience, he is responsible for providing strategic direction and implementing the overarching objectives of these programs. He also leads the teams' development of synergistic and action-oriented research programs to support India's ambitious decarbonization journey through equitable and inclusive mobility solutions. His leadership at WRI India supports the ongoing global dialogue and collaborations towards transitioning to sustainable energy based on low-carbon pathways.</p> 
Ms. Aswathy Dilip	<p>Managing Director, ITDP India</p> <p>Aswathy Dilip is the Managing Director of ITDP India. She is a sought-after expert in raising support for sustainable mobility from key decision-makers, governments, and stakeholders. Her work has contributed to creating streets safe for walking and cycling, implementing parking reforms, building support for high-quality, sustainable mass transit, accelerating electrification as well as creating lively, dense and compact cities.</p> 
Dr. Julia Sattelberger	Principal Portfolio Manager and Team Lead, KFW Development Bank, Frankfurt, Germany

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	<p>Julia possesses valuable experience in the governance and practical implementation of international development cooperation. As a Portfolio Manager at KfW Development Bank, she currently focuses on the development and financing of metro systems within the mobility sector. Prior to her work at KfW, Julia served as a Policy Analyst at the OECD Development Cooperation Directorate, refining her expertise in promoting sustainable development and fostering global partnerships.</p> 
Ms. Zohra Mutabanna	<p>Team Lead, GFA Consulting Group</p> <p>Zohra Mutabanna is an AICP accredited city planner with over 18 years of experience in city growth visioning, transport planning and urban design projects, in India as well as in North and South America, Middle East, etc. Until recently she led the planning practice at IBI Group (now Arcadis) and is now a consultant and team leader of the project support unit for the GIZ-led SUM-ACA (Sustainable Urban Mobility – Air Quality Climate Action and Accessibility) program.</p> 
Dr. Deepak Baindur	<p>Head, Green Freight Project, GIZ, New Delhi</p> <p>Dr. Deepak Baindur is an accomplished professional with extensive experience in the field of transportation, global supply chains and maritime management. A Project Manager for Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH's Indo-German Projects on freight transport and logistics, he plays advisory roles in policy making and implementing numerous sustainable and efficient logistics initiatives in India with state and central ministries of India.</p> 



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	<p>Dr. Baindur holds a PhD in Transportation from the Technical University of Lisbon, Portugal. His research and academic pursuits have significantly contributed to the understanding of multimodal transportation systems and their impact on the environment.</p>
Mr. Vivek Ogra	<p>Partner, Transport Consulting, Ernst and Young LLP (EY)</p> <p>Mr. Vivek Ogra is a Transportation and Mobility systems expert with over 25 years of experience, specializing in the areas of Transport System, Smart City design, e-governance, disaster management systems, Transit Management System etc. He is a partner in Transport Consulting at EY, working on international projects across the Middle East, Africa, and India. He has led some of the marquee transformations programs globally involving emerging technologies, Project management, Test environment validation, developing standard operation procedures for transport management and roll-out strategies. His recent focus is on AI strategies for enhancing efficiency, safety, and resilience in transport. He specializes in innovation-driven transport systems, product design, and architecture.</p> 
Mr. Namit Jain	<p>Founder & CEO of ZEN Mobility</p> <p>Namit Jain, the Founder & CEO of ZEN Mobility, a Light Electric Vehicle (LEV) OEM engaged in design and manufacturing of customized & purpose-built EVs for Last mile delivery (LMD), brings his innate passion for innovation and technical design to everything he does. As the CEO, he leverages his engineering degrees from esteemed technical universities in Germany wherein he spent 6 years and was exposed to a plethora of technologies & experiences as a launch pad and adds sterling leadership qualities and management skills.</p> 

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	<p>Mr. Jain belongs to the third generation of a long line of passionate engineers, all specialists in their fields. He believes the EV industry serves the larger purpose of improving the overall quality of life by reducing pollution especially in metropolitan cities and urban areas.</p>
Mr. Amit Kumar	<p>Senior Vice President, Mott MacDonald Pvt Ltd.</p> <p>Mr. Amit Kumar, Senior Vice President of Mott MacDonald Pvt Ltd is Postgraduate in Civil Engineering with 23 years professional experience across wide spectrum of projects, sectors, markets and clients in engineering consultancy in India, Middle east, Bangladesh, UK.</p> <p>He has been executing large infrastructure projects for various Government/Semi Government/Private and external funding agencies; ADB, World Bank, UNDP, DFID, JICA. Responsible for leading multi-national, multi-disciplinary team and commercial performance and risk management of multiyear and multi funding projects. Responsibility also includes implementation of health, safety, environment and sustainability goal.</p> 
Ms. Aditi Singh	<p>Principal Consultant, Mott MacDonald Pvt Ltd., Noida</p> <p>With over 17 years of experience in the infrastructure sector, Aditi Singh has established herself as a seasoned technical expert with a strong focus on sustainability. She holds a Post Graduate Degree in Transport Planning from the prestigious School of Planning and Architecture.</p> <p>Aditi has effectively collaborated with both governmental and non-governmental organizations, contributing significantly to the successful execution of these projects. Her work has had a profound impact on the sustainable development of infrastructure systems.</p> 


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Prof. Gitakrishnan Ramadurai	<p>Professor in Department of Data Science and AI in the Wadhvani School for Data Science and AI at Indian Institute of Technology, Madras</p> <p>Gitakrishnan Ramadurai is a Professor in Department of Data Science and AI in the Wadhvani School for Data Science and AI at Indian Institute of Technology, Madras. He is also the faculty-in-charge of the Mobility and Intelligent Transportation (MInT) collaborative – an industry-government-academia collaborative effort working towards building a digital public infrastructure for mobility.</p> <p>His professional focus is in developing technological and behavioral solutions for a safe and sustainable transportation system. His primary research interests are in applying network modelling, dynamic traffic simulation and assignment, data science/AI and optimization techniques to Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS), logistics, public transit, and road safety.</p> 
Prof. Uttam Kumar Roy	<p>Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture and Planning, IIT Roorkee</p> <p>Mr. Uttam Kumar Roy is an Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture and Planning, IIT Roorkee. His areas of interest are Housing Policy, Housing Planning, and Design & Technology systems, Spatial Urban Planning and Land Management, NMT based accessibility & Area planning with about 20 years of experience in the field both in Government academic Institutions and public sectors organisations.</p> 
Thysz Estrada	Freelance Writer and Marketing Consultant, Manila

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	<p>Thysz Estrada (pronounced like "thighs") is a freelance writer and marketing consultant based in Manila. A proud transgender woman, she is the Chairperson of the Philippine Anti-Discrimination Alliance of Youth Leaders (PANTAY) and was named an Equality Ambassador who champions LGBTQIA+ rights and representation in media and inclusion in the workplace. She has presented her SOGIE 101 workshop to multiple schools, organizations and communities in the country and served as a gender sensitivity consultant to local movie and TV productions.</p> 
<p>Mr. Ryan Christopher Sequeira</p>	<p>Senior Associate and Studio Lead - Land Economics & TOD, Arcadis IBI Group</p> <p>Mr. Ryan Christopher Sequeira is an architect-urbanist with a specialization in infrastructure finance. He enjoys working with local governments to monetize their built assets and land resources through Transit Oriented Development and Value Capture Financing to build liveable cities. After working across 20+ countries with the private, public, non-government, and multilateral sectors (including stints at UN-Habitat, National Institute of Urban Affairs, and Government of Delhi), he now oversees the India operations of Arcadis' Architecture & Urbanism practice and manages their Land Economics Studio.</p> 
<p>Ms. Kalpana Viswanath</p>	<p>Co-Founder & CEO, Safetipin, Gurugram</p> <p>Ms. Kalpana Viswanath, a researcher and practitioner on gender inclusive urbanisation, is the founder and CEO of Safetipin, a social enterprise that uses data to advocate for safe and gender responsive urban systems. Safetipin works in over 50 cities in India and globally. She has spearheaded the Safe Delhi campaign that was led by Jagori with Un Women and UN Habitat. She has published widely in newspapers, magazines and journals and co-edited a book on Building Gender Inclusive Cities.</p> 

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Mr. Anuj Malhotra	<p>General Manager, Planning & Urban Development, Srinagar Smart City Limited.</p> <p>Anuj Malhotra is a technocrat and a landscape architect who specializes in urban transport and urban design projects, with a diverse experience of serving the private to public sector and as well as the non-profit. Currently serving as General Manager – Planning and Urban Development at Srinagar Smart City Limited – a Govt of J&K Undertaking. Anuj's most recent contribution includes transformational work done in Srinagar which involved socio-cultural healing and transformative projects such as Lal Chowk, Polo View, Riverfront and many more. As GM Planning, he is responsible for the policy, design/ planning, tendering and overseeing the implementation of urban transport and development projects worth ~Rs.1000 Cr., which received several accolades from around the country including the prestigious UMI Award 2023 for City with Best Transport System.</p> <p>Before Srinagar, Anuj served as Knowledge partner to MHA, and oversaw the implementation of the pedestrianization of Ajmal Khan, Karol Bagh project which also won the UMI Award 2019. Anuj was the CEO and co-founder of Centre for Green Mobility (CGM), an award winning non-profit organization in the area of urban design and urban transport. Notable contribution was the Volvo Award for 25km Cycle Tracks in Diu. He has served as an advisor to DDA, and several municipal corporations in the country and also built the first greenway in the country in Bhuj while working with HunnarShaala in 2002.</p>
Dr. Rutul Joshi	<p>Senior Associate Professor, CEPT University, Ahmedabad</p> <p>Dr. Rutul Joshi is a Senior Associate Professor at CEPT University, specializing in urban and transport planning, with over 20 years of academic and practical experience. He has a strong focus on Transit-Oriented Development (TOD), sustainable mobility, and reforming urban planning practices, particularly within the Indian context. Rutul has also worked on various high-impact research projects funded by the World Bank, ADB, JICA, UKaid and VREF.</p> 
Dr. Nitika Bhakuni	Senior Associate Professor, CEPT University, Ahmedabad


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	<p>Dr. Nitika Bhakuni, is Senior Associate Professor & Chair Urban Transport in the Faculty of Planning has more than two decades of experience in the urban and transport sector including 15 years of teaching and research experience at CEPT University. Additionally, she holds the position of Associate Centre Head at the Center of Excellence in Urban Transport (CoE-UT) at CRDF. Her expertise spans database management, safety and equity concerns, land use transport integration, and environmental assessment for diverse transportation projects. Returning to India in 2009 after her 5-year tenure in the UK where she worked in corporate consulting, she joined CEPT and has since been actively engaged in teaching, consulting, capacity building, and providing advisory services in urban transport.</p> 
<p>Ms. Mukti Advani</p>	<p>Senior Principal Scientist, Transportation Planning & Environment, Coordinator, AcSIR-CRRI, Central Road Research Institute, New Delhi</p> <p>Dr. Mukti Advani is the Senior Principal Scientist at the Transportation Planning & Environment Division of CSIR-Central Road Research Institute and Coordinator at AcSIR-CRRI. She holds a PhD in Transportation Engineering from IIT Delhi. Her work focuses on transportation planning, non-motorised transport, multimodal integration, road safety, and vehicular emissions, with projects sponsored by CPCB, CSIR, MoRTH etc. She has contributed to developing several guidelines for Indian Road Congress, including revision of guidelines for ‘Multimodal Transport at TERMINALS’, and guidelines to Design and Evaluate Public Transport and Non - Motorised Transport Systems for Sustainability. She has also contributed as a reviewer for renowned journals, like Transport Geography and Transport Policy, and as examiner of Ph.D. Thesis. Dr. Advani is also actively involved in professional committees, including the</p> 

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	National Clean Air Mission (NCAM) and Transportation Research Group of India (TRG-India).
Mr. Abhijit Sengupta	<p>Country Director, Asia Pacific Smart Card Association (APSCA) India</p> <p>Abhijit Sengupta, Country Director at APSCA India, is an dedicated and experienced IT/ITS professional with a proven track record in designing and implementing innovative solutions for identity and urban transport systems. His extensive expertise extends to successfully managing large-scale projects and providing valuable mentorship and guidance to corporate teams, enhancing their functional and technical proficiency. Abhijit is renowned for his exceptional ability to identify critical business and technology expertise gaps within organizations and subsequently assemble proficient teams to effectively address these challenges. He has handled projects like providing ITS Advisory services to Project Management Unit Group 2 for GEF/ World Bank –Sustainable Urban Transport Project & Efficient and Sustainable City Bus Services in India; Project report for introduction of One City One Ticket concept for Noida City; Preparation of a Process flow on Smart Card Life Cycle Management Systems specific to UWIN project and Biometric Expert for the Project Consultants (Ernst & Young) to UIDAI and to Central Board of Direct Taxation for Biometric PAN Card.</p> 

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Dr. Mayank Dubey	<p>Assistant Professor (Transport Planning Department), Coordinator (Centre of Excellence in City Logistics Management), SPA, Bhopal</p> <p>Dr. Mayank Dubey is a transport planner by education with a doctorate in Geometric Design. As an expert in Road Safety Audits and accredited trainer for various programs, he has extensively contributed to improving transportation infrastructure. Currently, he serves as Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Centre of Excellence in City Logistics Management (COE CLM), at SPA Bhopal focusing on urban mobility solutions. His work spans public transport and active mobility, with significant contributions to IRC codes and the Indo Highway Capacity Manual. Dr. Dubey brings a wealth of experience in transport planning and policy formulation to both academia and practice.</p> 
Mr. Nishant Arya	<p>Vice Chairman & MD, JBM Group</p> <p>Nishant Arya is the Vice Chairman & MD of JBM Group and Chairman of Linde Wiemann GmbH, Germany. Mr. Arya represents the face of today's young and dynamic business leaders. He graduated in Business Administration from Bradford University, UK and has studied further at the London School of Economics. With his innovative ideas and dynamic leadership traits, he has transformed JBM Group into a well-diversified conglomerate with a global footprint especially in electric mobility segment.</p> 
Ms. Japnit Kaur	<p>Senior Investment Specialist, ADB</p> <p>Japnit Kaur is Senior Investment Specialist, with the Private Sector Operations Department at the ADB. Japnit is part of the Infrastructure Division and is based out of India. She has over 17 years of experience in infrastructure financing. Some of her recent transactions covered financing electric buses, battery energy storage systems, and carbon finance.</p> 


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Mr. Prasanthkumar Palani	<p>Haritha Mobility Solutions, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu</p> <p>Prasanthkumar Palani is leading the electric vehicle projects at Haritha Mobility Solutions, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. He is a master's graduate in Vehicle Engineering and Transport Management from Central Institute of Road Transport, Pune. He led the Design and Development team of High Voltage lithium battery packs and worked as a Mechanical design engineer at Mercedes Benz Research and Development India Ltd, Bengaluru.</p> 
Mr. Chintan Daftardar	<p>Senior Program Manager, WRI</p> <p>Mr. Chintan Daftardar is a Senior Program Manager - Transport with the Sustainable Cities and Transport program at WRI, India, where he contributes across various public transport initiatives, mobility strategies, EV strategies, transit implementation strategies, institutional structure, capacity building initiatives, transit policies and research. He has worked in field of transport planning since 2010. His area of expertise is in public transportation ecosystem design, planning, operations and sustainable mobility. Chintan has contributed towards BRTS projects in Ahmedabad, Surat, Hubli-Dharwad and Indore, bus route rationalization for Delhi, Surat, Hubli Dharwad and Jabalpur, bus operations planning, bus procurement strategies, formalization of IPT, public bicycle sharing, integrated fare strategies, electric mobility and mobility plans.</p> 
Ms. Priti Shukla	<p>Program Manager-Electric Mobility, Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation</p>

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	<p>Ms. Priti Shukla, currently serves in Electric Mobility program at Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation. She is supporting initiatives such as the e-FAST (Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport – India), anchored NITI Aayog. Priti has made contributions to Shakti's Transport program, transformative solutions that drive the rapid adoption of low-carbon and emission-free vehicles and fuels, as well as the promotion of clean freight in India. She also made contributions to the National Transport Decarbonization Council.</p>  <p>She was closely involved with the National Capital Regional Transport Corporation (NCRTC), focusing on Transit-Oriented Development and Value Capture Finance for the Delhi-Meerut Rapid Rail Transit System (RRTS).</p>
<p>Ms. Megha Rajpal</p>	<p>Head of Strategy and Growth at MoEVing</p> <p>Megha Rajpal is the Head of Strategy and Growth at MoEVing, where she drives key initiatives like the 2-wheeler project and partnership with OEMs to onboard 3 and 4-wheelers for last-mile delivery. With over 7 years of experience in the e-mobility sector, Megha has played a pivotal role in establishing MoEVing's charging infrastructure and scaling operations. Previously, she worked at PwC India, where she contributed to major EV projects and policy development. She holds an MBA from NMIMS and a Bachelor's in Electrical Engineering from Manipal Institute of Technology.</p> 
<p>Mr. Gonzalo Alfonso Navarro Hernández</p>	<p>Counsellor, Economic y Commercial office, Embassy of Spain, Nueva Delhi</p> <p>Mr. Gonzalo Alfonso Navarro Hernández has been a senior advisor in the General Sub-Directorate of Legal Ordering of the General Directorate of Economic Policy of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Digital Transformation. He was also professor at ICEX-CECO and project analyst at Repsol.</p> 

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Mr. Sandip Ray	Country Director, Ardanuy Mr. Vinay Kumar holds a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering from North Bengal University. He is a Country Manager of Ardanuy Ingeniería in India, managing overall operations and business development in Asia Pacific Region. Before acquiring strategic management and business development responsibilities in India and South India, he has handled different positions in Systra and Egis Group. 
Mr. Vinay Kumar	Commercial Director, CAF India Mr. Vinay Kumar holds a Bachelor's degree of engineering from Roorkee College of Engineering. He has 2 Decades of Experience in Railway System Implementation covering Rolling Stock, Railway Signalling & Telecom both in Bids & Project Stage. 
Mr. Arshad Ali	Managing Director, Cemosa Mr. Arshad Ali is Managing Director of Cemosa India branch office, and has previously been CEO and Managing Director of Introssoft Solutions. 
Mr. Enrique Huertas García	Director, Colin Buchanan Consultores

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	<p>Mr. Enrique Huertas García holds Chartered Civil Engineer at Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE). He is a Chartered Civil Engineer (UK) and Country Representative in Spain of the Institutions of Civil Engineers. Mr. Enrique Huertas García is a Director, Colin Buchanan Consultores and has more than 20 years' experience in transport planning and modelling projects, including the pedestrian and crowd simulations of commuter rail, metro and high-speed rail stations in Canada, the UK, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Israel, Spain, Philippines, Peru, Chile, Argentina or Germany. One of his latest roles has been the Transport Planning Manager of the High-Speed Rail project on behalf of Etihad Rail.</p> 
Mr. Guillermo Burgos Barroso	<p>Area Manager South Asia, LDA Audiotech</p> <p>He holds a Graduate degree in Law and Business Management from Universidad Rey Juan Carlos and MBA degree in International Management at ICEX-CECO.</p> <p>He is an Area Manager South Asia, LDA Audiotech, which is a leading firm in public address (PA) and voice alarm (VA) systems, handling the Middle East, Southern Asia, and English speaking countries in Africa.</p> 
Mr. Sukumar Kolli	<p>Managing Director India & South Asia, TYP SA</p> <p>Mr. Sukumar Kolli has more than 5 year experience as the Managing Director of TYP SA group in India and the Southern Asia region, an engineering consulting firm offering services such as feasibility studies, project management and design & construction services in the infrastructure industry.</p> 
Mr. Tarun Paliwal	<p>Managing Director & CEO, Zitrón India</p> <p>Mr. Tarun Paliwal is a Managing Director (MD)/ Chief Executive Officer (CEO) with more than 20 years' experience of successfully establishing, developing, managing and growing medium/large companies. He earlier worked on WB/ ADB/ EU funded projects.</p> 



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Mr. Ravi Ramachandran	Managing Director, Motorola Solutions India Ltd <p>Ravi Ramachandran is the Country Head and MD for Motorola Solutions in India. Ravi along with his team in India is responsible for the growth and development of AI Enabled Mission Critical Voice, Video and Data Networks across various verticals spread all over India.</p> <p>Ravi works closely with the Government agencies and enterprises, enabling critical collaboration between them for a proactive approach to safety and security as we believe in “Solving for Safety” whereby MSI creates a Safe and Secure Ecosystem uniting technology and people.</p> <p>With an international experience of over 20 years, handling various roles in Technical Sales, Solution Marketing and business development spanning the Telecom Industry, Ravi moved in to India in Jan 2007 to Join Motorola Solutions. In his last assignment he was the General Manager of a Motorola Affiliate Company based out of the Middle East.</p> <p>Ravi has an Electrical and Electronics Engineering Degree from the College of Engineering-Guindy, Chennai and currently operates out of MSI's Bangalore and Gurgaon Offices.</p> 
Mr. Sudhir Badami	Independent Civil / Structural & Transportation Professional <p>Ms. Sudhir Badami, an IIT Bombay graduate in Civil & Structural Engineering, is a Transportation Analyst with vast experience in the engineering of chemical plants, power plants, and building structures. He has worked with engineering consultancy firms, focusing on civil and structural design, disaster mitigation and safety. He has served on various government committees, including the Maharashtra Steering Committee on BRTS and the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority's Technical Advisory Committee. Currently, he is a member of the Bombay High Court committee for improving accessibility and safety in Mumbai's suburban railways. Sudhir is also a founding trustee of the Structural Engineering Forum of India and a member of Mumbai's Think Tank on Traffic and Transportation.</p> 



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Ms. Sujata Hingorani	<p>Landscape Architect and the Co-Founding Partner in Oasis Designs Inc.</p> <p>Sujata Hingorani is a Landscape Architect and the Co-Founding Partner in Oasis Designs Inc. which is a multi-disciplinary firm of Architects, Urban Designers, and Landscape Architects.</p> <p>Her firm has been engaged in various scales of projects, ranging from Planning New TOD Townships, Smart Cities, Streetscapes, Public Landscapes and Plazas, in addition to the regular private commissions.</p> <p>The work integrates Sustainable Urban Design Concepts into Creating Vibrant Public Realms and ecologically sensitive Urban Spaces. Retrofitting best practices into our existing cities is the focus area of her work. This includes creating better Last mile connectivity options in the form of pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, opting for more sustainable landscape-based solutions for storm and waste water management, and finally looking at all the public realm of our cities holistically, so that they become more active, interactive, and work towards sorting some of the problems faced by our current cities.</p> 
Dr. Navdeep Asija	<p>Traffic Advisor to the Punjab Government and Director of the Punjab Road Safety and Traffic Research Centre</p> <p>Dr. Navdeep Asija, a civil engineer and road safety expert from Fazilka, Punjab, holds a Ph.D. in road safety from IIT Delhi. Currently serving as Traffic Advisor to the Punjab Government and Director of the Punjab Road Safety and Traffic Research Centre, he is a pioneer in non-motorized transport and the car-free movement in Punjab. Dr. Asija founded the Ecocabs concept, a dial-a-cycle rickshaw service, which earned him the 2011 National Award of Excellence. His advocacy for the "Right to Walk" as part of Article 21 of the Indian Constitution has significantly influenced urban mobility and sustainable transport.</p> 
Mr. Saurabh Kasturia	<p>Founder & CEO, Street Surge Technologies</p>

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	<p>Mr. Saurabh Kasturia is the Founder & CEO of Street Surge Technologies which provides transportation planning solutions leveraging Big Data & AI. He's a B.Tech in Civil Engineering from IIT Guwahati (2008 batch) and has worked in leadership roles in companies like Amazon, Schlumberger and venture backed startups in the technology & product domain. He has a passion for solving urban development & transportation issues and founded Street Surge to help cities do public transport planning (network design, routing, scheduling), traffic signal network optimizations using AI-powered algorithms. Street Surge's clients include Delhi Metro, Delhi Transport Department, Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation.</p> 
<p>Mr. Sandeep Venkataramu</p>	<p>Senior Associate & Studio Lead, Placemaking for Arcadis, India</p> <p>An Urbanist, on a mission to create humanized urban environments, with a keen eye for qualitative reading of urban form and processes to design people-oriented cities in diverse scales & multi-stakeholder contexts. His 15+ years of experience includes an array of award winning projects in the domain of master planning, streets & public realm design and participatory planning within the larger thematic areas of smart cities, transit oriented development, multimodal integration, active transportation, community outreach and sustainable tourism planning. Currently serving as Senior Associate & Studio Lead, Placemaking for Arcadis, India.</p> 
<p>Mr. Shan MS</p>	<p>COO, NammaYatri</p> <p>Co-founder of Moving Tech, the parent company of NammaYatri, Yatri, and other open mobility apps. Moving Tech aims to empower drivers and integrate public transport through innovations in tech, design, and people. Through its integrated approach of collaborating with Samaaj, Sarkar, and Bazaar, Moving Tech envisions a future where transportation is affordable, convenient, seamless, and sustainable.</p> 



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Mr. Prasanth kumar Palani	<p>Chief Technical Consultant - e-Mobility Projects, Haritha Mobility Solutions, Coimbatore</p> <p>Mr. Prasanthkumar Palani, a Master's graduate in Vehicle Engineering and Transport Management from CIRT, Pune, leads EV projects at Haritha Mobility Solutions, Tamil Nadu. With nearly a decade of experience, he has worked on electric powertrain and Li-ion battery pack design with organizations like Jascon Energy, Mercedes-Benz R&D India and Devise Electronics. He serves as a Technical Due Diligence and Safety Gap Assessor for Electric Bus and Battery Pack manufacturing facilities and Charging stations and has developed safety manuals for electric trucks with COEZET, IIT Madras, and the Principal Scientific Advisor of India. With Global Certifications in electric mobility, he is also member of ASDC and SSEM, and has trained employees at ARAI, Bosch, Tata Motors, and others. He also authors EV courses on platforms like Coursera and Udemy, with 25,000+ participants globally.</p> 
Mr. R. Srinivas	<p>Hony. Secretary, IUT and Former Town & Country Planner, TCPO/MoHUA</p> <p>Sh. R. Srinivas, former Town and Country Planner at the Town and Country Planning Organization, has over three decades of experience. He holds a Post-Graduate degree in Urban and Regional Planning from IIT Kharagpur and a Professional Master's in Urban Planning and Management from ITC Netherlands. He headed the Metropolitan and Union Territories Division, advising on urban development activities, and was instrumental in preparing the Urban and Regional Development Plan Formulation Guidelines (URDPFI), 2014, and Model Building Bye-Laws, 2016. Further, he played an important role as team leader in the improvement of India's ranking in Ease of Doing Business. He has also been a visiting faculty to School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi and is a Co-Chairman of Evaluation Committee, ITPI. Presently, he is engaged as Urban</p> 

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	Planning expert with the High Level Committee on Urban Planning, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. He has also been nominated as Secretary, Institute of Urban Transport for 2024-2026.
Ms. Shubhra Singh, IAS	Chairperson State Road Transport Corporation, Government of Rajasthan Smt Shubhra Singh is the Chairperson of the Rajasthan State Road Transport Corporation. She is an IAS officer of 1989 batch, Rajasthan cadre.
Mr. Mohit Dubey	CEO, Chalo Mobility Pvt Limited Mohit is the Co-founder and CEO of Chalo Mobility, India's #1 public transport technology company which powers more than 6 million daily bus rides across 60+ cities in India as well as Bangkok, Fiji and Manila. Mohit previously founded CarWale and BikeWale, India's #1 car and bike portals, that merged and IPOed with Cartrade at \$950Mn. 
Mrs. Priya Singh	Co-founder and Director, Chalo Mobility Priya Singh is a seasoned leader with 20+ years of diverse experience with startups, the Internet Industry, the Development Sector/International NGOs, Public Private Partnerships, Government Policies, and Implementation. She is the Co-Founder and Chief Business Officer of Chalo, India's #1 Transport Technology company. In addition, she is a champion of women's inclusivity in decision making and promoting diversity within and outside the company. Priya has also received several awards for her entrepreneurial endeavours. 
Mr. Yury Gorlov	Deputy Head of International Business at TVEMA



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	<p>Mr. Yury Gorlov is the Deputy Head of International Business at TVEMA, with extensive experience in railway and urban transit diagnostics. He has been instrumental in expanding TVEMA's global presence, working with rail operators across continents to enhance safety and efficiency through advanced diagnostic solutions. His expertise in leveraging data, AI, and machine learning has helped operators transition to predictive maintenance, ensuring reliable and safe operations. With a strategic approach and deep technical knowledge, he is an industry leader, advocating for data-driven advancements in railway and metro infrastructure diagnostics.</p> 
Mr. Christian Kapfensteiner	<p>Director Sustainable Urban and Industrial Development, Deutsche Gesellschaft für technische Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, India</p> <p>Christian Kapfensteiner currently works as Director for the “Sustainable Urban and Industrial Development” portfolio of GIZ India. This unit is one of four in GIZ India and comprises of 15 projects focussing on human settlement, (e-)mobility and freight, sanitation, clean air, industrial development and river basin management. The projects are being implemented with different Indian ministries (Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Ministry of Heavy Industries, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Ministry of Jal Shakti) across various states and urban local bodies. Through these project Mr. Christian works towards achieving the goals of Germany’s Feminist Development Policy. Through various initiatives at policy and ground level, the GIZ Cooperation under the SUID portfolio has tried to achieve women inclusion in the urban infrastructure sector and improve the safety of women in public spaces.</p> 
Ms. Rana Amani	<p>Technical Advisor Sustainable Urban Mobility- Air Quality, Climate Action and Accessibility (SUM-ACA), Deutsche Gesellschaft für, Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH</p>

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	<p>Rana is a seasoned Technical Advisor at GIZ India (German Development Cooperation) with over sixteen years of expertise in sustainable transportation planning. As part of the Indo-German Green Urban Mobility Partnership (GUMP), she leads national-level urban transport initiatives, focusing on capacity building, policy development, and public transport planning under the SUM-ACA project. Rana also provides technical support to partner cities in Odisha and Meghalaya.</p>  <p>She has a robust background in managing and overseeing transportation projects, conducting research, and developing strategies to advance sustainable transportation practices. Previously, as Deputy Project Manager at the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Rana supported in the technical review of NURM projects and managed two multilateral projects: the Sustainable Urban Transport Project and the Efficient & Sustainable City Bus Service Project.</p> <p>She holds master's degrees in Transport Planning from the School of Planning & Architecture, Delhi.</p>
Ms. Nicola Beer	<p>Vice-President, European Investment Bank</p> <p>Nicola Beer is Vice President of the European Investment Bank (EIB) in Luxembourg. From 2019 to 2023 she was Vice President and Member of the European Parliament with a focus on the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee, the Industry and Research Committee and the Foreign Affairs Committee. She was Member of the German Federal Parliament, Bundestag from 2017 to 2019. Her political career started as city councilor in her hometown Frankfurt am Main, where she also worked as a self-employed lawyer, except during the time as a member of the Hessian state government.</p>  <p>Mrs. Beer was Secretary General of the Free Democratic Party (FDP) from 2013 to 2019 and was deputy federal chairwoman 2019 to 2023.</p>



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Ms. Shruti Narayan	<p>Managing Director, Regions and Mayoral Engagement, and Regional Director, South and West Asia, C40 Cities</p> <p>Shruti Narayan is the Managing Director of Regions and Mayoral Engagement. Previously she served as C40 Regional Director for South and West Asia. She is based in New Delhi, India, and works closely with city leadership to sustain and scale up C40's regional efforts.</p> <p>Shruti has almost 20 years of global work experience specialising in energy efficiency and sustainability. Her work experience also includes Will Alsop Architects in London, Arup in San Francisco and USAID ECOIII in New Delhi, where she has worked with diverse clients such as corporates, developers, institutions, policymakers and donor agencies to identify, design, incorporate and implement sustainable solutions with the goal of reducing resource consumption and maximising efficiency.</p> 
Mr. Kumar Keshav	<p>Director Business Development (India) for DB International Operations & Project Director, Urban Mobility Competence Hub for European Investment Bank</p> <p>Mr. Kumar Keshav belongs to the prestigious Indian Railway Service of Engineers, 1982. A seasoned professional with over 4 decades of experience. He has led large multi-disciplinary teams in all aspects of Design, Procurement, Execution, Implementation, Operation and Maintenance of landmark urban mobility and transport projects.</p> <p>He has been associated with distinguished institutions like Indian Railways, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (JICA funded) as Director - Projects & Planning, Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation Limited (partly EIB funded) as Managing Director. Within the aegis of his dynamic leadership Lucknow Metro project – the dream project of UP was</p> 

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	<p>commissioned before anticipated time. His emphasis on adhering to best international safety standards and quality parameters are well recognized.</p> <p>After leaving UPMRC in June 2022, he took over as Chief Executive Officer of DB RRTS Operations India Ltd for Operation & Maintenance of Delhi-Meerut RRTS corridor which became operational in October 2023 in stage-1. DB is appointed as 'Operator' for this flagship regional rail transit system in India.</p>
Mr. Reda Souirgi	<p>Head of Digital and Mobility Division, Agence Française de Développement (AFD)</p> <p>Mr. Reda Souirgi is head of the Mobility and Digital Division within AFD (the French Agency for Development), in charge of the agency's financings and programs in the field of sustainable urban mobility, rural transport, national and international connectivity infrastructures, green transport initiatives, ICT and digital public infrastructures.</p> <p>Reda joined AFD in 2015 as a Task Team Leader for projects and financings in the transport sector, and then served as Deputy Head of the "Transport and Mobility" Division in Paris, overseeing operations in several regions and leading strategic partnerships. He has also been acting as AFD's country director for Sri Lanka.</p> 
Dr. Karan Madan	<p>Associate Professor in the Department of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi</p> <p>Dr. Karan Madan is an Associate Professor in the Department of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. His work focuses on air quality, public health, and the impacts of climate change on respiratory diseases. Dr. Madan has extensive expertise in the diagnosis and management of respiratory conditions, with a special interest in how environmental factors such as poor air quality contribute to the rising prevalence of lung diseases in</p> 


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	<p>urban populations. His research highlights the critical intersection of public health and environmental sustainability, particularly the health impacts of air pollution and the importance of mitigating climate change to improve population health outcomes.</p> <p>Dr. Madan is also actively involved in public health initiatives aimed at raising awareness about air pollution's effects on lung health and advocating for policies to improve air quality standards. His clinical work and research both underscore the urgent need for integrating climate change mitigation strategies into public health planning, especially in densely populated regions like India, where air quality concerns are paramount.</p>
Dr. Rohini Srivathsa	<p>Chief Technology Officer – Microsoft India & South Asia</p> <p>Dr. Rohini Srivathsa is the Chief Technology Officer at Microsoft India & South Asia, where she is focused on helping customers and partners in India & South Asia accelerate their AI transformation journey through strategic envisioning, focus on business value, and ensuring trust with security and responsible AI. Rohini began her career in R&D at AT&T Bell Laboratories in the US, then pivoted to strategy consulting at BCG and IBM GBS (erstwhile PwC) in India and emerging markets. Her R&D and strategy experiences converged into her now decade-long CTO journey. Rohini holds an MBA from Wharton, PhD from UT-Austin, and serves as an adjunct faculty at ISB Executive Education.</p> 
Mr. Sharif Qamar	<p>Associate Director, TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute)</p> <p>Mr Sharif Qamar is engaged with the Transport and Urban Governance Division of TERI. With almost 15 years of experience in transportation policy research and execution, Mr Qamar has worked on several works projects related to public transportation, long-distance and urban freight, EVs, efficiency improvement policies, and transport modelling. He has also worked on railways, national highways, life-cycle analysis, electrification of urban freight, fleet electrification, EV-retrofitment policy, Scope 3 emissions from transport sector, GHG calculator</p> 



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	for logistics, greening of ports and shipping, among others. He is a postgraduate in Economics from Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, a China-India Visiting Scholar (CIVS) Fellow from Ashoka University, India, and has written a book titled Clean Transport in India.
Ms. Sarika Chakravarty	<p>Team Lead, UrbanShift Country Project, National Institute of Urban Affairs</p> <p>Sarika Chakravarty has nearly two decades of cross-sectoral experience in urban, transportation, and environmental planning domains. Currently, she is working as the Team Lead of the GEF7-funded UrbanShift Country Project at the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) which is widely regarded as the think tank for the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Govt. of India. Previously at NIUA, Sarika was the sector lead for land, transport and shelter sectors of the Master Plan for Delhi – 2041 where she led a team of planners to develop a baseline and formulation of strategies to enable sustainable, equitable, and inclusive development of the city. As part of the team, she also contributed to the formulation of the Land Policy, TOD Policy, and Regeneration Policy for Delhi. Sarika has also been part of organizations like UNICEF and NCRPB and has worked on various projects funded by multilateral agencies like the World Bank, JICA, DFID, etc.</p> 
Dr. Monika Kashkari	<p>Special officer, Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT)</p> <p>A B.Arch (1995-2000) from Pune University, Pune, M.Tech.(Urban Planning) (2000-2001) from Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (Merit Certificate) and a PhD in Architecture from the School of Art and Architecture, Sushant University, Gurgaon, on the topic "Policy for Sustainable Urban Form for Historic Towns of Karnataka."</p> <p>A total of 23 years of experience in the domain of Urban planning. Presently working with the Government of Karnataka at a senior level. Worked on various urban infrastructure, urban mobility projects. Prepared infrastructure and investment plans for 146 ULBs as the Task Manager. Prepared master plan for various local planning areas. Part of</p> 

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	<p>the team for surveying, preparing plan and heritage guidelines for Anegundi (royal village) in the inner Ring of Hampi World Heritage Area under UNESCO technical mission.</p> <p>Currently leading a team for undertaking Transit oriented development plans for TOD Zones for upgoing Sub Urban Railway Stations in-house at DULT. Publicising and introducing Bus priority lanes in tier 2 cities, preparation of logistics plan and Various accessibility improvement projects, like walkability improvements in various cities of Karnataka, Introduction of a Bike sharing system in Hampi world heritage zone, wayfinding system in Vijayapura, Karnataka.</p>
Mr. Mangesh Dighe	<p>Environment Conservation Officer, Pune Municipal Corporation</p> <p>Mr. Mangesh Dighe is an experienced Environment Conservation Officer with a strong background in civil engineering and sustainable development. He has extensive expertise in areas such as environmental policy, impact assessment, pollution monitoring, and raising environmental awareness. Currently serving in the Pune Municipal Corporation, Mangesh is responsible for the city's annual Environmental Status Report and is also the Secretary of the Pune Biodiversity Management Committee.</p>  <p>His notable projects include serving as the Executive Engineer for the Pashan and Katraj Lake Conservation initiatives and contributing to the pilot Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project in Pune. Mangesh has also collaborated with the Chief Resilience Officer of the 100 Resilient Cities (100RC) initiative to develop Pune's Resilience Strategy Report, focusing on building urban sustainability and resilience. Mangesh holds a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Amrutvahini College of Engineering (AVCOE) and a Master's degree in Environmental Science from Bharati Vidyapeeth University. His dedication to environmental conservation and urban sustainability continues to drive impactful projects in Pune.</p>



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Mr. Uday Narang	Chairman, Anglian Omega Group and Omega Seiki Mobility <p>Uday Narang is presently heading Anglian Omega Group. He is taking a lead role in expanding Asian and ASEAN markets in Automotive Parts, Steel & Infrastructure projects. He has more than 15 years of experience in the industry which has given him an incisive understanding of the operations of the companies as well as great insight into the larger trends.</p> <p>Mr. Uday Narang conceptualized and introduced Electric Vehicle Company, Omega Seiki Mobility in 2018 and has been actively involved in the Electric Vehicle business since. He spearheaded the launch of India's first green hydrogen-powered three-wheeler, setting a new benchmark for sustainable transportation solutions in the country.</p> 
Ms. Himani Jain	Senior Programme Lead, Sustainable Mobility, CEEW <p>Himani has a keen interest in accessible streets, safe transport and urban planning. At The Council, her research is geared towards building connections between emerging technologies, travel behavior patterns and land use. This includes the analysis of risks constraining mobility of both passengers and freight, particularly in transport-poor demographic segments and the development of suitable interventions aimed at equitable transport.</p> <p>Himani has 17 years of experience in land use and transport planning, road safety, participatory approaches, campaigns and business solutions development. Prior to joining The Council, Himani worked with strategic philanthropies, academia, consulting firms, and development authorities. She has actively developed policy notes and implementation strategies for urban local bodies, governments and UN agencies.</p> <p>She is a professionally trained architect and urban regional planner. She holds a doctorate degree in transport planning from IIT Delhi. Outside of work, Himani's interests include outdoor sports and working for artisans welfare.</p> 

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Mr. Amegh Gopinath	<p>Component Team Leader at NDC-TIA India, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH</p> <p>Amegh Gopinath is responsible for Electric Mobility and NDC-TIA Projects at GIZ India. He provides technical support to the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI), NITI Aayog, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), and other national and state agencies. He is working with GIZ to decarbonize the transportation sector in India through electric mobility strategies, renewable energy, alternative mobility solutions, and initiatives to improve air quality in urban areas. He is at the forefront of driving green mobility in India under the Indo-German Green Urban Mobility Partnership (GUMP). Previously, he contributed to organizations like WRI, the Norwegian Centre for Transport Research, and L&T. His career spans urban mobility, community engagement and policy development.</p> 
Ms. Sonal Shah	<p>Founder, The Urban Catalysts (TUC)</p> <p>Sonal is a multisectoral, collaborative professional driven by the goal of catalyzing sustainable, gender equitable transport and cities. She has over 18 years experience in sustainable transportation, gender equity and social inclusion, station accessibility planning, neighbourhood and street design, public spaces and land-use transport integration. She introduced gender-responsive guidelines in India's URDPFI and contributed to the Indian Roads Congress urban street design guidelines. She has led projects across India, South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East, funded by FCDO, ADB, World Bank, and others. Recognized by TUMI's Remarkable Women in Transport (2020) and Feminist Voices in Transport (2023), Sonal holds a degree in urban planning from Columbia University.</p> 



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Ms. Moumita Bhattacharya	<p>Senior Advisor, Economics, Climate and Development – Gujarat and Rajasthan, British Deputy High Commission Ahmedabad</p> <p>Moumita is a senior policy advisor, leading the UK government's strategic engagement with the governments of Gujarat and Rajasthan in climate change mitigation, energy transitions, financial services and development. Previous to this, Moumita was the Head of British Council Gujarat, leading on international education and research partnerships. Moumita has a Honours degree in History from St. Stephen's College, Delhi University and a MBA in Finance from the University of San Diego, California, USA.</p> 
Ms. Bhawna Bhatnagar	<p>CoFounder, We Founder Circle</p> <p>Bhawna is the Cofounder of We Founder Circle, India's most active angel network, with 150+ startups strong portfolio across sectors & stages. She looks after deal curation, accelerator program and global partnerships. She is an active angel investor herself, stage and sector agnostic. She has 8+ years of experience in product development, operations, strategy in the Internet Technology sector, including but not limited to AI-based content aggregation, short video streaming, social media and mobile apps. She was based out of China for six years as an early team member for the Global expansion team for ByteDance and Cheetah Mobile. She was also the Co-Director of startup Grind Beijing for 2.5 years, where she built a 40 volunteer strong community to foster the local startup ecosystem. She can read, write, and speak in Hindi, English, and Mandarin.</p> 
Mr. Anand Chennira	Founder, Entrepreneur - working on the next start up


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	<p>Anand has played an active part in the evolution of the EV sector in India for the past few years. His most recent role was the Chief Strategy Officer at SUN Mobility (cofounded by Chetan Maini).</p> <p>Prior to this, he helped set up Micelio (for Shreyas Shibulal/ SD Shibulal – Infosys cofounder) consisting of 4 separate EV companies. During that process, he connected with 300+ Indian EV start-ups and helped fund a few of them. He also helped build an EV community of start-ups to create an ecosystem. He was also involved with an EV last mile delivery service (of 2000 + EV vehicles) and also built an EV last mile delivery bike from scratch. He has worked closely with think tanks (like RMI - and co hosted their Bangalore UML).</p> <p>Prior to this, he was co-founder of a couple of start-ups in the AI/ML space (one of which was sold to a publicly listed Indian entity).</p> <p>Before becoming an entrepreneur, he was with Infosys – in the IT consulting space. This allowed him to live and work and experience cultures across 10+ countries. He enjoys painting and gardening in his free time.</p> 
<p>Mr. Vivekanand Kotikalapudi</p>	<p>Transport Infrastructure Advisor, GIZ.</p> <p>Vivekanand (Vivek) is an Urban Mobility expert focused on tackling issues with urbanisation like improving air quality and solving traffic problems. He has held various leadership roles on Strategy during his 9 year long career at Bosch in India and had started and led the Urban Mobility practice there during 2018-2021. He has been advising various government authorities in Bangalore over the past 6 years on developing solutions to bring about a modal shift from private to public transport. He has a deep understanding of digital technology and helps build citizen centric solutions to nudge change in travel behaviour.</p> <p>Vivekanand currently works as a Transport, Infrastructure Advisor at GIZ. He is instrumental in setting up the Green Urban Mobility Innovation Living Lab in</p> 

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	<p>Bengaluru since November 2021. He uses the Living Lab platform for co-creating solutions around air quality and sustainable transportation.</p> <p>Vivekanand holds a degree in Bachelor of Technology in Electronics and Communication Engineering from IIT Guwahati and a Post Graduate Diploma in Management from IIM Calcutta.</p>
Mr. Vineet Abhishek	<p>Chief Public Relations Officer, Western Railway</p> <p>Mr. Vineet Abhishek is an Indian Railway Traffic Service Officer of 2011 batch. Currently he is posted as the Chief Public Relations Officer - Western Railway, and based out of Mumbai. Previously he was the commercial in-charge of Mumbai Central Division of Western Railway, and was responsible for all aspects of revenue generation (passenger ticketing, freight, rail station premises, non-fare) amounting to USD 482.0 millions for FY 2023-24. Since 2011, he has been involved with various aspects of train operations and project planning in Western Railway.</p>  <p>Before August 2023, as a JN Tata fellow, Mr. Vineet completed his two-year Master of City Planning course (2021-23) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). During 2019-20 Vineet was at the Department of Urban Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) as a Hubert H. Humphrey Fulbright fellow.</p> <p>Apart from India, Vineet has first-hand experience of working with transit and government agencies in Brazil, US and in East African cities of Addis Ababa and Nairobi on various projects funded by MIT.</p>
Mr. Abhijit Lokre	<p>Founder and Partner</p>

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	<p>With over twenty-four years of experience, Abhijit leads projects in freight and logistics, traffic impact assessment, street design, road safety, public transport, and parking management. He led the team that prepared the City Logistics Plan for Bengaluru in 2023 and later prepared guidelines for preparing such plans for Indian cities. These guidelines were formally released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to all states in October 2024.</p> <p>He is currently engaged with preparing street vending guidelines for GIZ and MoHUA, parking management plan for Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, and researching barriers to land value capture in India. Abhijit is also a resource person for training and capacity building programs, at LBSNAA, SPIPA, MoHUA, and CEPT University.</p> <p>Abhijit has a PhD in Planning from CEPT University, and a Master's Degree in Environment Planning from School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi.</p> 
Mr Hari Somalraju	<p>Managing Director of SYSTRA Group India</p> <p>Mr Hari Somalraju is the Managing Director of SYSTRA Group India since 2013. He has more than two decades of experience in transportation infrastructure in various leadership roles with leading multinational Engineering and Consultancy companies across the Asia Pacific region. Mr Somalraju has a good understanding of the overall business environment in the transport sector in India and is well-versed in all aspects of rail and metro projects right from the concept stage to Operations and Maintenance. Under his leadership, SYSTRA Group in India has grown as a signature brand in the rail and metro sectors and is successfully executing projects of national importance.</p> 
Ms. Pritha Ghosh Chatterjee	<p>Senior Project Management and Transportation Planning Professional</p>



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	<p>Research Scholar exploring Sustainable Urban Freight Logistics through Collaborative Crowd Shipping Initiatives.</p> <p>A collaborative and strategic professional with a successful track record in Urban and Regional Transport Projects e.g. CMP, City Logistic Planning, Railway Station redevelopment, IZP and TOD for Mass Transit Stations, Metro Rail DDC, BRTS, Road Safety Audit and Highway Projects. Proven ability to excel in diverse cultural and geographical environments.</p> 
Dr. Pawan Kumar	<p>Associate Town and Country Planner, Town & Country Planning Organisation, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, GoI</p> <p>Dr. Pawan Kumar is basically Architect-Town Planner having Bachelor Degree in Architecture, Master Degree in Town Planning and Ph.D. in Transportation. He is alumnus of IIT, SPA and NIT. At present, he has been working as Associate Town & Country Planner in TCPO, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi. He has 25 years professional experience in the field of transport planning, housing, architecture, etc. He has authored more than 100 technical papers related to transport, passenger security, environment, infrastructure planning, etc. which have been published in various International and National Journals. He has also authored 10 Chapters on various topics in different books.</p> <p>He was one of the trained trainers by the Institute of Urban Transport (India) for providing training for city officials on subject modules of urban transport prepared through Sustainable Urban Transport Project (SUTP). He has also delivered Key note address, talks on various current topics in National & International Seminars, Conferences, Short Term Courses, professional training program, etc. Presently, he is more focused towards various issues of planning and design of multi modal transport system in medium and small Indian cities.</p> 
Mr. Vijay Saini	Manager (Urban), ICLEI – South Asia Secretariat, New Delhi

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	<p>Vijay has an experience of more than 10 years and has worked on infrastructure and management aspects of various projects in more than 40 cities. Including E-mobility projects, such as electrification plan for BRTS in Rajkot, operationalisation of E-rickshaws (Udaipur, Gwalior, Kakinada), E-mobility action plans for cities such as Gwalior, Freight management, Infrastructure improvement, pedestrian infrastructure for heritage area, City Development Plan, Circulation plan, Management plan, financial feasibilities, Road network geometrics, Traffic impact assessment and decongestion and Urban Green Growth.</p>	
Mr. Nitin Nair	<p>Senior Vice President, ONDC</p> <p>Nitin Nair is a Senior Vice President and leads the network expansion initiative pan India for Mobility, Transportation and Travel along with the overall South India business for Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).</p> <p>Previously, he held roles with Nissan Motors, Uber and EY where he managed multiple teams solving for connected cars, tech enabled urban mobility and business advisory across India, Middle East, Europe and Oceania.</p> <p>With overall experience of over 20+ years, he has a proven track record for delivering impactful results with organisations and teams working on tip of the spear problem statements across varying geographies and scale.</p> <p>As an industry and function leader, he has been instrumental in ONDC forging successful collaborations with various Central and State Government entities, large technology platforms and start-ups. He is an alumnus of the University of Pune and IIM Kozhikode.</p>	
Ms. Veronika Pliats Shirzadi	<p>Principal Portfolio Manager and Lead, KfW Development Bank</p>	

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	<p>A public transport and NMT enthusiast both in her professional and private life, Veronika is currently responsible for sustainable mobility projects finance in India. In her previous assignment as principal sector economist for sustainable mobility she was in charge of developing KfW Development Bank's sustainable mobility policies and functioning as advisor to the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development on the sector. Prior to that she held the position as sector economist for Climate and Environmental topics in KfW's policy division. Having joined KfW in 2007, she also has working experience in Financial Cooperation in the energy and financial development sectors in Latin America, Eastern Europe and the Causasus.</p> <p>Educated in Nuremberg and Montpellier, Veronika holds a master's degree in International Economics.</p> 
Mr. Denny V. Thomas	<p>Head - NETC & AePS product, National Payments Corporation of India</p> <p>Denny Thomas is the Head of NETC & Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS) products at NPCI, bringing with him over two decades of multifaceted expertise in Product Management, Sales, and Distribution. His extensive experience encompasses various domains, including Transit Cards (NCCM), Electronic Toll Collection (FASTTag), Credit Cards, Loan Against Securities, and Mobiles. Mr. Thomas is a seasoned manager known for his proficiency in guiding both direct and cross-functional teams. He has a track record of successfully launching new markets and products, nurturing crucial client relationships, adeptly resolving channel conflicts, and providing comprehensive training and support to sales teams and channel partners.</p> 
Ms. Krishna Desai	Mobility Specialist, SUM-ACA, GIZ

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	<p>Ms. Krishna Desai is currently serving as a Technical Advisor for GIZ India's Sustainable Urban Mobility project, and is also the gender specialist for the mobility team. With over a decade of experience in transport and urban planning, she is leading several initiatives. She has worked with the Transport Department of Kerala to develop gender sensitive reforms for transport systems; she is also working with various cities with an objective to improve the safety of women in public transportation systems and include more women in the sector, a pilot implementation of which was also done in the city of Bhubaneswar, by including women as w-auto drivers.</p> 
Ms. Rajani Tewari	<p>Chief People Officer, Green Cell Mobility</p> <p>Enthusiastic and dedicated professional with outstanding experience in guiding institutional-or organization-wide program initiatives. Expertise in matters relative to equity, diversity, inclusion and justice. Possess exceptional ability to lead cross-functional teams in order to identify new program capabilities, assess resources, and collaborate with personnel ensuring projects are delivered on time and within scope of budget. I work for significant and distinctive results (only) helping organizations succeed with people advantage by building creative solutions to the talent challenges. I firmly believe in growth with respect to my problem-solving intrinsic agility.</p> 
Ms. Himani Jain	<p>Senior Programme Lead, Sustainable Mobility, CEEW</p> <p>Himani has a keen interest in accessible streets, safe transport and urban planning. At The Council, her research is geared towards building connections between emerging technologies, travel behavior patterns and land use. This includes the analysis of risks constraining mobility of both passengers and freight,</p> 

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	<p>particularly in transport-poor demographic segments and the development of suitable interventions aimed at equitable transport.</p> <p>Himani has 17 years of experience in land use and transport planning, road safety, participatory approaches, campaigns and business solutions development. Prior to joining The Council, Himani worked with strategic philanthropies, academia, consulting firms, and development authorities. She has actively developed policy notes and implementation strategies for urban local bodies, governments and UN agencies. She is a professionally trained architect and urban regional planner. She holds a doctorate degree in transport planning from IIT Delhi. Outside of work, Himani's interests include outdoor sports and working for artisans welfare.</p>
Dr. D Dhanuraj	<p>PhD, Chairman, Centre for Public Policy Research</p> <p>Dhanuraj is the Founder-Chairman of the Centre for Public Policy Research (CPPR), a non-profit, independent public policy think-tank based in Kochi, Kerala, India. With over 20 years of experience, he specialises in urbanisation, urban mobility, and infrastructure. He has collaborated with state and national governments and international organisations on several key research studies and policy recommendations.</p> <p>He is a noted speaker, panelist, and thought leader at several policy debates, discussions, panels, conferences, and roundtables. He also writes extensively for several leading media publications and contributes his expertise and opinion as a policy expert on news channels. Currently, he is also the President of the Association of Public Policy Education in India (APPE) and was the Secretary General of Liberal Youth South Asia (LYSA) from 2008- 09 and Founder President and Trustee of Liberal Youth Forum of India (LYF) from 2008 to 2011.</p> 
Mr. Chander Shekhar Khare, IAS	<p>Managing Director, Haryana Mass Rapid Transport Corporation Limited (HMRTC)</p> <p>Dr. Chander Shekhar Khare, a 2008-batch IAS officer, has been appointed as the Managing Director of Haryana Mass Rapid Transport Corporation Ltd. and Gurugram Metro Rail Ltd. With over 15 years of service in public administration, he brings a rich policy, management, and infrastructure background.</p> 



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	<p>Previously, Dr. Khare held key roles within the Haryana government, including Special Secretary and Director for Science and technology and Human Resources Departments, leveraging his skills in data analysis and program evaluation.</p> <p>A Joint Japan World Bank Scholar, Dr. Khare completed a Master of Development Practice at the University of California, Berkeley, specializing in development economics and sustainable development. His experience as an Additional Commissioner in Rohtak further underscores his commitment to governance and effective public service. In his new role, Dr. Khare is dedicated to advancing Haryana's urban transport infrastructure, supporting sustainable, efficient public transportation solutions.</p>
Mr. Pramoj Sanker	<p>Managing Director and Chairman KSRTC</p> <p>Shri. Pramoj Sanker, IOFS, Additional Transport Commissioner, Govt. of Kerala, is the Chairman and Managing Director of Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC).</p> <p>A mechanical engineering graduate from Sree Chitra Thirunal College of Engineering, Thiruvananthapuram, an engineering college of the Department of Transport, and M-Tech from IIT Madras, Mr. Sankar is a 2009 batch Indian Ordnance Factories Service (IOFS) officer.</p> 
Dr. Om Prakash, IAS	<p>Municipal Commissioner, Junagadh, Gujarat</p> <p>Dr. Om Prakash is a distinguished IAS officer from the 2016 batch with an MBBS, Diploma in Public Health (DPH), and Masters in Public Management (MPM). His current role as the Municipal Commissioner of Junagadh involves overseeing the city's administration and development projects, ensuring efficient municipal services, and addressing the needs of the local population.</p> <p>He has a notable administrative background, particularly in urban development. As the Municipal Commissioner of Junagadh, he has successfully implemented various projects to improve infrastructure, sanitation, and public services.</p> 

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	<p>Dr. Om Prakash also played a significant role in the fight against COVID-19 while serving in Ahmedabad, leveraging his medical expertise to manage the pandemic response effectively. Additionally, he served as the District Development Officer of Mehsana, where he oversaw various developmental projects and initiatives.</p>
Mr. Harpal Dave	<p>Additional Chief Town Planner, Town Planning and Valuation Department, Govt of Gujarat</p> <p>Harpal Dave serves as the Additional Chief Town Planner in the Town Planning and Valuation Department of the Government of Gujarat. He has a decade of experience as an Assistant Town and Country Planner with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs' Town and Country Planning Organization and five years as a Project Associate at the Center for Research Development and Consultancy at CEPT University. During his career, he has been involved in the Inclusive Heritage-Based City Development project. He has developed expertise in administrative land structures for planning and development and urban planning around ports. His contributions include several publications on these topics.</p> 
Mr. Krishna Khanna	<p>Programme Associate Sustainable Mobility, CEEW</p> <p>Krishna is a Research Analyst with the mobility team at the Council. His work focuses on the promotion of public transport and on designing newer methodologies of utilising mobility data, through which he aims to contribute to the ever-evolving discourse of urbanism and sustainable cities.</p> <p>Before joining the Council, Krishna worked as an architectural consultant on projects of various scales – including retrofitting and site services designing. He has also interned with the smart city company of Kalyan Dombivli, working on the upcoming multimodal hub at the Kalyan station precinct. Through this engagement, he developed an academic study to introduce last mile connectivity to the city-suburban railway network using bicycles. The study analysed</p> 

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	<p>infrastructural, institutional and individual stakeholder perspectives for a city-wide bike plan.</p> <p>As an experienced architect licensed under the Council of Architecture, Krishna holds an M.Tech in Urban Development Management from the TERI School of Advanced Studies, New Delhi. He likes experimenting with watercolors and acrylics and prefers to read and binge-watch series.</p>
Mr. Soumitri Das	<p>Team Lead (Environment), USAID</p> <p>Mr. Soumitri Das is a Chevening Scholar with over 20 years of international experience related to environment, energy, climate change, and natural resource management. He is currently working as a Project Management Specialist (Environment) and Team Lead (Pollution and Health Impacts) with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), in New Delhi, India. He has earlier worked with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi, India; United Nations Environment Programme - World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), Cambridge, UK; Forest Technology Group, South Carolina, USA; and the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIMA), India. He holds a Master's in Forestry from Virginia Tech, USA; a Master's in Forestry Management from the Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal; and a Bachelor's in Physics from the University of Delhi, India.</p> 
Mr. Sourav Dhar	<p>Programme Lead, Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW)</p> <p>Mr. Sourav Dhar brings over 12 years of in-depth expertise in the mobility sector, with a specialized focus on non-motorised transport (NMT), public transportation, the electrification of medium and heavy-duty vehicles (MHDVs), and urban governance. At CEEW, he plays a pivotal role in various projects aimed at enhancing public transport accessibility, promoting the electrification of L5M category fleets across diverse geographies, and creating a supportive environment for the transition to electric MHDVs. Additionally, he is actively involved in</p> 

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	<p>strengthening urban governance frameworks to advance sustainable transportation solutions.</p> <p>Before joining CEEW, Sourav worked as a Senior Transport Planner at the Department of Urban Land Transport (DULT) in Karnataka and as a Project Associate at CEPT Research Development Consultancy. In these roles, he contributed to groundbreaking initiatives such as the implementation of India's first city-scale Public Bicycle Sharing System in Mysore, the design of NMT infrastructure at both neighbourhood and corridor levels, preparing parking action plans for Bangalore and multimodal integration planning at key transit hubs. Sourav's broad experience demonstrates his strong commitment to improving urban mobility through innovative and sustainable approaches.</p>
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