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**New Delhi, Delhi, India**

The three-day expo conducted in the capital received an overwhelming response and was concluded with **Smart Cities India 2016 Awards**. 2nd Smart Cities India 2016 expo was inaugurated by **Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister of Railways,**

**Government of India, and Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent charge), Ministry of Power, Coal, and New & Renewable Energy, Government of India.**

The inaugural ceremony also saw world leaders such as **H.E. Mr. Harald Sandberg (Ambassador to India, Embassy of Sweden), H.E. Mr. Chung-Kwang Tien (Ambassador to India, Embassy of Taiwan), Meenakshi Lekhi (Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, India), Mr. Ravinder Pal Singh (Director – Solutions Strategy & Business Development, Smart Cities, IoT & Digitization, Dell Inc., India), Dr. Ajay Mathur (Director General, TERI, India), to name a few.**

The three-day **Smart Transportation 2016 expo**, focused on smart technologies and solutions for convenient and eco-friendly transportation systems in cities, received enormous response from the visitors.

**The Mayors Conclave** was organized on the 2nd day of the Smart Cities India 2016 expo. The conclave provided a platform to mayors, municipal commissioners, and strategy advisors from across the globe, to foster best practices in urban policy innovation and drive sustainable action in building Indian **Smart Cities**.

**The 3rd day of the expo witnessed Smart Village Conclave** with members of parliament, pradhans, sarpanchs, innovators and influencers deliberating on the needs of urban sustainability.

Present in the Conclave, **Dr. Udit Raj, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, Govt. of India**, remarked: "The real reason for migration from village to cities is the lack of economic activity other than seasonal farming. The increasing burden of population in the cities results in the birth of unauthorized colonies, and thereby smarter villages is the need of now."

"Cities are overburdened because of migration. Central government is helping gram panchayats to ensure that India sustains as an agricultural economy. Smart Villages will ensure that migration level to cities fall down. Development includes zila parishads uplifting educational standards, introducing apps and other softwares. It is essential to learn that the core of village lies in agriculture, then the whole nation will thrive," commented, **Shri Chandrakant Khaire, Member of Parliament, Govt. of India**.

In addition, Smart Cities India 2016 expo also witnessed **Smart Cities India awards 2016** on the last day, to recognize pioneering projects that aim to make cities more livable, and economically viable. For 9 categories, there were 11 winners including **Design Plus, Goyani Group, Freespanz Design Build Pvt Ltd, Bosch, Sun Moksha Power Pvt Ltd., K-Nomics, JUSCO, Daily Dump, Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation, Safiee Burhani Upliftment Trust, and Allied Digital Services Ltd.**



## 1st Smart Cities India Awards

Commenting on **Smart Cities India Awards 2016**, **Manojit Bose, Senior Director, NASSCOM**, “The SCI 2016 awards is a very timely initiative, with shortlisted cities embarking on the next steps focusing on execution and putting in place structures to drive the same. It should attempt to recognize exemplary work being done in the Smart Cities arena in India and even outside, across city sectors, several of which could serve as lighthouse projects for our cities as they prepare to undertake this journey in urban transformation.”

Concurrent conference sessions deliberated on various topics such as Smart Urban Planning, Smart water solutions for smart cities, Public Transport: Shaping the future of cities, Waste management solutions for smart cities Skills to build smart cities, Building healthy cities, etc.

**Mr. Ashwini Bhagat, IAS, CMD, Jaipur Metro**, India present in the session of Public Transport: Shaping the future of cities, remarked: “There is a need to revolutionize the transport system the people demand. In Jaipur, only 20% of the city’s population is expected to grow to 50% by 2030. This gives us not only the opportunity for increased capacity but lay a road for high expectation to reduce the waiting time.”

“Smart education is about enhanced learning. Digital technology is an enabler to produce better results and impart both technical and soft skills. Smart education will equip students to understand and analyse subjects in a better manner,” stated, **Mr. Vineet Gupta, Founder & Pro Vice Chancellor, Ashoka University, India**.

The three-day expo received considerable support from ministries, public and private companies in India and across the globe. The speakers from around the world participated and shared their expertise on the smart cities vision.

On the successful completion of the expo, **Mr. Prem Behl, Chairman Exhibition India Group** said “With 2nd Smart Cities India 2016 expo, the blueprint for this industry has been outlined and we will continue to contribute towards the development of these sectors as the journey continues. I thank the ministries, delegates, speakers, exhibitors and visitors for making the second edition of the expo a huge success.”

## **About Smart Cities India 2016 expo**

**Smart Cities India expo** is an annual exhibition and conference organized by Exhibitions India group. Launched in 2015, the expo has emerged as one of the significant smart city events worldwide.

The 2nd Smart Cities India expo 2016 is supported by 10 central government ministries. Support from some of the leading associations including NASSCOM; The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI); The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE); Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC); Asia Society for Social Improvement and Sustainable Transformation (ASSIST); Battery Rickshaw Welfare Association (BRWA); COAI; etc. There are 46 concurrent conference sessions with 300 speakers deliberating on various sectors water and waste management, environment, urban planning, green building, smart transport, IT communications, e-governance, smart grid, clean energy, education and skills to build smart cities, smart manufacturing, make in India, smart health, disaster management etc.

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