



Vipul Mitra, Principal Secretary, Department of Transport, Government of Gujarat (in the centre), inaugurating the summit flanked by other dignitaries

SMART TRANSPORTATION TAKES CENTRESTAGE AT NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT IN GUJARAT

To showcase the benefits of smart transportation in cities and how it is changing people's lives everyday, a day-long National Transport Summit was organised by the Government of Gujarat in association with Elets Technomedia Private Limited.

Vipul Mitra, Principal Secretary, Department of Transport, Government of Gujarat, inaugurated the summit which brought experts from the Government and private sector together to discuss and deliberate upon the finest practices of the Smart Transportation sector, especially Gujarat.

A special issue of eGov magazine was also launched at this occasion.

R M Jadhav, Transport Commissioner, Government of Gujarat, was the programme chair of the summit.

Vinit Goenka, Advisor and Member, IT Task Force, Ministry of Road and Transport and Highways, Government of India, also spoke at length about the urban mobility scenario in India.

"Lucknow Metro Rail Corporation (LMRC) has set a fine example in front of the whole country by completing the first phase of the metro in record time," said Kumar Keshav, LMRC's Managing Director.

Kumar Keshav, shared an insight into the Metro system of Uttar Pradesh at the summit.

"Smart transportation is still in its infancy stage in India, though it has improved the quality of life of citizens in other countries," said Amlan Bora, Chief Representative of Netherlands-Business Support, Embassy of Netherland.

To share his international perspective, Amlan Bora, was also present on the occasion.

Elets Technomedia plans to do Smart Cities Summit in 100 cities of the country. Smart transportation is one of the components of Smart Cities, an ongoing endeavour of Government of India's Smart Cities Mission.

VIPUL MITRA

Principal Secretary (Transport),
Ports and Transport
Department, Government of
Gujarat

We have equipped all the 8,000 buses of the Gujarat State Transport with GPS. The data is fed into a mobile app which gives information about the departure arrival, seat number and other related information of the buses. Punctuality of the Gujarat State Transport buses has improved from 72 per cent to 96 per cent because of a software which linked the punctuality of the drivers with their salary.



Participants of discussion attentively listening to deliberations



Official launch of special issue of eGov magazine by Vipul Mitra, Principal Secretary (Transport), Ports and Transport Department, Government of Gujarat (third from left) along with other personalities

INAUGURATION: Accelerating Growth by Redefining Transport Spectrum

“State Road Safety Council, City Road Safety Committee, District Road Safety Committee, and Team Van Project work collaboratively to ensure road safety in Gujarat.”



R M JADAV
Transport Commissioner, Ports & Transport Department, Government of Gujarat

“I’d read in my childhood that civilisations happen on the banks of a river; but, in fact, civilizations happen on the banks of the road.”



VINIT GOENKA
Member (IT Task Force); Ministry of Road, Transport & Highways, Government of India

SESSION: Tech Led Mobility & Transport Transformation in India

“We have developed strong capabilities in implementing key railway systems. We’d like to work with the Indian Government and support them with our integrated mobility solutions.”



DILIPSINH JADEJA
Vice President, IL&FS Rail Limited

“Technology is an important lever for us to see how we can integrate various modes of transport. It’s important that all stakeholders work together and figure-out technological solutions with creative ideas, both on the supply side and on the demand side for creating world-class solutions.”



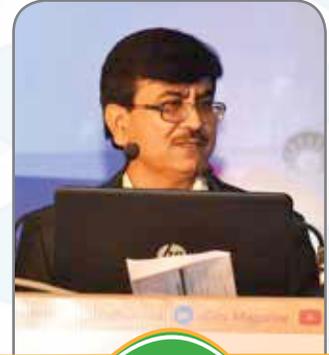
RAMA HARINATH K
Senior Director, New Initiatives, Ola Cabs

“With urban areas contributing almost 60 per cent of India’s GDP, sustainable growth requires basic services to be made available in the cities, providing efficient transport systems towards a great governance.”



KUMAR KESHAV
Managing Director, Lucknow Metro Rail Corporation Limited, Government of Uttar Pradesh

“Earlier, our planning was based on how to construct roads faster; now, we say, whether we can make our city accessible. The paradigm of transportation planning is rapidly changing.”



SAMEER SHARMA
Vice President & Head, Transport Planning, Delhi Integrated Multi-Modal Transit System Ltd. (DIMTS)

SESSION: : Smart Transport Ecosystem, Parking Infrastructure and Management for Smart Cities in India

“In Hyderabad, virtual loop cameras have been installed in all the directions of the junction, and is an integral part of traffic control system.”



DR B JANARDHAN REDDY
Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation

Startups are working in the area of smart parking and parking management helps users save time, fuel, energy and business of certain small shopkeepers. Parking spaces can also be booked through website. To make parking smart, Government has integrated internet, networks, video cameras, surveillance etc.



DR NARHARI SINGH BANGER
Addl. Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Gurugram, Government of Haryana

We need to provide most of the transport services online to the citizens. We need to eliminate the need to carry the documents to the Regional Transport Office altogether. More e-payment options should be made available to citizens so that they can pay fees easily.



MADHU SUDAN PADHI
Transport Commissioner & Chairman, State Transport Authority, Government of Odisha

“Surat has moved from ‘no-public transport’ to ‘foreign-public transport’, and we are still improving—as a part of setting up BRTS bus, city bus and expansion plan.”



MUSTAFA K SONASATH
Transport Planner at Center of Excellence in Urban Transport, Surat Municipal Corporation.

SESSION: Traffic Management & Road Safety



Participants of discussion on smart traffic and its components with their trophies

“We look forward to Government’s intervention regarding unauthorised opening of hotels, petrol pumps, private establishments, etc. We see this as a serious threat, unless any law enforcement acts. We undertake a lot of awareness programmes on the highways, colleges, villages, talukas etc. We organise a lot of campaigns centered around road safety. We also demonstrate case studies and much more.

SATYAM KHARBANDA
Gujarat State Road Development Corporation, Government of Gujarat



SESSION: Road Safety Responsibilities for Individual and Society & Eco-friendly Transport: Green & Alternate Fuel Vehicle

“There’s a perception in the society that Road Safety is the programme of the State Government only; but in fact, citizens and the society have a major role to play in it.”



J N VAGHELA
Officer on Special Duty, Ports and Transport Department, Government of Gujarat.

“We are meeting many of the equipment manufacturers, logistics operator, to convert their vehicles from diesel to liquefied natural gas (CNG), so that pollution in the country is reduced.”



UPINDER KUMAR
Chief Manager (Technical), Petronet LNG Limited

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