

प्रधान मंत्री Prime Minister

MESSAGE

It is great to know that an International Conference on 'Future of Cities: Opportunities and Challenges' is being organized by the Institute of Town Planners, India (ITPI) in New Delhi from 27 to 28 July, 2017.

Increased urbanization is a reality in this century. Our Government approaches urbanization as an opportunity and not merely as a challenge. This urban shift can be leveraged to improve the welfare of our population through effective planning and decisive actions.

Numerous initiatives including Smart Cities, sustainable urban mobility, affordable urban housing and AMRUT have been launched to ensure futuristic infrastructure for our cities. A people centric urban governance is also given equal thrust in this endeavour.

Town planners have a decisive role in setting our urban areas to embrace a sustainable future. In this regard, it is hoped that the conference will see fruitful discussions on the challenges and opportunities for the Urban India and generate new insights for shaping our future cities.

Best wishes are conveyed for the success of the International Conference.

(Narendra Modi)

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