

Smart Cities India 2016 expo to unveil what it takes to build smart cities in India

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The 100 smart cities mission launched by the government to inject our cities with the latest infrastructure and amenities is ambitious and unprecedented. The project requires smart planning and organisation to make Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision a reality. Important factors include, preparing the roadmap with schedules for completion of each task; allotment of funds and resources; technical provisions to build smart cities; involvement of countries, ministries, associations, etc., and how their efforts can be leveraged to create "smart cities" in India. To address these questions, the Exhibitions India Group is organising the 2nd edition of Smart Cities India 2016 expo at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from 11-13 May 2016. The expo will attract 350 exhibitors from 50 countries showcasing their capabilities over three days. Respected names like Logipix Ltd (Hungary) will display high resolution cameras for city surveillance; Cleverciti Systems GmbH (Germany), will display sensors for managing parking; Ecube Labs (Korea), will display IoT based intelligent solutions for managing waste; REC Solar (Noway), will showcase solar solutions, including integrated manufacturing of polysilicon to wafers, cells, panels and turnkey solar solutions; Sundrax LLC (Russia), will present Intelligent street lights; while Trestor Inc. (Canada), will demonstrate solutions for building smart communities, and many other innovators will demonstrate a wide variety of products and solutions. In addition to the exhibition, 300 leaders from around the world will converge at the conference including: Anders H. Lier (President & CEO, Enoro, Norway); Dr. Chirine Etezadzadeh (Head of Institute, SmartCity.institute Germany); Doug Haines (CEO, Haines Security Solutions, United States); Julian Marwitz (CEO, Arineos, Germany); Maria Adahl (Director, Open Arena-Urban Development, Sweden); and Ruben Dubelaar (Project Director, Dutch Sports Infrastructure (FME), Netherlands) , etc. The forum will host concurrent conference sessions on topics including: "Evolution of connected transport ecosystems"; "Make in India"; "Solar rooftops technologies & engineering"; and "Waste management solutions"; "Debt & equity financing"; and "National and international policies and financing models", etc. The expo will be a platform for other nations to share case studies, insights, and technical know-how while building smart cities in their own countries. Individual country pavilions at the expo will be from the Czech Republic, Holland, Norway, Sweden, and Taiwan. One of the largest pavilions at the expo will be hosted by the Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) and Taipei World Trade Center Liaison Office (Mumbai), with more than 100 companies displaying their technologies, products and services. Commenting on their participation, Michael Lin, Director of Taipei World Trade Center Liaison Office, Mumbai, said: "India's economic outlook looks promising, especially with the Indian government actively launching initiatives such as Make in India, Digital India and Smart Cities. The country has demonstrated a strong potential for development. Taiwan is well known for producing advanced technology products. We are keen to take part in this initiative, and look forward to form partnerships with India in this period of growth." The country pavilion hosted by the Netherlands, will demonstrate the best smart cities solutions in the areas of electric mobility, smart infrastructure, traffic management, and urban planning, etc. Fons Stoelinga, Ambassador of the Netherlands to India, said: "The Netherlands has a long-standing tradition in comprehensive integrated planning. It combines drawing up long-term agendas, working in alliances, planning based on design and research, and producing integrated visions on water, housing, infrastructure, and nature. Our experience has proven helpful in facing the challenges of our urbanizing world. Through our participation in the Smart Cities India 2016 expo, we truly hope to share this experience with India." Speaking about the upcoming expo, Prem Behl, Chairman, Exhibitions India Group, said: "Smart Cities are important to transform the lives and living conditions of every citizen in the

country. This mission cannot be accomplished without substantial investments from the state and central institutions; international and domestic agencies; NGO's and corporates; etc. We have received an incredible response from countries and companies to participate in the expo, clearly demonstrating international interest towards the Smart Cities mission launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi." The exhibition and conference will cover many segments, including: Waste and water management; Smart environment; Urban planning; Green buildings; Smart transport; IT & communications; e-Governance; Safety & security; Smart grid; Clean energy; Education & skills to build smart cities; Smart manufacturing; Make in India; Smart health; Disaster management, etc. The 2nd Smart Cities India 2016 expo has the support of 10 central ministries and a host of international associations.

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