



Panel Discussion

Role of Technology to build Sustainable Bus Transport for Cities

An efficient public transport system is a key pre-requisite for the sustained development of a city. It helps citizens to meet their travel needs in an economical, safe and energy efficient manner. However, cities in India have not invested adequately in developing good quality public transport systems.

There is need to promote the bus transport in the cities with more investment and better contracting arrangement. The government of India is promoting the greater use of technology in Transport including electric mobility, e-ticketing, vehicle tracking and



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Moderator – Jerome Pourbaix

Director Regional Offices & Services,UITP

Time	Title
11:00 - 11:15	Presentation by Moderator
--	Role of Public Transport for Sustainable Development
--	Air pollution issue in India – 15 cities out of top 20 cities are in India
--	Need investment in Public Transport – Metro and Bus
--	Role of Electric Buses to curb air pollution
11:50 - 12:00	Questions & Answers



Jerome Pourbaix

Director Regional Offices & Services
UITP Brussels

Moderator

1. BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:



Jerome is currently working as Director of Regional Offices & Services at UITP. Earlier, he was leading UITP international advocacy activities, focusing notably on the economic case for public transport and the future role of public transport in cities. He champions the inclusion of mobility in the new urban agenda to be set out at the Habitat III conference. Jerome also supervises UITP's strategic projects and urban transport data collection activities. Previously he worked at the European Commission and the international city network Polis. He studied Sociology in Belgium and the United



Anil Srivastava, IAS

Director General (DEMO) & Advisor (Infrastructure Connectivity)
Niti Aayog

2. BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:



Mr. Anil Srivastava has over three decades of working experience with Government in India. He has taken over as Adviser for Infrastructure Connectivity at NITI Aayog after having done more than five years as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation. Prior to this, he has held various senior level positions of responsibility including that of Chairman & Managing Director, Pawan Hans Ltd. for three years. With the State Government he has held the positions of Secretary to the Government of various departments including Finance, Revenue, New & Renewable Energy, Commerce & Industries etc. He has also worked as Commissioner of Treasuries, Commissioner of Industries & Commerce, Managing Director of various PSU's, District Magistrate and Municipal Administrator. He has also served on the Boards of Optel Telecommunications Ltd. Hotline Glass Ltd., Fujitsu Optel Ltd., National Information Technologies Ltd. Air India Ltd., Airports Authority of India etc.



KK Saberwal

Director (Finance)
Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)

1. BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:



Mr. K.K.Saberwal, Director (Finance), Delhi Metro has varied and rich experience in various facets of management and public services (transportation). In his current assignment as Director (Finance) Delhi Metro, he is very closely involved in implementation of the Phase-III of MRTS of Delhi Metro (about 160 kms) which is being built at a cost of about USD 7 billion. He is also closely associated in the management & operations of the 213 km metro network of Delhi Metro that is currently carrying over 2.8 million passengers per day. He is also very vitally associated in Delhi Metro addressing key sustainability issues like use of green energy from solar power, rain water harvesting, conservation of energy and water, carbon credits etc.

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Mohamed Mezghani
Secretary General
UITP Brussels

1. **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:**



Mohamed Mezghani has been working for 25 years in an international and multidisciplinary context of which more than 15 years in the association's field. He is Secretary General of the International Association of Public Transport (UITP) since January 2018. Until then, he has worked as Senior Manager (1999-2001), Director Knowledge and Membership Services (2001-2006), Senior Adviser to the Secretary General (2006-2013) and Deputy Secretary General (2014-2018).

M. Mezghani managed and led numerous membership-related services including knowledge-related activities for UITP members: professional training, research projects, thematic studies, technical advice, conferences, networking activities, information centre, etc.



M Ramsekhar

Managing Director and CEO
DIMTS Limited

1. BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:



Mr. M. Ramsekhar is presently heading the DIMTS as Managing Director and CEO since August 2014. He was an IAS officer and was working as CEO of IPE Global Private Limited, a leading development consultancy firm. Prior to IPE, he was working as CEO of CRISIL Risk & Infrastructure Solutions and earlier to that he was with GVK Power & Infrastructure Ltd as its Chief Strategy Officer. During the two decades spent as a member of the Indian Administrative Service, he worked extensively in the areas of urban development, economic development, infrastructure, transport, Civil Aviation, Industries, Commercial Taxes, Agriculture etc intimately involved with policy design and implementation.

Mr. Ramsekhar is a development practitioner with 28 years of hands-on experience of leading large and complex organizations in the government, public sector, private sector, and in consulting. He had deep and abiding engagement with the entire life cycle activities across the urban and infrastructural development from policy to project development and implementation to providing consulting solutions.

Mr. Ramsekhar in his previous engagements led large and complex organizations, stabilized and grew businesses, helped strengthen reforms and improved governance. He has completed MPA (Infrastructure Finance and Regulation) from Columbia University in the City of New York and MPA (Public and Economic Policy, Urban Development) from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).



Prasanna Patwardhan

President

Bus Operator Confederation of India

1. BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:



Mr. Prasanna Patwardhan is the current Chairman & Managing Director and has been instrumental in not only consolidating the group activities, but also taking the group to the next level.

Such exponential growth has been accomplished through his Visionary Business acumen and the respect that he commands within the business fraternity. Mr. Patwardhan is a science graduate with professional management education. An avid sportsman, he was the captain of the Maharashtra team and has also played for the national Basketball team.