



URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMIT 2024



Urban Strategies, Policy and Regulation

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OVERVIEW:

India's high growth imperative in 2023 and beyond will significantly be driven by major strides in key sectors with infrastructure development being a critical force aiding the progress. Infrastructure is a key enabler in helping India become a US \$26 trillion economy. Investments in building and upgrading physical infrastructure, especially in synergy with the ease of doing business initiatives, remain pivotal to increase efficiency and costs. The infrastructure sector is a key driver of the Indian economy. The sector is highly responsible for propelling India's overall development and enjoys intense focus from the Government for initiating policies that would ensure the time-bound creation of world-class infrastructure in the country. The infrastructure sector includes power, bridges, dams, roads, and urban infrastructure development. In other words, the infrastructure sector acts as a catalyst for India's economic growth as it drives the growth of the allied sectors like townships, housing, built-up infrastructure, and construction development projects.

As India experiences rapid urbanization, the development of urban infrastructure has become a critical focus to ensure sustainable and efficient urban centers. The Urban Infrastructure Summit focus on "Urban Strategies, Policy and Regulation" which offers a platform to deliberate on strategies, innovations and shaping India's urban infrastructure landscape.

Telangana will have more than 50% of its population urban before 2028, with Hyderabad Urban Agglomeration (HUA - the area within Outer Ring Road including Hyderabad) alone having at least 40% of the state's population by then. This in turn implies that our GSDP will continue to grow faster than the rest of India. Today, urban growth in Telangana is the fastest and growing further. All these initiatives have ensured that quality of life in urban areas improves.

The "Urban Infrastructure Summit" provides catalyst role to delve Hyderabad's urban infrastructure journey and its alignment with the broader context of sustainable urbanization in India. Attendees can anticipate engaging discussions on innovative infrastructure projects, technology-driven solutions, community engagement, policy frameworks, and investment opportunities that contribute to the city's transformation into a sustainable haven.

Experts, thought leaders, policymakers, and practitioners will converge to share insights, experiences, and best practices that can inspire urban centers across India to embrace sustainable development principles. The conference will serve as a catalyst for meaningful conversations on building cities that prioritize environmental preservation, inclusivity, efficiency, and resilience.

As urban centers evolve to meet the challenges and aspirations of the future, the "Urban Futures Summit" will play a pivotal role in shaping the discourse and actions needed to ensure that cities like Hyderabad become thriving, sustainable havens for generations to come.



OBJECTIVE:

The Urban Infrastructure Summit is designed to bring together experts, stakeholders, policymakers, and thought leaders to address critical challenges and opportunities in urban infrastructure development, with a focus on transforming cities into sustainable havens. The summit aims to achieve the objectives such as Knowledge Exchange and Best Practices Sharing, Insightful Discussions, Policy Formulation, Inspire Collaborative Action, Inclusive and Sustainable Development etc.

By bringing together a diverse range of perspectives, expertise, and experiences, the Urban Infrastructure Summit aims to catalyse a collective commitment towards reshaping urban landscapes into sustainable havens that prioritize environmental stewardship, quality of life, and holistic progress.

SPEAKERS:

Eminent Speakers from Industry, Research Institutes, Scientists, Experts from India and abroad, Ministers, Senior Officials from State Government Ministries, Departments and ULBs, etc. will be presenting in the Conference.

KEY SESSIONS:

- **Urban Strategies, Policy, and Regulation:** Discussing strategies on how urban planning and policies influence how cities develop, and can support positive outcomes for nature, society and the economy.
- **Transportation and Mobility:** Session focus on Developing comprehensive urban mobility plans focusing on public transportation; Provide subsidies and incentives for electric vehicles and bike-sharing programs; Implement intelligent transport systems (ITS) for traffic management; Promote multi-modal transport integration and seamless connectivity; Policy Framework & Innovative Approach.
- **Water Management and Waste Disposal:** Session focus on Policy Framework; Enforce regulations for water conservation and recycling; Implement comprehensive waste management plans with recycling targets; Innovative Approach; Adopt smart water management systems and rainwater harvesting; Promote waste-to-energy projects and circular economy practices
- **Digital Infrastructure and Connectivity:** Session focus on Policy Framework; Expand broadband infrastructure with a focus on underserved areas; Implement cybersecurity policies for critical urban infrastructure; Innovative Approach; Promote public Wi-Fi and smart kiosks for digital inclusion; Foster innovation in 5G and future connectivity technologies.
- **Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy:** Session focus on Policy Framework; Mandate energy efficiency standards for buildings and appliances; Provide subsidies for renewable energy projects and technologies; Innovative Approach; Implement smart grids and energy management systems; Promote rooftop solar and decentralized renewable energy solutions.

Retrospect of 1st edition of Urban Infrastructure Summit



About ASSOCHAM:

The Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) is the country's oldest apex chamber initiated its endeavour of value creation for the industry in 1920. Built on the vision of nation-building, ASSOCHAM has been a part of the economic history of India. It brings in actionable insights to strengthen the Indian ecosystem, leveraging its network of more than 4,50,000 members, of which MSMEs represent a large segment. With a strong presence in states, and key cities globally, ASSOCHAM also has more than 400 associations, federations and regional chambers in its fold.

Aligned with the vision of creating a New India, ASSOCHAM works as a conduit between the industry and the Government. The Chamber is an agile and forward-looking institution, leading various initiatives to enhance the global competitiveness of the Indian industry, while strengthening the domestic ecosystem.

With more than 100 national and regional sector councils, ASSOCHAM is an impactful representative of the Indian industry. These Councils are led by well-known industry leaders, academicians, economists and independent professionals. The Chamber focuses on aligning critical needs and interests of the industry with the growth aspirations of the nation.

ASSOCHAM is driving four strategic priorities - Sustainability, Empowerment, Entrepreneurship and Digitisation. The Chamber believes that affirmative action in these areas would help drive an inclusive and sustainable socio-economic growth for the country.

ASSOCHAM is working hand in hand with the government, regulators, and national and international think tanks to contribute to the policy making process and share vital feedback on implementation of decisions of far-reaching consequences. In line with its focus on being future-ready, the Chamber is building a strong network of knowledge architects. Thus, ASSOCHAM is all set to redefine the dynamics of growth and development in the technology-driven 'Knowledge-Based Economy'. The Chamber aims to empower stakeholders in the Indian economy by inculcating knowledge that will be the catalyst of growth in the dynamic global environment.

The Chamber also supports civil society through citizenship programmes, to drive inclusive development. ASSOCHAM's member network leads initiatives in various segments such as empowerment, healthcare, education and skilling, hygiene, affirmative action, road safety, livelihood, life skills, sustainability, to name a few.

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