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Hyderabad, March 17, 2026: The **2nd National Mobility Summit Telangana 2026**, organised by **Elets Technomedia** in collaboration with the **Transport Department, Government of Telangana, and Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited**, was successfully held in Hyderabad on March 17, bringing together policymakers, transport authorities, industry leaders, startups, and technology providers to deliberate on the future of mobility in India.

Held under the theme **"Accelerating the Future of Mobility,"** the summit served as a key platform for discussions on policy frameworks, digital platforms, clean energy solutions, and multimodal transport systems shaping the next phase of mobility transformation across Indian cities.

The inaugural session featured **Shri Ponnampaluri Prabhakar**, Hon'ble Minister for Transport & BC Welfare, Government of Telangana, along with senior officials including Vikas Raj, Special Chief Secretary, Transport Department, Dr. K. Ilambarathi, Transport Commissioner, and Sarfaraz Ahmad, Managing Director, Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited and Commissioner, Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority.

Speaking at the summit, the hon'ble minister highlighted the state's proactive approach towards sustainable mobility and electric vehicles.

"The Telangana government introduced a progressive EV policy with tax and registration exemptions until 2026, which has already helped drive the sale of around 1.55 lakh electric vehicles in the state. To reduce pollution and promote sustainable mobility, the government is expanding electric mobility in Hyderabad, including the introduction of electric buses and encouraging cleaner alternatives for auto-rickshaws," he said.

Vikas Raj, Special Chief Secretary, Transport Department, Government of Telangana, emphasised the importance of collaborative dialogue for future mobility planning.

"This summit provided an important opportunity for brainstorming and exploring what Telangana—and especially Hyderabad—can do to build a more futuristic mobility ecosystem. From the fuels we adopt and technologies we deploy to transport modes, road infrastructure, and financing models, open discussions are essential to shaping the future of mobility," he said.

Welcoming the delegates, **Dr. Ravi Gupta**, Founder, CEO and Editor-in-Chief, Elets Technomedia, highlighted the importance of such platforms in enabling policy dialogue and collaboration.

Dr. K. Ilambarathi, Transport Commissioner, Government of Telangana, noted that mobility today plays a far broader role in urban development.

"Mobility today is no longer just about moving vehicles and people. It is about enabling economic growth, ensuring public safety, improving quality of life, and building sustainable cities for future generations," he said.

Sarfaraz Ahmad, Managing Director, Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited and Commissioner, Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority, stressed the importance of integrated transport systems.

"Urban mobility can no longer be addressed in silos. Cities across the world are moving towards integrated mobility ecosystems where roads, metro rail, buses, non-motorised transport, and technology-driven last-mile connectivity operate seamlessly together," he said.

Highlighting the environmental impact of conventional transport systems, **Y. Nagi Reddy**, Managing Director, Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC), said,

"TSRTC operates around 10,000 buses, transporting nearly 60 lakh passengers daily and covering about 32 lakh kilometres every

day. Running this fleet requires around 6 lakh litres of diesel daily, resulting in nearly 1,500 tonnes of CO₂ emissions. Recognising this, the government is moving towards electric mobility to build a cleaner public transport system.”

From the industry perspective, **Vivek Krishna, Vice President – Finance, Rapido**, highlighted Hyderabad's role as a leading innovation hub for mobility platforms.

“Hyderabad has not only embraced innovation but has actively enabled it. Today it proudly stands as Rapido's largest and one of its most successful markets in India, driven by progressive policymaking, administrative openness, and a shared commitment to addressing urban mobility challenges,” he said.

During the summit, a **special edition of eGov Magazine** dedicated to the urban mobility landscape of Telangana was also launched.

The edition was released by Shri Ponnamp Prabhakar, in the presence of distinguished dignitaries including Dr. Ravi Gupta, K.S. Sreenivasa Raju, Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana, K. Ramakrishna Rao, Vikas Raj, Dr. K. Ilambarithi, Sarfaraz Ahmad, Y. Nagi Reddy, and Vivek Krishna. The special edition features exclusive articles, interviews, and case studies highlighting Telangana's urban mobility initiatives, technology-driven transport solutions, and emerging mobility trends across India.

The summit also featured several expert presentations and special addresses on digital commerce and sustainable mobility.

Nitin Nair, Senior Executive Director, Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), spoke about the role of open digital networks in enabling mobility platforms.

“We were set up in late 2021 with the vision of digitising commerce in India and bringing a transformative shift in how digital transactions are conducted. Creating an open and inclusive network that enables seamless participation remains the north star guiding our work,” he said.

Dr. Renuka Mishra, Economic Adviser, Ministry of Heavy Industries, Government of India, highlighted the role of policy in accelerating clean mobility.

“Just as e-Office transformed the government's working style by making it more digital and efficient, the concept of e-mobility is now transforming the transportation sector. India's targets of achieving net-zero emissions by 2070 and 30 percent EV adoption by 2030 will depend on the ecosystem we build today,” she said.

The 2nd National Mobility Summit was supported by several industry partners from the mobility and clean energy ecosystem. **Rapido** served as the Powered By Partner, while Hala Mobility joined as the Gold Partner. The summit was further supported by Associate Partners **EVcult, Maharashtra Natural Gas Limited, Bhagyanagar Gas Limited, Olectra Greentech Limited, Megha Gas, and Transcil Sustainable Services**, contributing expertise across electric mobility, city gas distribution, and sustainable transport solutions. **State Bank of India** served as the Associate Banking Partner, supporting financing for mobility and infrastructure initiatives, while the Mee Ticket app of the Telangana Government joined as the Supporting Partner.

Awards Recognising Mobility Innovation

The summit also recognised organisations driving innovation in the mobility sector.

L&T Metro Rail (Hyderabad) Limited received the Innovation in Metro Rail and Multimodal Integration Award, recognising its contribution to strengthening integrated urban mobility and advancing metro infrastructure in Hyderabad.

Uber won the Consumer Choice Award for Best Mobility Platform, with the award received by Mansi Tayal, Head – Airports, Venues & Events, Uber India & South Asia. **Rapido** was honoured with the Best Mobility-as-a-Service Platform Award, recognising its contribution to expanding accessible and technology-driven mobility services. The award was received by Vivek Krishna, Vice President – Finance, Rapido.

The summit concluded with a strong call for deeper collaboration between governments, industry stakeholders, technology providers, and urban planners to build sustainable, integrated, and future-ready mobility systems for Indian cities. The eminent experts emphasised that addressing the challenges of rapid urbanisation, rising mobility demand, and environmental sustainability will require coordinated efforts across policy, technology, infrastructure, and investment.

ATTENDANCE INSIGHTS

Summit Report: Comprehensive Analysis



TOTAL PARTICIPATION



200+
Delegates



50+
Speakers & Thought Leaders



30+
Organisations Represented

STAKEHOLDER REPRESENTATION



SPEAKER & SESSION INSIGHTS



4 High-Impact Panel Discussions



6+ Keynote & Special Addresses



2 Startup Presentations



1 Inaugural Session + 1 Awards Ceremony

SECTORAL PARTICIPATION



Urban Transport & Metro Rail



Electric Mobility & Clean Energy



Digital Mobility Platforms



Public Transport Authorities



Smart City & Urban Governance

GEOGRAPHICAL PRESENCE

Telangana (Host State)
– Major Participation



National-Level Ministries & Agencies



Pan-India Representation (10+ States)



National-Level Ministries & Agencies

INAUGURAL SESSION

Shaping the Future of Mobility in Telangana and India



Shri Ponnamp Prabhakar

Hon'ble Minister for Transport & BC Welfare, Government of Telangana

The Telangana government introduced a progressive EV policy with tax and registration exemptions until 2026, which has already helped drive the sale of around 1.55 lakh electric vehicles in the state. To reduce pollution and promote sustainable mobility, the government plans to expand electric mobility in Hyderabad, including the introduction of electric buses and encouraging cleaner alternatives for auto-rickshaws.



Dr Ravi Gupta

Founder, CEO and Editor-in-Chief, Elets Technomedia

Mobility lies at the heart of economic progress, urban growth, and citizen well-being. As India moves towards Viksit Bharat @2047, building efficient, sustainable, and technology-driven transport systems has become central to shaping the cities and regions of the future. In this context, Telangana has emerged as one of the country's most forward-looking states, demonstrating how innovation, governance, and infrastructure can converge to create a dynamic and future-ready mobility ecosystem.



Vikas Raj

Special Chief Secretary, Transport Department, Government of Telangana

This summit is a great opportunity for brainstorming and exploring what Telangana—and especially Hyderabad—can do to build a more futuristic mobility ecosystem. From the fuels we adopt and the technologies we deploy, to the modes of transport we develop, the roads we design, and the financing models for infrastructure, there are many possibilities to explore. So let us have open, free-flowing discussions today and work towards shaping the future of mobility.



Dr. K. Ilambarithi

Transport Commissioner, Government of Telangana

Mobility today is no longer just about moving vehicles and people. It is about enabling economic growth, ensuring public safety, improving quality of life, and building sustainable cities for future generations. In a rapidly urbanising world, the way we design and manage mobility systems will ultimately determine the trajectory of our cities and our society.



Sarfaraz Ahmad

Managing Director, Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited & Commissioner, Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority

Urban mobility is no longer about looking at roads, buses, or railways in isolation. Across the world, cities are moving toward an integrated mobility ecosystem where roads, metro rail, buses, non-motorised transport, and technology-driven last-mile connectivity work together seamlessly. This is the vision that Indian cities must also aspire to as we plan for the future of urban transport.



Y. Nagi Reddy

Managing Director, Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC)

TSRTC operates around 10,000 buses, transporting nearly 60 lakh passengers daily and covering about 32 lakh kilometres every day. To run this fleet, we consume nearly 6 lakh litres of diesel daily, resulting in around 1,500 tonnes of CO₂ emissions. Recognising this environmental impact, the Government of Telangana has decided to move towards electric vehicles to build a cleaner and more sustainable public transport system.



Vivek Krishna

Vice President - Finance, Rapido

Hyderabad is a city that has not only embraced innovation but has actively enabled it. The city has played a pivotal role in our journey, and today it proudly stands as Rapido's largest and one of its most successful markets in India. This success is not accidental—it is the result of progressive policymaking, continuous support from the government, administrative openness to innovation, and a shared commitment to addressing urban mobility challenges.

MAGAZINE LAUNCH

The eGov Magazine Special Edition, centred on Telangana's urban mobility landscape, was officially launched at the summit. The edition was unveiled by Shri Ponnampallabharathi Prabhakar, Hon'ble Minister for Transport & BC Welfare, Government of Telangana, along with esteemed dignitaries. It features exclusive insights into Telangana's urban mobility ecosystem as well as India's evolving mobility landscape.

The special edition highlights key policy initiatives, technology-driven mobility solutions, public transport innovations, and sustainable practices shaping the future of urban transportation.



SPECIAL ADDRESSES & PRESENTATIONS



Dr. Renuka Mishra

Economic Adviser, Ministry of Heavy Industries, Government of India

Just as e-Office transformed the government's working style by making it more digital and efficient, the concept of e-mobility is now transforming the transportation sector, making it more sustainable. India's targets of achieving net-zero emissions by 2070 and 30 per cent EV adoption by 2030 will depend on the ecosystem we build today. It is encouraging to see both the central government and states like Telangana taking significant steps in this direction.



Karnati Varun Reddy

Chairman and Managing Director, Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited

Telangana is driving a strong vision to power e-mobility through green energy, aiming for 100% Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) passenger transport by 2047, with nearly 80% of private two- and three-wheelers transitioning to ZEVs. A key challenge lies in the fact that a significant share of an EV's carbon footprint comes from electricity generation, making the decarbonization of power essential to achieving net-zero goals. To address this, the state is scaling up renewable energy

capacity and focusing on energy storage solutions like Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and pumped storage projects.

In parallel, Telangana is advancing green hydrogen initiatives, targeting 418 KTPA production by 2030, alongside the development of hydrogen hubs, pipeline networks, and industrial clusters. Together, these efforts aim to create a sustainable, integrated ecosystem that supports clean mobility and long-term energy transition.



Nitin Nair

Senior Executive Director, Open Network for Digital Commerce

We were set up in late 2021 with the vision of digitising commerce in India and bringing a significant, transformative shift in how digital transactions are conducted across the country. Our goal has been to create an open and inclusive network that enables seamless participation for businesses and service providers. That vision continues to remain the north star guiding our work as we expand the possibilities of digital commerce in India.



Dr. Srikanth Reddy
Founder & CEO, Hala Mobility

Hala Mobility is building a sustainable electric vehicle solution for the delivery sector. We aim to make EVs accessible to millions of gig workers in quick commerce and e-commerce who often lack access to finance. While India is moving towards EV adoption, the real impact will come from the last-mile delivery ecosystem. EVs help reduce pollution and also lower the daily cost of operations for drivers.



Suresh Babu Alla
Managing Director, Transcil Sustainable Service

Call-On Industries Limited manufactures electric vehicles, while Transit System operates as the fleet arm, renting these vehicles to riders. The journey began in 1999 with the establishment of Call-On Instruments. In 2006, Call-On Industries was launched to focus on EV manufacturing, and in 2024-25, the company expanded into fleet operations. We are also developing parking applications and an infant security solution designed to ensure the safety of newborns immediately after birth.



PANEL DISCUSSION - 1

Bridging the Gap: Solving India's Last-Mile Connectivity with Affordable Mobility Solutions



Dr. K. Ilambarithi

Transport Commissioner, Government of Telangana

Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) is planning to expand the use of gas-powered autos and buses to provide smoother last-mile connectivity from metro stations to homes. Autos and buses will play a key role in this cleaner transport network. The government has also introduced gas-powered buses to promote sustainable mobility across the city. This move aims to reduce emissions and make commuting greener in Hyderabad.



Pramoj Sankar

Chairman and Managing Director, Kerala State Road Transport Corporation

In the last couple of years, we have driven significant innovation, developing 20 software solutions through our startup mission. The Ticketing Platform is the flagship among them. These solutions have brought major improvements in operations, maintenance, and administration. Daily operational revenue has increased by ₹1 crore as a result.



Jeevan Babu

Managing Director, Hyderabad Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (HUMTA)

Uber is trying to establish its presence with consumers, but our 2- and 3-wheeler services are growing faster, which is critical for supporting public transport systems. Around 60% of revenue is spent on first- and last-mile connectivity. Our focus remains on integrating payment systems seamlessly with the booking platform to enhance user experience and operational efficiency.



Bhavyata Soni

Company Secretary & Chief Sustainability Officer, Jaipur City Transport Services Limited, Government of Rajasthan

For depot-based opportunity charging, we need a well-sequenced and synchronised plan. Proper scheduling and coordination are essential to ensure efficient charging operations without disrupting vehicle availability. We will soon implement a data-driven policy to guide these decisions and optimise operations.



Vivek Krishna

Vice President - Finance, Rapido

Bike taxis and autos play a vital role in supporting urban transport. They not only make travel more convenient and comfortable for commuters but also help collect valuable data that can be leveraged to plan smarter, more efficient mobility solutions for our cities.



Mansi Tayal

Head - Airports, Venues & Events, Uber India & South Asia

Uber has established its presence with consumers, and our 2- and 3- wheeler services are growing very fast, which is critical to supporting public transport systems. Around 60% of a customer's trip revenue is spent on FMLM connectivity. Our focus remains on integrating booking and payment systems seamlessly within one platform to enable multimodal mobility, enhance user experience and support higher ridership of public transport.



Srinivasa Reddy Marri
Founder, Evstacks Private Limited

Price sensitivity and travel convenience are key considerations for commuters. Building a trusted network is crucial, as trust in rides affects adoption and usage. Ensuring reliability is a multidimensional challenge that requires attention to safety, efficiency, and user experience.



Anand Kumar
Head of Brand, Marketing, Digital & Communications, Olectra Greentech Limited

Infrastructure for public transport must be sturdy, well-planned, and future-ready. Proper financing is essential to build, maintain, and upgrade these systems. Together, this ensures reliable, sustainable, and efficient urban mobility.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Cleaner Mobility is Becoming a Core Priority

Cities like Hyderabad are accelerating the shift to gas-powered autos and buses to reduce emissions and enable greener, more sustainable urban transport systems.

2. Digital Innovation is Driving Operational Efficiency

State transport bodies are leveraging in-house tech solutions—like advanced ticketing platforms—to streamline operations, improve maintenance, and significantly boost revenue.

3. Collaboration is Essential for Public Transport Transformation

No single entity can transform mobility alone. Strong partnerships between government, private players, and technology providers are key to building efficient, integrated transport ecosystems.

4. Data and Planning are Critical for Future Mobility

From EV charging infrastructure to ride-hailing insights, data-driven decision-making is emerging as a cornerstone for optimizing operations, improving service delivery, and shaping smarter policies.

5. First- and Last-Mile Connectivity is the Growth Engine

Bike taxis, autos, and shared mobility services are crucial in bridging the gap between transit hubs and final destinations, making urban transport more accessible, convenient, and user-centric.

PANEL DISCUSSION - 2

Role of Digital Platforms in Enhancing Urban Mobility and Public Transport Accessibility



T. Ravi Kiran

Commissioner, Electronic Services Delivery, Government of Telangana

MeeSeva, a 25-year-old organisation, delivers around 580 citizen services and handles nearly 80,000 to 1,00,000 transactions daily. Recently, in the mobility space, it introduced ME-Ticket, an integrated mobile application that brings together public transport services like Metro, RTC, and MMTS, enabling citizens to book tickets seamlessly through a single platform.



R.V. Karnan

Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), Government of Telangana

Hyderabad is one of the most vibrant cities in the country, with a diverse population and a blend of modern growth and rich architecture. When we talk about mobility, we often focus on smart streets, electric vehicles, flyovers, and public transport. But we tend to overlook human connectivity. Without keeping people at the center, true and sustainable mobility cannot be achieved.



Hari Chandana

District Collector, Hyderabad

Mobility is a key priority as we continue to expand metro systems, road networks, and overall urban infrastructure in cities like Hyderabad. Alongside this, strong capacity building is taking place across the transport sector. The next step is to digitally connect citizens through unified platforms, enabling seamless travel across metro, buses, cabs, and last-mile services through a single ticketing system like MeeSeva.



Srikanth Reddy

Founder & CEO, Hala Mobility

At Hala Mobility, we don't see mobility as just transportation; it's access to opportunity. Today, many gig workers are connected to platforms like Uber, but what truly makes a difference is access to affordable, reliable electric vehicles. Our focus is on empowering these workers by leveraging technology, enabling them to earn more, operate efficiently, and make the most of every opportunity.



Vivek Krishna

Vice President - Finance, Rapido

If we look at digital adoption, building user trust in the platform is most important. Trust grows through better communication, consistent engagement, and continuous innovation in apps and products. Beyond that, there is a need to innovate business models to create greater earning opportunities for drivers and captains. We've drawn inspiration from the SaaS model by introducing a subscription-based approach, where drivers pay a fixed fee but retain 100% of their earnings.



Nitin Nayar

Senior Executive Director, ONDC

One of the biggest challenges for apps is building consumer and citizen awareness. Strong network structures are key, though integrations across cities involve complex contracts and onboarding. We've integrated 24 out of 40 asset management companies, enabling drivers to invest through daily SIPs starting at ₹20. Such networks act as infrastructure, unlocking possibilities while simplifying service delivery.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Integrated Digital Platforms are Transforming Mobility Access

Initiatives like ME-Ticket are bringing multiple transport modes—metro, buses, and rail—onto a single platform, enabling seamless ticketing and improving commuter convenience.

2. Citizen-Centric Mobility is Crucial for Sustainability

Beyond infrastructure and technology, mobility systems must prioritize people and accessibility to ensure inclusive and sustainable urban transport solutions.

3. Unified Ticketing is the Future of Urban Transport

The push toward single-ticket systems across multiple modes highlights a shift toward fully connected mobility ecosystems, simplifying travel for citizens.

4. Digital Platforms are Empowering the Workforce

Mobility platforms are not just enabling transportation but also creating economic opportunities, especially for gig workers, through access to technology and affordable EV solutions.

5. Trust, Awareness, and Network Strength Drive Adoption

For digital mobility platforms to scale, building user trust, increasing awareness, and developing strong interoperable networks are essential, along with innovative business models that benefit both users and service providers.



PANEL DISCUSSION - 3

Sustainable Energy for Mobility – Powering the Future of Transport through CNG, LNG, Biofuels & Clean Energy Solutions



Prof. Amartya Awasthi

*Faculty & Co-Director (Projects & Programs), Centre for Energy Studies,
Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI)*

It is important to focus on strengthening infrastructure to support sustainable mobility. Financial readiness and collaborative efforts across stakeholders are equally essential. A strong emphasis must be placed on energy security and economic viability. Scalability and effective implementation will be key to long-term success.



K V Sreenivas Raju

Managing Director, Bhagyanagar Gas Limited

Sustainable energy solutions such as CNG, LNG, and biofuels are critical to powering the future of mobility. As India transitions toward cleaner transport, a diversified energy mix will ensure both environmental sustainability and energy security. Strengthening infrastructure and expanding access to clean fuels will be key to accelerating adoption. Collaborative efforts between government and industry will play a vital role in building a resilient and future-ready mobility ecosystem.



Maj. Shankar Karajagi

Director Commercial, Maharashtra Natural Gas Ltd

There is a significant cost benefit in transitioning to cleaner mobility solutions, with EVs already offering 30–35% better environmental performance. At the same time, adopting CNG and LPG can further support affordability while creating new employment opportunities. A balanced approach will accelerate the shift toward a more sustainable and inclusive transport ecosystem.



Deva Chandra Sekhar

Chief General Manager (Commercial & Marketing), Megha City Gas Distribution Private Limited

CNG is now available across most segments, except construction, reflecting its growing reach in the mobility ecosystem. Since January last year, we have seen a 2% increase, indicating steady progress and rising demand. However, there is a strong need to make CNG accessible everywhere to enable wider adoption and support the transition to cleaner mobility solutions.



Arun Krishnan

Program Director, Climate Finance, WRI India

Retail financing for electric mobility, especially for heavy-duty vehicles, is still about five years away from becoming fully viable. In the interim, the government should step in with measures such as credit guarantees and partial risk-sharing facilities to support adoption and reduce financial barriers.



Bhaumik Gowande

Transport Researcher, International Council on Clean Transportation

Electric mobility in buses is a highly effective solution for reducing air pollution in urban areas. Transitioning public transport fleets to electric can significantly cut emissions, improve air quality, and enhance public health. With the right policy support, financing mechanisms, and infrastructure in place, electric buses can become a scalable and cost-effective solution for sustainable urban mobility.



Ratna Rao Gandla

Executive Director, Transcil Sustainable Services Pvt Ltd

There are both barriers and opportunities in the transition to clean mobility. However, the shift toward biofuels and electric solutions is essential, especially as fossil fuels contribute significantly to CO₂, carbon monoxide, and sulphur emissions. Moving away from fossil fuels will be key to building a cleaner and more sustainable future.



Shri Silvakumar

Senior Deputy Director, TNMLC, Transport Department, Tamil Nadu

There is a significant challenge in refilling infrastructure, with only four active pumps currently operational, which creates a major bottleneck. To support the growth of clean mobility in the state, it is essential to develop robust and well-distributed fueling infrastructure.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Infrastructure is the Backbone of Clean Mobility

Expanding fueling and charging infrastructure is critical to scaling sustainable mobility. Limited access points—especially for CNG and alternative fuels—remain a major bottleneck.

2. A Diversified Energy Mix is Essential

No single solution will drive the transition. A combination of CNG, LNG, biofuels, and electric mobility will ensure energy security, affordability, and environmental sustainability.

3. Financing and Policy Support are Key Enablers

The adoption of clean mobility—especially for heavy vehicles—requires strong government intervention through credit guarantees, risk-sharing mechanisms, and supportive policies.

4. Clean Mobility Offers Both Environmental and Economic Benefits

Solutions like EVs, CNG, and LPG not only reduce emissions but also offer cost advantages and create new employment opportunities, making the transition both sustainable and inclusive.

5. Public Transport Electrification is a High-Impact Solution

Electrifying bus fleets can significantly reduce urban air pollution and improve public health, making it one of the most scalable and effective strategies for cleaner cities.

PANEL DISCUSSION - 4

Integrated and Safe Mobility: Seamless Interconnectivity of Road, Rail, Water & Air with a Strong Road Safety Culture



Dr. Veera Ganesh Yalla

CEO, IHub-Data, IIIT Hyderabad

We are a Section 8 company based at IIIT Hyderabad, our host institute. We operate under a national mission led by the Department of Science and Technology, focused on Cyber-Physical Systems. As part of this mission, IHub-Data represents the data-centric initiative among the 25 hubs established across the country. We have also developed an open data platform, india-data.org, which is accessible to everyone.



Dr. Deepak Tripathi

Director Technical, RITES Ltd

In cities like Shanghai, obtaining a license for a personal vehicle can cost around ₹ 8-10 lakhs, often more than the cost of the vehicle itself. In contrast, the license fee for electric vehicles is significantly lower, at around ₹ 4 lakhs. As a result, over 50% of vehicles in Shanghai are electric. This clearly shows how effective policy decisions can drive large-scale change in mobility.



S. Durairaj

Deputy Director General, Civil Aviation, Hyderabad, DGCA

In many countries, a unified Ministry of Transport ensures cohesive planning, but in our case, despite significant progress on the ground, efforts often remain fragmented. While there are initiatives to integrate infrastructure across road, rail, water, and air, a lack of coordination between ministries leads to disconnected outcomes. To truly achieve integrated and safe mobility, we must move toward seamless interconnectivity backed by strong collaboration and a robust road safety culture.



Nanduri Srinivas

Advisor (Traffic & Safety), Delhi Metro Rail Corporation

We are facing a rather peculiar situation where individuals with prior metro experience are not being considered for system specialist roles. This approach may limit the ability to leverage valuable expertise and could impact the efficiency and development of the system.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Open Data Platforms are Enabling Smarter Mobility Systems

Data-driven ecosystems, supported by open platforms, are becoming essential for planning, innovation, and improving decision-making across mobility networks.

2. Policy Interventions Can Accelerate Sustainable Adoption

Global examples show that strong policy measures—like differential licensing costs—can significantly influence behaviour and fast-track the adoption of cleaner mobility solutions.

3. Institutional Coordination is Critical for True Integration

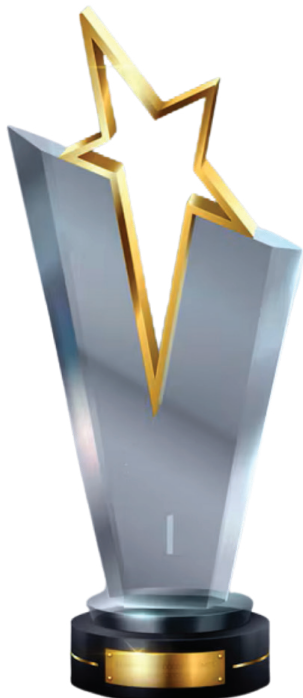
Achieving seamless connectivity across road, rail, air, and water transport requires stronger collaboration and alignment between multiple ministries and agencies.

4. Road Safety Must Be Central to Mobility Planning

Integrated mobility is incomplete without a strong focus on safety culture, ensuring that infrastructure and systems prioritise the well-being of users.

5. Leveraging Expertise is Key to System Efficiency

Ignoring experienced professionals in critical roles can hinder system performance. Tapping into existing expertise is essential for building efficient and future-ready mobility systems.



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Uber won the Consumer Choice Award for Best Mobility Platform.
Mansi Tayal, Head – Airports, Venues & Events, Uber India & South Asia, received the award.



Rapido won the Best Mobility-as-a-Service Platform Award. **Vivek Krishna**, Vice President – Finance, Rapido, received the award.

Kerala State Road Transport Corporation won the Outstanding Public Transport Digitisation Initiative Award. **Pramoj Sankar**, Managing Director, Kerala State Road Transport Corporation, received the award.



Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation won the Outstanding Public Transport Digitisation Initiative Award. **Gayatri KM, IAS**, Director, Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation, received the award.



Megha Gas won the Corporate Sustainability Leadership in Mobility Award.

West Bengal Electronics Industry Development Corporation won the Outstanding Public Transport Digitisation Initiative Award. **Maiyanka Kumar Sinha**, Vice President, West Bengal Electronics Industry Development Corporation, received the award.



Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation won the Excellence in Integrated Urban Mobility Planning Award. **Manjunath**, Chief Controller of Stores and Purchase, and **Jagadish M**, Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer, Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation, received the award.





RITES Ltd. won the Innovation in Metro, Rail & Multimodal Integration Award. **Dr. Deepak Tripathi**, Director (Technical), RITES Ltd., received the award. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Founder & CEO, Nrgyplus, received the award.

Nrgyplus won the Excellence in Quality, Safety & Sustainability Standards for Electric Mobility Award. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Founder & CEO, Nrgyplus, received the award.



Zippi won the Women Bike Taxi Mobility Startup of the Year Award. **Krishnavedi Chitrula**, Managing Director, Zippi, received the award.



Chandigarh Renewable Energy and Science & Technology Promotion Society (CREST) won the Most EV Ready City Policy Infrastructure Leadership Award. Parul Gazta, Project Manager – EV, CREST, Chandigarh Administration, received the award



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