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### Message

Good Governance India Foundation is inaugurating Municipalika 2012, an International Conference and Exhibition on 'Good Urban Governance for Making Cities Work,' on 23.01.2012 at Chennai.

India's urban population is increasing at a brisk pace and is expected to touch 40% by the year 2021. The urban economy in our country has witnessed significant growth in recent years, contributing around 60% to GDP and more than 80% to incremental job creation. It is evident that the impetus of growth in the future is also likely to come from urban areas. This rapid pace of urbanization demands commensurate improvements in urban governance and infrastructure development.

The Government has endeavored to promote improved service delivery and make the cities more livable through the launch of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). The JNNURM focuses on enhancing basic services like water supply, sewerage, drainage, solid waste management, improvement of slums, urban transport and construction of houses for the urban poor. While the present Mission period is coming to an end, the Ministry is deliberating upon undertaking a new and improved phase of the Mission in coming years.

I would like to extend my heartiest felicitations to Good Governance India Foundation for their focus and dedication to urban development in India and wish the Conference success.

(Kamal Nath)