

# Message from the Minister of Road Transport, Highways and Shipping, Government of India



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I am happy to learn that the **18<sup>th</sup> IRF World Road Meeting 2017** is being organised by the International Road Federation from 14-17 November, 2017 at Delhi. The theme of the event being, **Safe Roads and Smart Mobility: The Engines of Economic Growth**, is very apt for today's time. We, as a nation, are proud to be hosting the World Road Meeting 2017, one of the largest events in the infrastructure industry.

Efforts are also underway by my Ministry to hold a meeting of the Global Transport Ministers on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 a day prior to the start of the World Road Meeting 2017. My Ministry, which is also the nodal Ministry for the event, stands committed to achieve 50% reduction of road deaths by 2020 as a signatory to the UN Decade of Action.

We, at the Ministry, are focusing on promoting and encouraging smart mobility in the country, whether it is in the form of traffic and transport efficiency or customized mobility or eco mobility or safety. This, in turn, will help us achieve our goal of reducing road deaths too.

In this endeavour, the efforts being made by the International Road Federation towards furthering the cause of Road Safety in India and across the world as well as assisting the Governments in various ways to achieve the objective of reducing Road Fatalities are commendable and noteworthy.

The Conference will give both the private and public sector an opportunity to interact, on a global platform, to develop and make progress on account of smart mobility such as metro rail, BRT corridors, speed monitoring cameras and many more.

We are confident that the WRM will help in promoting safe roads and smart mobility globally.

I convey my very best wishes to both the organisers and the participants, and hope that this sharing of ideas will lead to a better World.

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