



Can India take SAHI road to urban mobility?

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What should the future of mobility be for India?

Safe, Adequate, Holistic Infrastructure or SAHI

- “Safe, Adequate, Holistic Infrastructure or SAHI.” That is the recommendation of a report presented to Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Global Mobility Summit, Move, in New Delhi.
- ‘**Transforming India’s Mobility: A Perspective**’ prepared by the NITI Aayog and Boston Consulting Group (BCG) calls for efficient and convenient public transport to answer the **twin problems of pollution and congestion**.
- The report quickly attracted attention amid the rise in fuel prices.
- “**Public transport must be the cornerstone of our mobility initiatives**,” Mr.Modi said.

The 7C’s

- Mr. Modi elaborated on his ‘7Cs’ for the future of mobility — **common, connected, convenient, congestion-free, charged, clean and cutting-edge**.

Familiar travails

- The Prime Minister touched upon the familiar travails that cities face: **personal vehicles requiring more roads, parking, and traffic**.
- “While mobility is critical to preserving our planet, road transport accounts for one-fifth of global CO2 emissions. This threatens to choke cities and raise global temperatures,” he said.
- The number of **motor vehicles in India has grown 40-fold in 44 years, from 1981 to 2015**, the NITI Aayog-BCG report says.
- The reason: **absence of a public transport system**, leading to a rapid rise in private vehicle ownership.
- The four big metros in the **country lose over \$22 billion every year on congestion**, it says.