

## **Business Forums 2016**

## **India Business Forum**

"The Challenge of India's Inclusive Growth - Development Aspirations & Investment Opportunities"

### **Synopsis**

Come 2030, 40% of India's population will be living in urban areas and contributing to 75% of GDP. An estimated 400 million are expected to migrate to cities over this period. To meet the challenges that these changes will raise – the pressure it will put on basic services, infrastructure, utilities and the environment – India needs to build new cities, retrofit existing ones, and create new jobs over the next two decades.

The World Bank estimates that India can expect a 7.2% growth, which puts India ahead of China; the world's No. 2 economy after the U.S. India's government is already making a start to balance its economic growth with sustainable development. Recognising that urban centres are engines of growth and employment, India has launched three mega schemes, i.e., Smart Cities Mission, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), and Housing for All. These will set in motion the process of urban transformation to enable a rejuvenated framework of physical, social, economic and institutional infrastructure development.

Every Smart City will have six main characteristics – a smart economy, smart mobility, a smart environment, smart living, smart citizens and smart governance. The Housing for All scheme seeks to address India's commitment to inclusive, sustainable, and affordable homes for its ever growing urban population. The Clean India Mission aims to accomplish the vision of sanitation and solid waste management. Projects planned under AMRUT – water supply, waste management and sewerage, urban transport, social sectors such as healthcare and education, and affordable housing to improve the quality of life for all – will also provide many project opportunities under the public-private partnershipmodel.

This forum will inquire India's onset investment towards its development aspirations, and the synergic business opportunities that are made available as a result of India's impending growth and its cities of opportunity.

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#### **Programme**

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Time	Description
10.00am	Opening of Forum Ambassador Gopinath Pillai, Chairman of Institute of South Asian Studies; Director of Savant Infocomm Pte Ltd and Ambassador at Large/Special Envoy to Andhra Pradesh, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Singapore
Emerging Is	ssues, Challenges and Opportunities in India
10.10am	Development of Industrial Cities as Smart Cities Shri Alkesh Kumar Sharma, CEO & MD, Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited Additional Materials - To Download
10.25am	The Challenge of India's Inclusive Growth – Development Aspirations & Investment Opportunities  Mrs Teresa Kho, Country Director for India, Asian Development Bank  Additional Materials - To Download



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10.40am	Towards Sustainable Water Solution - Chennai's Perspective Mr Vikram Kapur, IAS, Managing Director, Chennai Metro Water Supply and Sewerage Board Additional Materials - To Download
10.55am	Challenges in Building India 'Smart' Cities Mr Ravi Parthasarathy, Chairman, CII Mission on Smart Cities and Chairman, Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Limited
11.10am	Smart Communities & Intelligent Infrastructure Systems Mr Angshik Chaudhuri, Managing Director & Chief of Staff, Cisco Systems Inc
11.25am	Real Estate and City Development Mr. Subbu Narayanswamy, Director, Infrastructure Practice, McKinsey & Company, India
11.40am	<ul> <li>Panel Discussion         Moderated by Ambassador Gopinath Pillai, Chairman of Institute of South Asian Studies;         Director of Savant Infocomm Pte Ltd and Ambassador at Large/Special Envoy to Andhra         Pradesh, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Singapore         <ul> <li>Shri Alkesh Kumar Sharma, CEO &amp; MD, Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development</li></ul></li></ul>
12.10pm	Questions and Answers
12.20pm	End

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## **Speakers**



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