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## Message

Gujarat ranks among the most urbanized States of India with about 42.5% of the State's population living in urban areas. The State has been pro-active in realising the challenges faced by urbanization and is equally geared up to convert these challenges into opportunities.

Gujarat has already embarked on the journey towards fulfilling the dream of Mahatma Gandhi "to make all cities and towns clean, to maintain health of people and a clean environment for the people who live in the cities" into reality by the year 2019 which will also be the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The State Government launched "**Mahatma Gandhi Swachhta Mission**" to make Zero Waste Cities under this mission.

Through the Mukhya Mantri GRUH Yojana, the State envisions to provide affordable housing to all, along with basic civic and social amenities at affordable prices.

The State has demonstrated to the world the Gujarat model of urban governance through developmental projects such as Janmarg BRTS, Sabarmati Riverfront Project, e-Governance initiatives, unique town planning and many more.

Gujarat is now happy to host Municipalika, International Conference and Exhibition on Sustainable Habitat and Integrated Cities, from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014 alongwith CAPEX, focusing on Construction, Architecture, Planning and Engineering.

Municipalika 2014 would provide a unique platform to display, demonstrate and share the innovative urban infrastructure related initiatives and best practices in the State of Gujarat, in other States all over India, and of the Central Government. I also hope Municipalika will showcase the latest technologies in various areas of sustainable urban infrastructure development.

I take this opportunity to invite all national and international urban stakeholders to participate and share urban experiences, technologies and solutions and make the event a grand success.

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