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**BRICS SAI LEADERS' SUMMIT ON EASE OF LIVING WITH A  
FOCUS ON URBAN MOBILITY CONCLUDED TODAY**

The 5th BRICS Supreme Audit Institutions Leaders' Summit hosted by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India Mr. K. Sanjay Murthy, concluded today in Bengaluru under the theme "Ease of Living with a Focus on Urban Mobility." The Summit brought together thirty-eight delegates including Heads of SAIs from nine BRICS countries along with urban finance and mobility experts.

In his closing remarks, the CAG Mr. K. Sanjay Murthy emphasised that urban mobility represents one of the most visible interfaces between governance and citizens. He highlighted that the effectiveness of public investments must ultimately be assessed in terms of their impact on improving Ease of Living.

The theme found strong resonance among all participating SAIs with a shared recognition of the critical link between urban mobility and Ease of Living. It was emphasised that mobility is not merely about physical movement, but about enabling access to livelihoods, services, and opportunities, thereby directly shaping the quality of life of citizens.

The deliberations of delegations from SAIs of Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Russia, South Africa and UAE reflected both convergence and diversity of perspectives across BRICS countries. Discussions highlighted challenges arising from rapid urbanisation, congestion, environmental stress, and inequitable access, while also showcasing evolving approaches to addressing these complexities.

National perspectives of the BRICS SAIs highlighted important dimensions of the issue. The scale of urbanisation across BRICS countries underscored the importance of collaboration and shared learning. Emphasis was also placed on balanced and resilient urban development, enhanced digitisation of systems to handle urban mobility, integration of sustainability and climate considerations and the need for robust governance frameworks to ensure effective outcomes. A key shift highlighted was the movement towards impact-oriented auditing, with focus on quality of life and policy effectiveness.

The Summit also featured a keynote address by Distinguished Fellow of NITI Ayog Mr. O P Agarwal, who emphasised that mobility systems must be integrated, inclusive, and aligned with how citizens travel. The importance of coordinated planning, multimodal transport systems and aligning supply with demand was highlighted as essential to improving urban mobility outcomes.

Technical sessions showcased a range of best practices in auditing urban mobility systems. These included structured frameworks for evaluating public investments with emphasis on planning quality, project readiness, and lifecycle assessment. The importance of ensuring that infrastructure investments deliver public value and tangible outcomes was a recurring theme.

Discussions also highlighted the role of integrated and long-term planning, sustainable transport systems, and technology-enabled governance. Increasing emphasis was placed on the use of data-driven approaches including real-time data systems, digital platforms, and advanced analytics, to strengthen audit effectiveness and improve decision-making.

Citizen-centric approaches emerged as a key priority, with emphasis on accessibility, affordability, safety, and reliability of transport systems. The need to evaluate mobility systems from the perspective of users and to incorporate citizen feedback into audit processes, was highlighted as critical to improving service delivery.

Deliberations on the second day further reinforced the need for a ‘whole-of-government’ approach, recognising that urban mobility outcomes require coordination across sectors and institutions. The importance of moving towards system-level evaluation rather than isolated project assessments was emphasised. Discussions also brought out the growing need for risk-based, preventive, and forward-looking audit approaches supported by stronger use of data and technology.

Innovative and context-specific mobility solutions were also highlighted, particularly in addressing challenges in dense urban environments. The importance of evaluating such solutions in terms of long-term sustainability, integration with existing systems, and value for citizens was emphasised.

The Summit underscored the evolving role of SAIs from traditional compliance-based auditing to more outcome-oriented, data-driven, and impact-focused approaches. There was strong recognition of the need for enhanced collaboration, knowledge sharing, and capacity building among SAIs to address complex urban challenges.

The Summit concluded with the adoption of the BRICS SAI Work Plan 2027–28 presented by Director General (IR) Mr. Vimalendra Patwardhan and the Bengaluru Declaration which was presented and discussed in the Summit by Deputy C&AG Mr. K. S. Subramanian, which reaffirmed the collective commitment of BRICS SAIs to strengthening accountability in urban mobility systems through integrated, citizen-centric, and technology-enabled audit approaches.

The successful conclusion of the Summit reflects a shared commitment among BRICS SAIs to advancing audit practices that contribute meaningfully to sustainable development and improved quality of life.

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