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MESSAGE

I am very pleased to learn that IBMS 2018; 2^{nd} Biennial Conference on Indian Bridge Management System is being organized from 22^{nd} October to 26^{th} October 2018 at Hyderabad. During the 1^{st} Biennial conference, I dedicated IBMS to the nation.

My Ministry which is implementing IBMS for National Highway deems it essential to have interaction with World technology innovators and Research fraternity to understand and imbibe the best of the systems adopted world over and to share what we are doing under our system. IBMS 2018 will provides this platform. With 30 speakers and experts from 14 countries around the world, we are sure it will bring in integration of thoughts and ideas.

I urge that a Round table of the experts from world over and officers from my Ministry and Indian consultants will also bring about more sharp focus to make Bridges safe.

My Ministry is always aggressive in promotion of new technology and Make in India. We are happy to note that over many pilot projects were undertaken in the field of Structural Health Monitoring and allied technology in bridges in 2017 and the results will be presented and discussed in IBMS 2018. This will pave a way forward for integration of those technologies in IBMS. More such efforts are essential to make the system more robust and technology driven.

IBMS 2018 will provide a good platform to various State Governments and Municipal bodies to understand what is being done by Ministry of Road Transport & Highways and also the private sector to develop and contribute in terms of new technology and innovations to make bridges in India more safe and efficient. I welcome public and private sector to IBMS 2018 to contribute and learn the art of making bridges safe and efficient.

I urge the bridge fraternity to support this event organized for the betterment of Bridge Management and to make Indian Bridge Management as a beacon of innovation in the world.

I convey my best wishes to Team IBMS (S & R department of my Ministry and the Consultants working on IBMS) in organizing this event and look forward to interaction between the world leaders in Bridge Management which will benefit the whole BMS fraternity the world over.

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