

4th India-EU Urban Forum

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The 4th India-EU Urban Forum, held in New Delhi has strengthened India-EU collaboration on sustainable urban development.

India-EU Urban Forum:

- About:
 - It is a high-level platform for dialogue and collaboration between India and the European Union (EU) on smart and sustainable urbanization, established as part of the 2017 Joint Declaration on Partnership for Smart and Sustainable Urbanization.
- Objective:
 - It facilitates **discussions among officials, experts**, and **stakeholders** to exchange best practices, policies, and innovative solutions for sustainable urban development.
- Focus Areas:
 - Urban Alliance & Integrated Approaches, Innovation & Circularity, and Inclusive Urban Mobility.
 - It aligns with the <u>EU's Global Gateway Strategy</u> (for sustainable investments) and India's urban development missions (such as Smart Cities Mission).
- Support to India:
 - Since 2017, Europe has supported 40+ Indian cities in climate-smart development, mobility, waste management, and climate action and invested over INR 9000 crores.

Government Initiatives Related to Urban Areas:

- Smart Cities
- AMRUT Mission
- Aspirational Blocks Programme

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