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         Organised by FICCI in association with Department of Local Self Government, Government of Rajasthan; Udaipur Municipal Corporation and Udaipur Smart City Ltd.

         To be attended by State Government officials, Industry Stakeholders and Urban Local Bodies

**ONE DAY SMART CITY CONCLAVE TO BE HELD IN LAKE CITY**

Jaipur 10 May: Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in association with Department of Local Self Government (LSG), Government of Rajasthan; Udaipur Municipal Corporation and Udaipur Smart City Ltd is organising a one day ‘Smart City Conclave’ on 21 May at Udaipur. This was informed by Mr. Ashok Kajaria, Chairman, FICCI Rajasthan State Council.

With over 15 eminent speakers and multiple sessions, the event will focus on challenges and opportunities towards smart city programme, sharing best practices, evolving technological and managerial solutions and providing inputs for policy interventions, he further said.

Jaipur and Udaipur have been selected among the first lot of 20 cities under the Smart City programme and this conclave would provide a platform to deliberate on the progress so far and way forward on the initiative said Dr. Manjit Singh, Principal Secretary – LSG, Government of Rajasthan. Udaipur Municipal Corporation has signed a MoU with FICCI to bring private sector participation for the initiative, he further added.

State Home Minister, Mr. Gulab Chand Kataria has been invited as Chief Guest during the inaugural session of the Smart City Conclave. Mr. Rajpal Singh Sekhawat, Minister for Urban Development & Housing (UDH) and LSG would deliver the Presidential Address during the inaugural session. Prof. Jagan Shah, Director, National Institute of Urban Affairs would deliver the theme address. The Denmark Ambassador to India, Mr. Peter Taksøe-Jensen will also be present on the occasion.

The one day conclave will witness sessions relating to themes such as Swachh Bharat Mission, Integrated Solid Waste Management, Integrated Water Management, Innovations and Technologies for Applications in Smart Cities, Urban Transportation and Traffic Management, among others.

Industry stakeholders, Municipal Commissioners, State Government Officials, Housing Agencies, Urban Local Bodies, Mayors, Senior Academicians, Research Scholars, among others will participate in the event. The experts and thought leaders from various sectors will meet with the aim to discuss how to plan, design, build and maintain sustainable environment and cities.