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**PRIME MINISTER CONGRATULATES CITIZENS OF JAIPUR AND UDAIPUR ON BEING SELECTED FOR SMART CITIES**

Jaipur, 25 June: The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, on the occasion of the first anniversary of the Smart City Mission congratulated the citizens of Jaipur and Udaipur on being selected for the Smart Cities. The Prime Minister was speaking from Chhatrapati Shivaji Sports Complex through video conferencing.

The Prime Minister said that for the selection of Jaipur and Udaipur, the citizens of these two cities deserved gratitude. It is due the efforts of the residents here that these two cities fulfilled all the parameters in stipulated time and were selected among the first 20 cities in the country.

Earlier, the Chief Minister, Smt. Vasundhara Raje congratulated the Prime Minister on the first anniversary of the Smart City Mission. She thanked the Prime Minister for having selected four cities from Rajasthan for the Smart City Mission – Jaipur, Udaipur, Ajmer and Kota. She said the entire world was witnessing how India was progressing at a rapid pace under his leadership. This was a matter of pride for the entire country, she said.

The Chief Minister informed that today the projects like Rooftop Solar Power Plant; Restoration of Traditional Step Wells; Restoration and Beautification of Gardens and Real Time Information Systems for bus shelters have been inaugurated.

She said that Jaipur has been selected as the first lighthouse city of South Asia. This places Pink City in the elite club of other cities like Hamburg, Barcelona and Adelaide. This initiative, in partnership with CISCO, has created I.T. enabled services, Wi-fi hotspots, installation of video surveillance cameras, interactive kiosks, remote e-governance solutions and parking management systems.

The Chief Minister further informed that the Jaipur Municipal Corporation has setup plants for the disposal of solid waste. A plant is also being setup on the PPP basis for generating power through waste.

In Udaipur, the Chief Minister said, that works relating to heritage conservation and development have been undertaken. Projects relating to Smart Class Rooms, Roof Top Solar Plant, Command and Control Centre as well as Sewerage have also been initiated.

She expressed her gratitude to the Prime Minister for having included Udaipur and Jaipur in the first phase. The proposal for Ajmer and Kota for the second phase is also ready and will be sent to the Central Government before the scheduled time, she informed.

The Chief Minister said that the Prime Minister was indeed an inspiration for the people of India to beautify their cities and to bring about a positive change. She congratulated him on the occasion.