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·        Udaipur to be developed into a smart city with an estimated project cost of Rs 1526 crores

·        Strategically focused on tourism as a major key growth driver

***FICCI – IIDC Theme Paper on Smart City Udaipur released***

**Report proposes a two tier structure of Special Purpose Vehicles for developing Udaipuras a Smart City**

Udaipur, May 21: FICCI’s Theme paper on Udaipur Smart City proposes a two-tier structure of SPVs where one will be a Master SPV (as a holding or investment company) with subsidiary implementing vehicles for Walled City and Pan Cityinitiatives. The smart city Master SPV will be an umbrella institution responsiblefor conceiving, planning, appraisal, deployment of funds, implementation, management of urban assets and service delivery. Furthermore, it will also take care of award of contracts/PPP concessions, monitoring, evaluation and governance of the Smart City development project. With a total project cost of Rs 1526 crores, a two tiered SPV structurewill enable induction of private sector energies at the implementation level while retaining transparency, facilitation and overseeing by the Government at the apex levelfordeveloping Udaipur as a smart city.

The FICCI Theme Paper prepared by Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited was released by the Minister of State for UDH, Shri Rajpal Singh Shekhawat and Home Minister of Rajasthan, Shri, Gulab Chand Katariaat the inaugural ceremony of the one-day Smart City Conclave today in Udaipur. The paper maps and presents a strategic plan for Udaipurfocusing on tourism as a key growth driver. The strategy involves modernising civic amenities while preserving and strengthening the traditional heritage of the city to maintain its appeal for national and international tourists further increasing the tourist influx by 15-20 percent in the coming years.

The key components of the Smart City proposal include – 24X7water supply with source augmentation and smart metering; rehabilitation of power distribution network for assured supply with underground cabling, Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA), 15MW solar generation; dedicated underground ducts for water and city gas, for power and telecom cables; improved traffic circulation through restriction on personal vehicles, Pedestrianisation, promotion of cycling and battery operated IPT services, natural purification and real time monitoring of lake water quality and heritage building conservation amongst others.

For financing, the grant of Rs 500 crore from Central Government will be spread across 5 years out of which Rs 100 crore will be treated as Udaipur Municipal Corporation (UMC’s) contribution to equity while Rajasthan Government will put an equivalent amount as its share. The distribution of GOI Grant has been assumed as maximum allocation of Rs 194 crore in the first year, followed by Rs 98 crore in the next three years. The contribution from PPP and PSU participation is expected to over Rs 400 crore for solar power generation, city gas distribution.

All funding assistance, grants contributions from Central and State government under various missions and schemes (like AMRUT, Smart City Mission, Swachh Bharat Mission etc) would be channelized through the SPVs.