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The Second International Conference on Technological Advancements in Railway and Metro Technologies (IC-TRAM 2018) Seminar & Exhibition, being organised by the Defence Infrastructure Planning & Management Council (India) and IMR Media on 4-5 October 2018, at New Delhi is an important event for the Metro rail community.

Transport infrastructure is one of the most important factors for a country's progress. With rapid industrialization, urbanization, globalization and concentration of large population in urban centres, the cities and towns are growing at a faster pace. A direct consequence of urbanisation is the increasing cost of land in the core city area. The growth of satellite towns away from the city is an inevitable consequence on account of the availability of land at affordable prices.

Connectivity, therefore, becomes a crucial determinant in the success of the urban narrative. Metro rail projects are playing a key role not only as a transportation solution but also as a means to transform cities.

I am sure IC-TRAM 2018 will throw up good ideas and suggest innovative solutions.

I wish IC-TRAM 2018 all success.

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