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Sub: KSRTC wins of Business World Smart Cities Award -2017

December 20st 2017, New Delhi: KSRTC's Vehicle Tracking and Monitoring -Passenger Information System awarded with prestigious Business World Smart Cities Award-2017 under the category of Accessibility & Mobility.

KSRTC is the first transport undertaking in India which has implemented Vehicle Tracking and Monitoring and Passenger Information System in 2000 intercity express buses. The System provides Vehicle Tracking System, Real Time information System and MIS reports to improve quality & convenience of public transport system by ensuring the delivery of safe, fair, reliable and environment-friendly transport system.

The award was presented to Mr.H.M.Revanna, Hon'ble Transport Minister, Govt. of Karnataka during the award ceremony held at NewDelhi by Mr.Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development, Govt.of India and Mr.K.T.Rama Rao, Hon'ble Minister for IT and Municipal Administration, Telangana.

In his speech after receiving the award, Mr.H.M.Revanna, Hon'ble Transport Minister informed that he would dedicate this prestigious award to the commuters and dedicated employees. He provided brief introduction to the following commuter friendly initiatives of the Karnataka Government being implemented in the field of Public Transport:

- "Indira Clinic"- for Bus Commuters at Bangalore City – Free medical care for commuters and staff, planned to open in all major bus stations.
- "Traffic Less Day" – No Private vehicles on 2nd Sunday of every month starting from Feb-2018 to minimize congestion, pollution and boost the public transport system.
- "Electrical Buses" - Introducing 150 electrical buses at Bengaluru city to go green in the city.

- “Seat reserved for women in BMTC buses”-seats will soon turn pink to deter male passengers from occupying them. Pink seats will send out a message and deter men.
- “Indira Sarige” reduced rate of bus passes for factory women workers, constructions workers, and garment workers so that safest mode with economical public transport services will be provided to them.
- “City bus services” have been introduced in all the district headquarters of Karnataka. At present 978 buses operating in 30 cities.
- Inter-city “FLYBUS” services-which connects Bangalore International airport Bangalore to Mysore city. The success of the FLY BUS service, which has enabled KSRTC to extend to other inter-state cities like Calicut, Tirupati, Coimbatore and Madikeri from Bengaluru International Airport.

In his speech, Minister requested the Central Government to strengthen the state to run transport undertakings by providing financial and infrastructure support to enhance mobility and accessibility to the people with efficient and economical bus services.

The award is instituted by Business World, an Indian business magazine which provides a platform that endeavours to engage smart cities thought leaders and innovators to bring forth smart and sustainable ideas that can link the progressive cities to solutions that are best suited for them.

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