

Delhi Integrated Multi-Modal Transit System and Delhi Government win awards at the Urban Mobility Conference

5 December'09, New Delhi: The Delhi Government and Delhi Integrated Multi-Modal Transit System (DIMTS) Ltd. (a joint venture of GNCTD and IDFC Ltd.) won national level awards for two of their projects in the 'Awards for Excellence in Urban Transport Projects and Practices' that has been instituted by the Institute of Urban Transport (India). The awards have been given for the project on '**Intelligent Public Transport System integrated with PIS**' under the category 'Best Intelligent Transport System Project' and for the project on '**Cycle and Cycle Rickshaw friendly Delhi BRT corridor**' under the category of 'Best Cycle Rickshaw/Cycle Transport Project.' The awards were given away by the Union Cabinet Minister for Urban



Development, Mr. Jaipal Reddy at an award ceremony held in Indian Habitat Center on 05 December 2009.

DIMTS has been mandated by the government to construct, operate and manage the Bus Rapid Transit Systems in Delhi. DIMTS, as the Corridor Manager has not only been operating and managing the BRT corridor from Ambedkar Nagar to Moolchand but has also been taking several initiatives to ensure the smooth operations of the corridor and provide comfortable travel to the commuters.

Intelligent Public Transport System integrated with PIS

One such initiative has been installation of the Passenger Information System (PIS) on all the Bus Queue Shelters (BQS) along the BRT corridor. DIMTS on behalf of the government has installed 58 PIS boards on the BQS while 121 buses have been fitted with the Global Positioning System (GPS) devices. These devices track the location of the bus. This information is then used to inform the passengers waiting at the bus queue shelters, through the PIS boards, of the expected arrival time of the bus. In addition people can also find out about the location of the bus by logging on to the DIMTS website or by sending an SMS to 54545. DIMTS has also set up an Operation Control Centre to monitor the operation of the buses.

The purpose of providing such a facility was to reduce the waiting anxiety of the commuters and allow them to plan their journey in advance. Also since it increases the reliability of the bus service, it is also hoped that it would attract more people to travel by buses.

Cycle and Cycle Rickshaw friendly Delhi BRT corridor

The award was given for the work done in making the BRT corridor cycle and cycle rickshaw friendly. An attractive cycle lane has been constructed on the corridor keeping in mind the safety of cyclist and other non-motorized transport users who are otherwise always at the risk of getting hit by motorized vehicle. The lanes have been made wide enough to allow non-motorized transport like cycle rickshaws travel safely on the main road also. The objective behind a dedicated lane also stems from concerns of DIMTS and the Delhi Government on issues of global warming and climate change and their efforts to encourage public transport and cycling as a preferable mode of transport in the city.

The other objective was to make cycling an enjoyable experience for the cyclist and in fact to attract and encourage users of private motorized transport to shift to cycling. Keeping this thought in mind, DIMTS along with other like-minded organizations has been organizing cycle rallies on the corridor from time to time. It has also constructed five cycle stations at different locations along the corridor, where not only can commuters park their cycle and board the buses, but can also rent cycles at a nominal fee. DIMTS has also created a Non-Motorized Transport Cell to ensure a comprehensive approach to this entire initiative.

These awards follow the 'UITP Youth Award 2009' given by the International Association of Public Transport (UITP) that DIMTS had won for the marketing initiatives it had undertaken to create awareness about the BRT system in Delhi.

These awards recognize the work done by DIMTS and the Delhi Government in providing a safe, reliable and enjoyable traveling experience to its citizens.