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India Habitat Centre, New Delhi





Buiding Inclusive Cities

Uddeshya, WRI India's flagship annual conference is a collaborative platform to advance gender-responsive urban mobility. It brings together policymakers, practitioners, researchers, and civil society to drive dialogue and action toward more inclusive transport systems.

In India, women shoulder **9.6 times** more unpaid care work than men, shaping complex travel patterns that current systems often fail to address. This contributes to their lower participation in economic and civic activities. Persons with disabilities face similar barriers, with up to **70% of public transport inaccessible** in some states. Unpaid care work is valued at 15–17% of GDP, and failing to ensure disability inclusion could cost India over USD 210 billion.

As cities continue to grow, embedding accessibility and universal design into mobility systems will ensure equal access to jobs and essential services for all, while unlocking a significant economic potential.

Uddeshya 2026 will spotlight the mobility needs of caregivers and persons with disabilities through a gender lens, exploring how cities can design transport systems that reflect lived realities.

AGENDA

10:00 am - 11:00 am

REGISTRATION

10:45 am - 11:00 am

Launch of Exhibition: Everyday Mobility - Gender, Care and Disability

The exhibition explores how everyday journeys are shaped by care, gender, and disability in India. Through stories and data, it reveals the invisible work and complex travel patterns that often go unseen in transport planning.

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Opening Plenary

Inclusive Cities: Planning for Caregivers and Persons with Disabilities

This session will bring together experts from diverse fields to deliberate on innovative approaches to unlock the economic potential of inclusive urban mobility systems and their capacity to drive a just transition. Experts will share their vision for building inclusive cities through policy and practice in different sectors and potential solutions to challenges faced by the government, industry and the civil society in achieving it.

12:30 pm - 12:45 pm

TEA BREAK

12:45 pm - 01:45 pm

Bridging the Mobility Gap: Gender-responsive and Disability-Inclusive

This session will explore how disability-inclusive transport can be advanced through women's leadership, lived experiences, and sustained policy engagement. It will highlight the intersection of gender and disability in mobility planning, emphasising the need for data-driven, rights-based, and inclusive approaches to transport design, operations, and first & last mile connectivity.



01:45 pm – 02:30 pm

LUNCH BREAK

02:30 pm - 03:30 pm

Driving Gender Inclusion in India's E-mobility Workforce

A convening of experts to deliberate on how gender inclusion can be institutionalised across India's e-mobility ecosystem. The discussion will focus on coordinated public-private action, regulatory frameworks, and investment mechanisms that can translate gender commitments into implementation outcomes.

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

TEA BREAK

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Sutradhaar

A performance challenge spotlighting the lived experiences of citizens navigating our cities.

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Uddeshya Awards

Celebrating excellence in gender-responsive mobility.

6:00 pm onwards

NETWORKING AND DINNER

