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Germany, India focus on urban infrastructure

German Minister Dr. Peter Ramsauer to inaugurate Indo- German Urban mela in Mumbai

German Minister for Transport, Building and Urban Development Dr. Peter Ramsauer is visiting India from 9th to 14th April 2012. Accompanied by a high-profile business delegation, Dr. Ramsauer will be travelling to Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai.

Dr. Ramsauer will meet several Indian ministers, including Civil Aviation Minister Mr. Ajit Singh, Minister of Urban Development Mr. Kamal Nath, Minister of Railways Mukul Roy and Minister of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises Mr. Praful Patel.

On 11th and 12th April, Dr. Ramsauer will visit Kolkata, where he is expected to hold talks with West Bengal Chief Minister Ms. Mamata Banerjee.



German Minister for Transport, Building and Urban Development Dr. Peter Ramsauer/ © BMVBS/Photo by Frank Ossenbrink

Through these talks, Germany and India aim to strengthen existing ties and explore fresh avenues for cooperation in the fields of aviation, transport, railways, logistics, and urban infrastructure. The talks will further strengthen close ties in the research and development of technologies for sustainable mobility.

Indo-German Urban Mela kicks off in Mumbai

Under the aegis of the year of Germany in India titled ‘Germany and India 2011-2012: Infinite Opportunities’, the much-awaited mobile space metro tour will be inaugurated by Dr. Ramsauer in Mumbai on 13th April 2012. On this occasion, a press conference will also be organised at 11.00 am at the Cross Maidan, Mumbai.

The ‘Indo-German Urban Mela’, a set of modern multi-purpose pavilions, designed especially for the year of Germany in India by renowned German architect Markus Heinsdorff, is the centrepiece of the year of Germany in India. These pavilions combine design elements from both countries with state-of-the-art textile technology, thereby creating a symbiosis of art, architecture and technology.

The ‘Urban Mela’ will be set up in Mumbai for 10 days and will then move on to Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, and Pune.

The set of pavilions consists of six differently shaped modules. They will be arranged and adapted to the local conditions to create a unique temporary festival venue. The pavilions will host interactive presentations by various German corporations and organisations on topics and solutions related to “StadtRäume – CitySpaces”.

In addition, a comprehensive programme, including cultural performances and conferences, will be held at the venue. There will also be a food and beverage area allowing the visitors to get a taste of special delicacies from the German kitchen.

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