Tata Nano adds to traffic congestion, says Mandaviya

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NEW DELHI: Tata Motors' Nano, which was touted as the world's cheapest car at the time of its launch in 2008, has added to traffic congestion in Indian cities, Union Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways, Mansukh L Mandaviya, said.

"Though home-grown automaker, Tata Motors introduced its Nano car within a price bracket of Rs 1.5 lakhs-2 lakhs for middle class buyers ...in a way it disturbed urban road transport by only adding to the traffic congestion," Mr. Mandaviya said at an Assocham conference here.

The Minister said there was a need to promote research and development to devise a sustainable urban road transport model "that is suitable for India and should not ape the west," according to an Assocham statement.

'Industry May Take 9-12 Months To Recover From Note Ban Leather trade down by 60%: Survey

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Agra: Business in major industrial clusters of leather and leather products in India has been hit hard by Union government's demonetisation move, according to a survey-cum-analysis by Assocham. Production has declined by over 60%, while the number of workers in leather factories has come down by nearly 75% as they are not being paid on time

"There has been a significant decline in the arrival of animal hide. While tanneries in major leather clusters such as Agra, Kanpur and Kolkata have recorded more than 75% decline, Chennai recorded



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more than 60% fall in skin arrival," said the survey-cumanalysis on 'Impact of demonetisation on the leather industry. Talking to TOI, D S Rawat, secretary general of Assocham, said that according to the findings of the survey, "the leather industry is reel-

ing under stress as butchers are not providing animal hide as they are not being paid in cash. Tanneries are not able to get the hide transported as they are not able to pay the transporters in cash. Moreover, shortfall in coal supply for boilers is also adding to the

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Metropolitan transport authority planned

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: The State government is planning to establish a metropolitan transport authority to bring all modes of transport under one umbrella, Trans-Minister A.K. Saseendran has said.

Speaking at an Assocham conference on 'Sustainable urban road transport' at New Delhi on Wednesday, Mr. Saseendran said a legislation, meant for the establishment of the authority, was in the pipeline.

The proposal for initiating a suburban railway project was also in the advanced stages, an Assocham release here quoted the Minister as saving.

Mr. Saseendran said the State wanted the Centre to

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support its proposal to extend JNNURM buses to all the five cities in the State and to financially assist the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), which operates over 5,000 buses.

Bio-fuel

The State government had introduced bio-fuel in a few petrol pumps to make public transport system economical and pollution-free.

"Now we are planning to introduce this at 69 centres in Kerala," the Minister said.

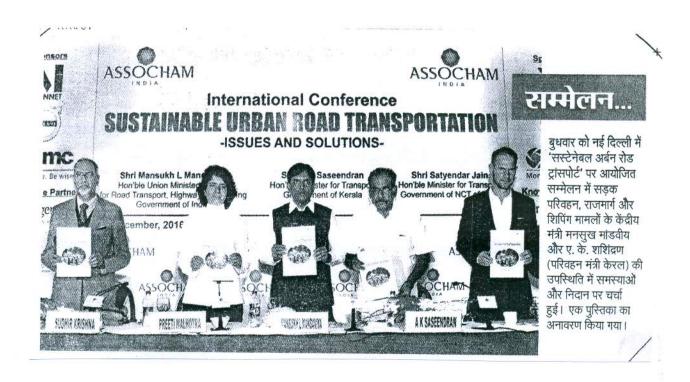
He said the the State government was planning to amend the Kerala Road Safety Authority Act, 2007, to put in place a comprehensive mobility plan.

"A concerted effort by various government departments like Transport, Public Works, Police, Local Self-Government, and others are necessary to achieve this goal."

In due course, the public transport system in Kerala would be run on CNG (compressed natural gas) and LNG (liquefied natural gas), fuels that are environmentfriendly and cost effective, the Minister said.

"We have started the work to establish CNG and LNG and distribution centres at major cities in the State," said the Minister.

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એસોચેમ સંસ્થાએ માંડવિયાના નામે અખબારી યાદી પ્રસિદ્ધ કરી કે ટ્રાફિકની સમસ્યા માટે સસ્તી કાર જવાબદાર

સમસ્યા વકરી : મનસખ

ટાટા નેનોને કારણે શહેરી વિસ્તારમાં ટ્રાહિક સમસ્યા વકરી રહી છે તેવા રોક એન્ડ ટ્રાન્સપોર્ટના કેન્દ્રીય મંત્રીના પ્રેસ વિલખી ભાગતે ભાસકરે મનસુખ માં હવિયાની સંપર્ક કરતા તેમણે જણાવ્યું કે મારી વાતનું બીટું અર્થકટન થયું છે, મેં દેશમાં વેચાતી સસ્તી કારને કારણે

बनगुण महित्या द्रान्सपोर्ड चामनी સમિટની આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. જેમાં રોડ ટ્રાન્સપોર્ટ, લાઇવે શીપીંગના કેન્દ્રીય મંત્રી મનસુખ

જ્યાનમાં રાખીને તેનો કાર લોંચ કરાઇ બાળવા માદ પાલ્લ કરવા શાંઝા. વાય છે. અક તરફ આપલી ટીટો ધ્યાનમાં રાખીને તેનો કાર લોંચ કરાઇ કતી. જેની કિંમત 150 થે 2.0 માંડવિયા સાથે વાત કરતા તેમણે લાખ જેટલી છે. કાલમાં તેને કારણે જાણાવ્યું કે મેં નેનો કારને કારણે ટ્રાકિક પાર્ટિસ્થિતિ કંઇક અલગ છે. ટાટા સમસ્યા વકરી હોવાનું જણાવ્યું નથી. તેનો કારને કારણે શહેરી વિસ્તારમાં મારી વાત એ પ્રકારની હતીકે, આર્થિક આવેરક્રિજ બનાવવા તે ટ્રાફિકની

ટ્રાફિકની સમસ્યા ઉભી થાય છે. માત્ર પોતાના મોડલ હોવ ઓવરશ્રિજ બનાવવા તે ટ્રાફિકની વિકાસશીલ બનાવે.

અને બીજા અન્ય ભારતીય શક્ય પર્યાય તરફ પણ વળવું જોઇએ, આપણી પાસે પોતાના મોડલ હોવા જોઈએ જે દેશને