

## **'Urge Media to Write Extensively on Innovations in Science and Technology: Dr. Harsh Vardhan**

Union Minister for Science and Technology, Earth Sciences and Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Dr. Harsh Vardhan has urged mediapersons to write extensively and regularly on innovations in the field of science and technology.

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## **Quality of life in 116 major cities to be assessed; City Liveability Index Launched**

In yet another major initiative, the Ministry of Urban Development today launched the 'City Liveability Index' for measuring the quality of life in 116 major cities including smart cities, capital cities and cities with a population of above one million each.

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## **A commemorative postage stamp released on completion of 50 years of Passport Act.**

The Minister for Communications Shri Manoj Sinha said that the Passport Seva Project (PSP) has been a watershed in the history of passport issuance in India with its successful implementation in the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode.

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## **Railways continues its emphasis on improvement in Railways infrastructure in the North-eastern region**

Ministry of Railways has been laying great emphasis on improvement in Railway infrastructure in the North-eastern region.

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## **Smart city development is a shared vision of city governments and citizens; not imposed by Centre, says Shri M.Venkaiah Naidu**

Minister of Urban Development Shri M.Venkaiah Naidu today asserted that smart city development is based on the shared vision of citizens and respective city governments and not imposed by the central government. Rebutting the criticism in certain quarters that Smart City Mission is elitist, he spoke at length on the objectives and design of Smart City Mission at a National Workshop on Urban Transformation, here today.