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Sustainable Smart Cities is the Way Ahead for inclusive Economic Growth World Trade Centre , Mumbai 29th January 2015

Dr. Amiya Kumar Sahu, Founder, National Solid Waste Association of India (NSWAI), lamented that our country has remained oblivious to the needs of garbage and waste management, a prerequisite for any smart city. Dr. Sahu said that smart cities must be built in a designated area far away from the existing large metropolises so as to keep these cities insulated from outside waste. This will ensure clean air and clean water. A major challenge before the smart cities will be the management of e-waste. Smart cities will generate and absorb a huge amount of high-tech gadgets resulting in huge quantity of e-waste. This will pose great environmental threat to these cities. Further, modern lifestyle and change in food habits will lead to enormous amount of dry waste, which needs to be treated. Therefore the aim of the smart cities should be to promote zero garbage concepts by handling waste properly. According to Dr. Sahu, waste can be recycled to produce energy and he advocated the setting up of waste based power plants owned by the public sector.