

Transport 4 All (T4All) Challenge

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In News: Yesterday, Ministry Housing and Urban Affairs launched the Transport 4 All Challenges, an online event .

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- **Ministry:** Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the Transport 4 All challenge in collaboration with ITDP.
- **Aims:** To bring together cities, citizen groups, and start-ups to develop solutions that improve public transport to better serve the needs of all citizens.
- At the core of the Challenge are citizens who will not only define the problems for which solutions shall be created but also help start-ups and cities to refine the solutions to meet their needs.
- The first edition of the Challenge focuses on digital innovation.
- Cities and start-ups will receive guidance to develop and test various solutions, learn from them, and scale them to build people's trust in public transport and enhance their mobility.
- The solutions will make public transport—formal as well as informal— safe, convenient, and affordable for all.
- All the Smart Cities Mission cities, capitals of states and union territories (UTs), and all cities with a population of over 5 lakhs—are eligible for the Challenge.

Three Stages of the Challenge

- The Transport4All through Digital Innovation Challenge comprises three stages:
 - **Stage I Problem Identification:** Cities, with the

support of NGOs, identify key recurring problems that citizens and public transport operators face

- **Stage II Solution Generation:** Start-ups develop prototypes of solutions to improve public transport with inputs from cities and NGOs
 - **Stage III Pilot Testing:** Cities engage start-ups for large-scale pilots and refine the solutions based on citizen feedback
- Cities, as part of the challenge shall form a Transport4All Task Force (TTF) consisting of key stakeholders vis. Municipal Corporation, Smart City SPV, city bus undertaking, metro and suburban rail, regional transport office, traffic police, road owning agencies, Intermediate Public Transport (IPT) unions, NGOs, and academic institutes working in the field of sustainable transport.