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Sub: Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla will inaugurate the National Level Conference of Chairpersons of Urban Local Bodies in the States and Union Territories in International Centre for Automotive Technology, Manesar, Gurugram, Haryana on Thursday, 03 July, 2025.

Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, Shri Manohar Lal; Chief Minister, Haryana, Shri Nayab Singh; Speaker, Haryana Vidhan Sabha, Shri Harvinder Kalyan and other dignitaries will grace the Inaugural Session.

The theme of the Conference is: "Role of Urban Local Bodies in Strengthening Constitutional Democracy and Nation Building"

During the two days Conference delegates from across India will deliberate on critical issues, which include:

- i. Urban Local Bodies as foundational pillars of democracy: Developing model practices and procedure code of conduct of General Council Meetings;
- ii. Urban Local Bodies as engines of inclusive growth and development: Making municipal governance more effective in fulfilling the constitutional mandate;
- iii. Urban Local Bodies as architects of 21st Century India: Contribution in helping achieve the goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047;
- iv. Urban Local Bodies as vehicles of empowerment of women–Role in grooming women for leadership positions in society and polity; and
- v. Urban Local Bodies as crucibles of innovations and best practices: improving public delivery and quality of lives of citizens.

The proceedings on 4 July 2025 will commence with the presentations by the five groups on their respective sub-themes.

The valedictory session on 4th July will be graced by Shri Bandaru Dattatraya, Governor of Haryana, who will address the distinguished gathering. Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha Shri Harivansh; Speaker, Haryana Vidhan Sabha Shri Harvinder Kalyan and other dignitaries will remain present on the occasion.

A Show Round of Prena Sthal, Samvidhan Sadan and Parliament House will also be held for the delegates on the concluding day of the Conference.

The Conference aims to serve as an important platform for outlining the important role of Urban Local Bodies in a rapidly urbanizing country. It aims to strengthen democratic

institutions, share best practices, and explore and highlight innovative approaches to urban governance in the contemporary era.

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