



Smarter Cities: India Leading the Way – Friday, August 3

- India market: challenges with government and individuals
- Smart cities are all about local involvement
- The mission of smart cities
 - Adequate water supply
 - Assured electricity supply
 - Sanitation including solid waste management
 - Efficient urban mobility and public transport
 - Affordable housing, especially for the poor
 - Robust Information Technology
- Smart solutions
 - E-governance and citizen services
 - Waste management
 - Water management
 - Energy management
 - Urban mobility
 - Corporate social responsibilities
 - Include women in entrepreneurship
- Why china has much more sister cities than India
 - Because Chinese cabinets established a part of government that promotes Sister Cities all over the world
 - They bring all of their cities' representatives to Beijing for a conference which rewards them for being sister cities with China
- Right now there is interest in Afghanistan, North Korea. There's great interest in the U.S. government in building Sister Cities with India
 - Not easy to do because there's no government component to push and establish India relationships
 - Mayors are appointed in India
 - Some cities in India still do not have a mayor
 - Mayors are only appointed for two years so how much can they do with that limited power?
- In India, CEOs have power and funding for exchange programs—this is the way to build relationships
- Representatives from India expressed desire to take big steps to help promote city development instead of just baby steps