



# The EuroIndia Centre

## Flash report on the official Indian delegation to the Valladolid Summit and its European extension to Brussels and Paris.

Michel Sabatier, Secretary General, and Girish Bhagat, Secretary (India), have just completed a tour of Indian States and cities, with the support of the local offices of the *Confederation of Indian Industry*, our Indian partner, and invited them to attend the *EuroIndia City Summit* of Valladolid (4-6 October) and its European extension to Brussels (7 October) and Paris (8-9 October).

The outcome is very encouraging with 13 States and 18 cities having declared strong interest, the tentative list of which is given below. Cities are all part of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission. They cover a broad and balanced geographical spectrum with 6 cities from the South, 3 from the West, 7 from the North and 2 from the East. Their population ranges from 70000 (Panaji) to over 5 millions (Bangalore).

The India delegation will be led by the Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Urban Development. The Union Secretary-led delegation will be accompanied by senior State Government officials, most of them being responsible for Urban development policies and project implementation for their respective States. Some of the cities will be represented by Mayors and/or elected corporators and Municipal Commissioners.

Besides there will be representation from the European and Indian companies engaged in the Urban Development in India stewarded by CII. Never before on the subject matter of Urban Development, India has put forth such a formidable, diverse multi-State delegation. This is despite the fact that due to prevailing drought conditions in many States, there are severe restrictions on foreign travel for public and elected officials.

Subject to timely administrative clearances by Central and State administrations, the States and Cities which are likely to be represented are:

Andhra Pradesh:	Hyderabad, Vishakapatnam
Assam:	Guwahati
Goa:	Panaji
Gujarat:	Ahmedabad
Haryana:	Chandigarh
Jammu-Kashmir:	Jammu, Srinagar
Karnataka:	Bangalore
Meghalaya:	Shillong
Pondicherry:	
Punjab:	Amristar, Chandigarh, Ludhiana
Rajasthan:	Jaipur
Tamil Nadu:	Chennai, Madurai
Uttar Pradesh:	Kanpur, Lucknow

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