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100 New Cities for India: From Manifestoes to Manifestation

Amidst a rapidly burgeoning population, the need for better economic growth and with political manifestoes all finally embracing urbanisation as an opportunity rather than a threat, the reality of a 100 new cities is upon us. Where are these cities going to be? What are the ground realities that challenge their development? And how can we best leverage and learn from existing conditions in this path to growth? At a very crucial point in time for India, the talk presents a peek into the crux of the issues we should be looking at, on what is bound to be a meteoric rise in the country's urbanisation.

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