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*Updates on smart city progress around the globe*

### NEWS & TRENDS

**Is your website disaster proof?** Your city undoubtedly has an emergency plan, but if it doesn't address your website and sharing information on social media, it's lacking. Three steps recommended by experts at SunGard Public Sector will help fix that. [MORE >>](#)

**Tour promotes India's smaller cities as smart cities:** India's 100 smart cities initiative is well-known and most of the focus has been on the first six major metro areas on the list. The recently formed Smart Cities Council India is taking steps to include Tier II and Tier III cities in the program. Find out why (and how you can participate). [MORE >>](#)

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### POINT OF VIEW

**Smart cities, smart reads:** Explaining the complexity of a smart city in simple terms isn't always easy. That's why you should read a recent post by Charbel Aoun of Schneider Electric, who masterfully uses a simple analogy to explain the smart city journey. It's one of three new summer reading recommendations we have for you. [MORE >>](#)

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