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India is the fastest growing economy, wherein electronics play the key driver., The rapid innovation in technology has resulted in improved electronic products, besides faster obsolescence of old products, thereby creating unmanageable volume of electronic waste (e-waste). E-waste when dumped in landfill impacts the human and environmental health. Besides, recycling of e-waste in informal sector by unscientific means also creates significant damage.

I am happy that the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has taken the initiative to create awareness on the ill effect of e-waste recycling in informal sector and suggesting the best practices on alternative safe methods for environment friendly disposal of e-waste through industry associations. The programme, implemented across various cities of 31 identified states/UTs, has created awareness among the public through workshops/activities and cinema.

There is a responsibility and immense potential in augmenting e-waste recycling through various initiatives in the country. However, lots of ground has to be covered through awareness campaigns, skill development, capacity creation and introduction of indigenous technology, while adopting adequate safety measures in the country for the informal sector.

I appreciate the efforts of the Ministry, and all the industry associations including MAIT, NASSCOM, CEAMA, PHDCCI etc. and participants in this endeavour.