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**LIVING CITIES**

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# Cities of the Future

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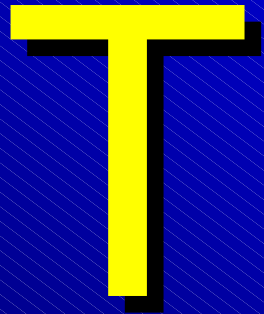
**Competitiveness** is crucial for cities to be the engine of growth for the nation

**Commitment** at local political administration is crucial to maintain competitiveness

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Infrastructure of the cities must be efficient and affordable to achieve competitiveness

Infrastructure should be improved and operated on commercial sustainability



Transport and communications should

- provide mobility,
- be safe and
- be reliable for the cities to function effectively

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Information is the key factor for good governance

Transparency, low transaction costs through e-government is a requirement

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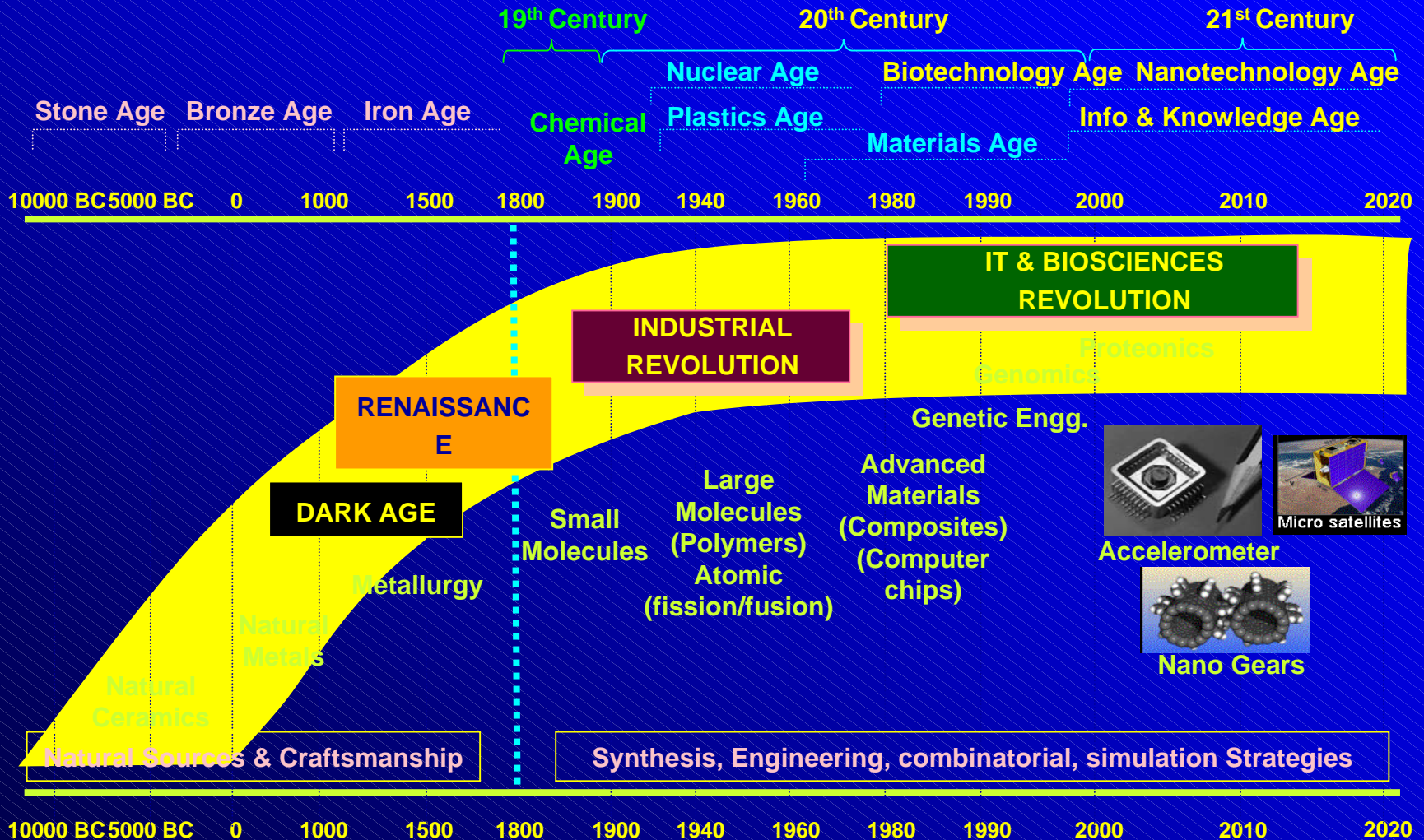
**Environment** i.e. when the quality of life, open space, and air quality are good, cities will be **sustainable**

Cities have life...

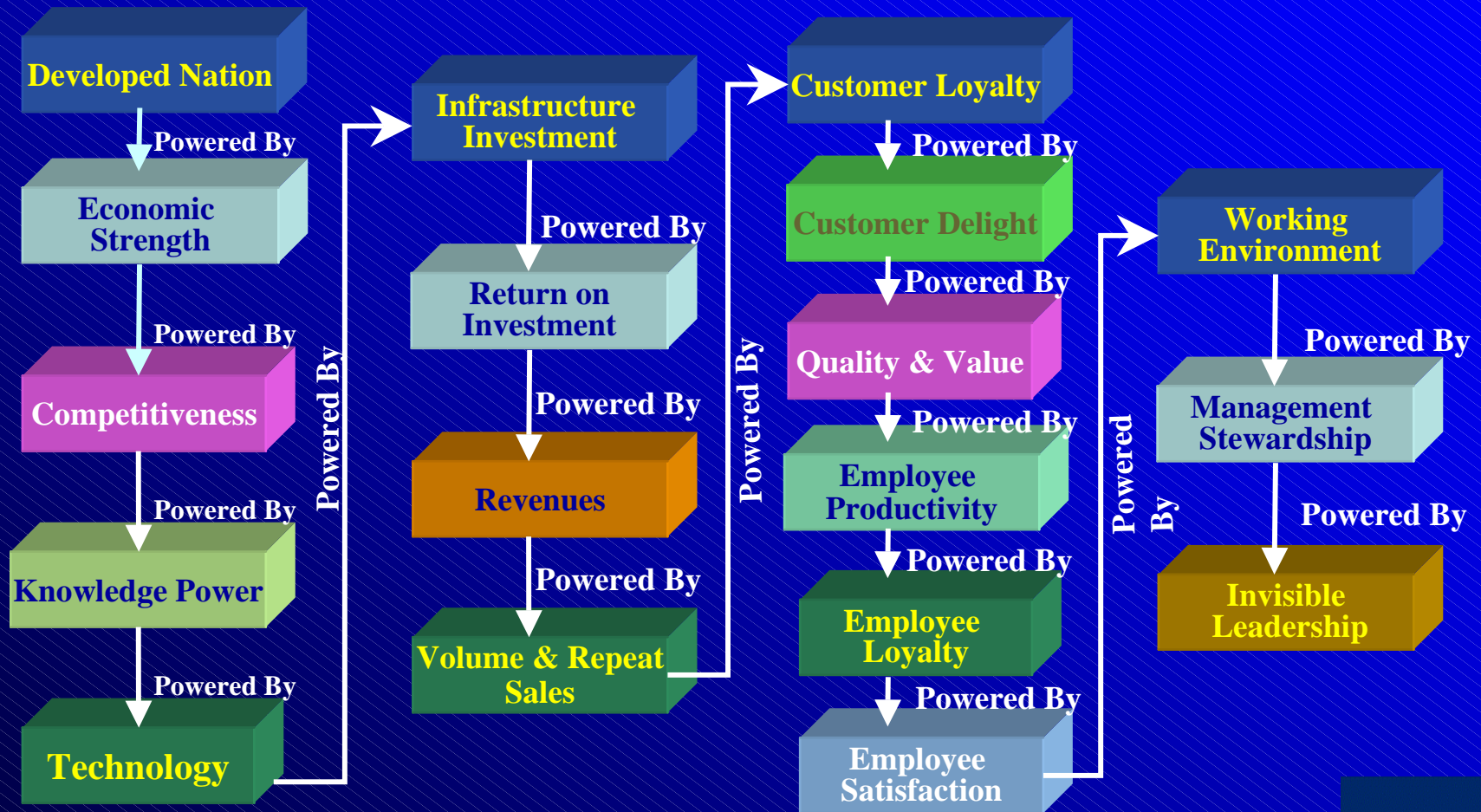
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**Shelter** i.e. availability and affordability of housing space through appropriate **land use and housing policy** and planning is a salient feature of a city with a vision

# TECHNOLOGY GUIDING THE FUTURE



# Development & Leadership-Connectivity



“Invisible leadership is exercising the vision to change the traditional role from commander to coach, manager to mentor, from director to delegator and from one who demands respect to one who facilitates self respect.”

-Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam  
President of India

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become candidates for  
living **in** cities through  
leaders who ensure

- ✓ better "infrastructure"
- ✓ good "**g**overnance"

Some are born leaders; others  
become leaders; they are  
everywhere!