

National Seminar  
on  
Urban Planning in India:  
Challenges and Strategies for Sustainable Development  
on 30-31st March 2007.

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**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

**About the Seminar**

Urban centers of India both big and small are beset with a number of problems. The main problems our cities face are haphazard development, over-crowding, congestions, urban poverty, slums, poor infrastructure, environmental pollution, urban governance and urban resource mismanagement. The root causes for these problems are accumulation of population in cities particularly in big cities and failures to formulate and implement policies for planned urban development in time. There is also a lacking of coordination among town planners, policy makers, and urban administrators, academicians, legal experts, and community leaders on the management and planning of cities. Due to these lapses, cities often face social unrest and management crisis. We cannot leave our cities depend on market forces for their growth and development because these forces cannot ensure a balance development. Market forces do not respect social equity and environmental concerns if they are left free to operate themselves. Similarly in the age of liberalisation and globalisation, we cannot plan our cities without considering market forces. Since urban planning is multi- dimensional it needs multi- disciplinary approaches. Geographers with inter- disciplinary approach, spatial vision, social welfare orientation and ecological mind set can contribute a lot to the formation of strategies for sustainable development of cities. This National seminar is being organized with a view to bringing together geographers, town planners, policy makers and community leaders (NGOs) so as to sit together and come out with some healthy suggestions, corrective measures and policy recommendations so that we can make our cities worth living and sustainable.

**Objectives:**

This seminar is being organized with following objectives:

- (a) To discuss trend of urbanization in India with the special emphasis on post-independence urbanization.
- (b) To identify various problems faced by our cities today and the responses from various quarters.
- (c) The seminar also intended to provide basic information and up date knowledge regarding urban management and planning in India to the students, young geographers, research scholars, junior officials and personals from NGOs working in the field of urban management.
- (d) To bring together academicians, town planners, architects and experts from other disciplines and community leaders to exchange knowledge and ideas on the subject and come out with the suggestions and policies recommendations for the betterment of our cities.

**Technical Sessions:**

The major sub themes for discussion at the seminar are:

- (1) Urbanisation in India: Historical Roots and Contemporary Scenario.
- (2) Uses and Misuses of Urban land in India.
- (3) Million Cities of India: Growth Dynamics and Development Patterns.
- (4) Small Towns and emergence of Micropolises in India.
- (5) Infrastructural Development: Housing, Water Availability and Supply, Drainage and Sewerage, Power, Transportation etc.
- (6) Urban Environment and Health.
- (7) Urban Management and Role of NGOs
- (8) Planning of Indian Cities: Policies and Strategies.
- (9) Application of GIS and Remote Sensing in Urban Development and Spatial Planning.

**Call for Abstracts and Full Paper:**

Participants intending to present paper(s) are requested to send a hard copy of abstract (300 words) to the Convener on or before **28<sup>th</sup> February 2007**. Abstract can also be send by compact disc (C.D.) or by e-mail. The last date for submission of full paper (about 10 to 15 pages) is **15<sup>th</sup> march 2007**.

The author(s) is requested to adopt the following format: Title of the paper, Name of the author(s), Institutional address, Abstract, Introduction, Methodology, Analysis, Conclusion, and References. The Paper should be prepared in Microsoft Word and should be submitted in a soft copy (compact disc). The abstracts and full paper along with registration fee should be send to Dr.R N Dubey, the Convener, the National Seminar, Department of Geography, B R Ambedkar College, Main Wazirabad Road, Yamuna Vihar, Delhi-110094

**Registration:**

Participants are requested to register in advance by filling out the online registration form or by sending the filled in attached registration form to the Convener by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2007. The draft/local cheque should be drawn in favour of "Principal, B R Ambedkar College", payable at Delhi. Registration fee will be charged as follow:

Delegates:	Rs.300
Accompanying spouse	Rs.250
Research Scholars/Local	
Participants:	Rs.200

**Accommodation**

The Delegates are requested to make own arrangement for their stay in Delhi. The tariff of the Hotels at Delhi ranges from Rs.200 to Rs.500 for single occupancy and from Rs.350 to Rs.2000 for double occupancy. Deligates may opt for their stay in hostel/dormitories of Delhi University free of charge.

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