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FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF EDITOR

Dr. Nishith Rai, Director

India is at the crossroads of the massive revolution in terms of how urbanization is transformed and directed. Urbanization has the potential, if well planned, to create new opportunities for a better life, to help free people out of poverty and also to act as the engine of growth.

As of 2011, the urban population of the country is projected to increase to more than 600 million by 2030 and almost 900 million by 2050. These urbanization and urban development processes are part and parcel of complex political, social, demographic, environmental and ethno- religious contexts.

Although the developmental advantages of urbanized existences are clear, India's urbanization presents its own challenges. As we move further towards 2050, we are confronted with the consequences of rapid urbanization and population growth, the rise of megacities and mega-regions, the shortage of natural resources and their mismanagement, effect of fatal flaws in our disaster relief efforts and the growing demand and complexity of significantly expanding transport flows. Our societies have also undergone rapid and radical changes in age and class, increasing inequalities between the rich and the poor and a strong public demand for democracy.

With the lack of a dominant paradigm in urban design and planning, we need to investigate the postmodern state of the cities more thoroughly. Different paradigms point to different forms and approaches for designing public intervention— each with conscious expectations, results and consequences for end users. Structural and emerging change forces contribute to the shaping of urban landscapes and living infrastructures, posing constant challenges for the various measures to be taken to reinvent the cities. The importance of digital and social media and the network society in general, with its specific transformation and creation of new spaces and places, remains to be adequately investigated. The quality and the livability of



the urban environment in our towns, cities, districts and neighborhoods are the decisive factors in the social, cultural, economic and environmental performance of society and the quality of life of all its citizens.

Our current studies must cover the history, culture and management of the cities ' heritage. Previous studies in various fields, including sociology, geography, architecture, environmental psychology, economics and so on. Have explored people's social behavior and urban space relationships. Sadly, the results of each of these fields remained just that — findings of different fields.

No real attempt was made to unify the rich data generated in each discipline to shed more light on which and what types of urban environments were more conducive to human life in cities. There is obviously a paradigm shift in urban planning and urban design with a focus on its benefits for sustainable urban development.

The contribution to this end is also done by the experts, researchers, academicians, etc. in the field of Urban Development with whose support we at RCUES Lucknow bring out the Biannual Journal Urban Panorama. The journal presents the refereed results of original scientific research, and new developments in policy and practice in the fields of housing, spatial planning, building and urban development.

The aim is to give exposure to recent developments, providing a forum for the exchange and discussion of new ideas. The journal benefits a diverse readership of scientists, specialists, practitioners, and policy-makers in government and in organizations dealing with housing and urban issues.

(Dr. Nishith Rai) Director

Lucknow December, 2018



FROM THE DESK OF EDITOR

The Journal Urban Panorama aims to provide an effective means for the exchange of research findings, ideas and information in the fields of urban development and environment among researchers, activists and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) international agency staff, students and teachers.

With every new issue of Urban Panorama, we focus on newer areas of urban and environmental issues and their interconnections. In this issue, we have a bouquet of articles by experts and researchers in the field of urban governance and management.

In this issue of Urban Panorama, Dr. K. Baby & Rajeevan R, in their joint paper titled - Environmental Impact and Disaster Management: with Special Reference to Kerala Floods, discuss about the nature in which disasters have adversely affected not only humans but also animals and all lives on earth. Disaster cause mass damage of construction or loss of economy. It gives very bad impact on the economy of the country. Information towards a disastrous event and is measured by how efficiently, effectively and seamlessly one coordinates these resources. The ability to effectively deal with disasters has become a challenge to modern technology. It is apparent that disaster problems cut across various disciplinary lines. One cannot effectively address disaster management difficulties by focusing on the isolated problems of a single type. The paper focuses on the solution to effective disaster management is influenced by the activities of a host of independent organisations at national and inter-national level.

Santosh Kumar Suman, Swati Maurya and Aishvarya Narain, in their joint paper titled - An Exploratory Study of Smart city in India frames some portion of an exploratory investigation of the Smart City. This paper centers around the idea of the SMART city as the Government of India propelled the smart city venture for creating 100 keen urban areas (now 98 shrewd urban



communities) in the nation and furthermore focuses on the Major difficulties For Upcoming and additionally the key territories for improvement of smart urban communities in India.

Dr. Lal Krishna Mishra, in his paper titled - Shortage of Housing in Urban Indiadwells into the issue of scarcity of proper urban housing for all despite our socio-economic growth rate being high. The paper discusses about the negative sides of the issue that how due to the absence of housing, a large part of the population of the town resides in slums on the sidewalk. Being compelled to live in huts or in a two-room building, there is a severe lack of clean air, drinking water and health facilities. As a result, functionality, life expectancy, and quality of life of the people living there are negatively affected.

Salka Khan, in her paper titled, Analysis of Rural-Urban Fringe of Bhopal identifies the chronological development of fringe areas of Bhopal with the change of municipal and planning boundaries. It also talks about the spatial growth of Bhopal with change in land use, land cover and built-up of the fringe area over time. The demographic character of the villages between municipal and planning boundary.

Amrita Rastogi, in her paper titled- 'Planning Strategies for up-liftmen of Handicraft clusters and their workers: A Case of Lucknow Cluster of Avadh Region' is an attempt to ascertain as to why the handicrafts have declined. And the study also aims to suggest the planning strategies for upliftment of handicraft clusters and their workers. For achieving this aim Ms Rastogi's first objective was to study the existing status of clusters, Second was to study the basic profile and infrastructure of cluster, Third was to review the socio-economic condition of workers, and Fourth was to suggest interventions for cluster development and socio-economic improvement of workers.

Dr K N Narasimha Prasad and Vinay Mohan Agrawal in their joint paper titled-Impact of RERA 2016 on Property Market and Home Buyers focusses on the RERA Act and through this research, various features of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act 2016 are discussed and a questionnaire survey is conducted and analyzed to ascertain if the confidence of the home buyers and investors is boosted. The findings indicate that the homebuyers are guardedly enthusiastic about RERA and see it as a step in the right direction.



Prof. (Dr.) Indrasen Singh, in his paper titled - Difficulties in Implementing Project Management Tools presents the findings of the fieldwork and study conducted on the challenges and difficulties of infrastructure development project. The study employed both personal interview and observation methods. The findings revealed that fund, infrastructures (hardware and software), manpower, management commitment, monitoring and inspection were the critical challenges and difficulties faced by organizations during their system development. Therefore, the study concludes that fund, infrastructures (hardware and software), manpower, management commitment, monitoring and inspection play crucial role for an effective system development. This study recommends that there should be sufficient budget to procure the right system hardware and software for right requirements. Secondly, training of staff for both IS development and management should be given urgent attention and lastly the organizations (top management) commitment to promote the use of these tools.

Rambooshan Tiwari, in his paper titled - Crime in Metropolitan Cities of Madhya Pradesh highlights how urban areas especially metropolitan cities are more prone to crime in comparison to their rural counterparts. The paper is an attempt to analyze the crime occurred in the four metropolitan cities of the Madhya Pradesh. Apart from crime rate and crime-population ratio the paper also attempts to analyze the crime in reference to violent crime and crime occurred against women.

Ar. Keertika Rao, in her paper titled - Fall of Traditional Housing of Shekhawati sheds light on the various problems affecting Shekhawati havelis and draws attention towards the reasons why with each passing day it is becoming more and more difficult to conserve havelis and protect them from being demolished. It discusses the role of local people especially owners and craftsmen in conserving these beautiful structures. The paper concludes with some strategies to protect, conserve and adaptive reuse for Shekhawati havelis.

Thakur Das Daryana, in his paper titled - Training Needs of Young



Engineers & Technicians for Water & Sanitation Skills New Technology Options aims to underline the importance of training programs for young engineers & technicians working in the field of civil & environmental engineering.so that the present day requirements of water & sanitation facilities including those of sanitary toilets for rural areas, semi-urban and peri-urban areas not connected to sewerage facility and the treatment of waste water drainage loaded with solid waste & floating debris reaching the rivers and water bodies all can be planned & implemented appropriately with available conventional and new technology options for timely & economical implementation

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I am sure joint efforts of all of us will make our task easier to achieve the heights of new successes in the field of Urban Development education and research through such publications.

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