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It is an understatement if we say that the COVID-19 has been a watershed event in recent global times. The impact of the pandemic is so widespread that perhaps it will take years perhaps decades to understand the full impact. One area that is of concern is its economic impact especially in cities where the COVID-19 and the resultant lockdown measures have led to the collapse of many industries especially tourism and hospitality, closure of public places, schools and recreational centres. Even individuals who were dependent on supporting auxiliary units or were dependent upon tourists or regular customers like street vendors or sellers were left to fend for themselves. The pandemic has marked it clear the deep fissures in our society in terms of the deep social and economic inequalities and the proliferation of domestic violence.

Needless to say that the impact has been felt the most by those who are the most vulnerable, who often live on the margins of the urban cities in ghettos with very little access to health, education, hygienic living, regular employment or other essential services. “Therefore, the pandemic has left an indelible mark on the prospects of cities and this made us rethink the development of cities in different dimensions, such as the social, cultural, economic, and environmental ones” (Elis, E. G. (2020, 05 18). *How Smart City Planning Could Slow Future Pandemics*. Retrieved July 07, 2020, from Wired: <https://www.wired.com/story/coronavirus-covid-19-urban-planning-health/>; Muggah, R., & Ermacora, T. (2020, April 20). *Special Series The Corona Virus Opinion: Redesigning The COVID-19 City*. Retrieved July 07, 2020, from NPR: <https://www.npr.org/2020/04/20/839418905/opinion-redesigning-the-covid-19-city>)

The pandemic has also highlighted the impact of climate change and has exposed how ill-prepared we are to deal with its widespread effects. The pandemic has brought into question the approach towards urbanization and our strategies to deal with the challenges it brings with it inevitably. The need of the hour is to bring together a holistic approach by revising our strategies, planning and execution in the light of repeated disasters, pandemics and



rising social and economic inequality. Whether we want to see the evidence or not it is very clear that the COVID-19, as well as SARS-COV-2, are just the beginning of many other zoonotic infections that are a result of uncontrolled food markets, devastation of nature, encroachments of human beings into wildlife habitat. The unplanned expansion combined with defective or even non-existent waste management, poor and ill-equipped health sector and a rising divide between the rich and poor is a recipe for much worse disasters just waiting to happen in the future. Despite all the suffering that the pandemic has caused and since it is not over yet it will cause, it is giving us the warning to rethink and reprioritize before it is too late.

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.

Lucknow
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(Dr. Nishith Rai)
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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. Ratna N. Pandey, in her paper titled, *'Implementation of Social Security Act, 2008 in India'*, has attempted to review the implementation of the Social Security Act for unorganized Workers enacted in 2008 Act and social security schemes scheduled under it. The paper talks in detail about the Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2008 (UWSSA) which defines an unorganized worker as a home based worker, self-employed worker or a waged worker in unorganized sector including unprotected workers in organized labour sector.

Prof. (Dr.) Indrasen Singh, in his paper titled, *'Traffic Management measures for Smart City Project at Panaji'*, discusses about the strain on its transport infrastructure owing to the considerable growth in population. As per the study and reviews, GSIDC had come up with a proposal of changing the image of the capital city (Panaji) into a Smart City undertaken by IPSCDL who is working on a parking policy and parking master plan through central and AMRUT funds. In the year 2013, Union Urban Development Ministry came up with a concept of Comprehensive Master Plan for the state under which the IPSCDL's response to the same was that initially it is to be approved by the high-level steering committee and enacting it which is also inclusive of Comprehensive Mobility Plan for the city in a greater view of providing sustainable regional transport over the next 20 years and plan cost effective mechanism of public transport for the city. The study, takes into consideration both the short-term and medium-term goals.

Jyothi K K in her paper titled, *'Housing in Urban Kerala: Prospects and Challenges*



'highlights that among the Indian states, Kerala is well known for its high level of achievement in human development and how the state is ahead of other Indian States both in terms of reducing housing deprivation and better quality of housing. The paper is an attempt to analyse the housing conditions of urban Kerala together with the various housing schemes for the urban poor implemented from time to time.

Dr. Baby Kizhakkekalam, in her paper titled, '*Covid-19 Pandemic and Waste Management Threats-A Way Forward*', discusses in detail the havoc created by the COVID-19 pandemic and extreme condition for environment and human race worldwide. The paper delves in to the various harmful impacts of CAW on various components of biosphere -air, water, soil. Moreover, waste management and disposal technologies like incineration, pyrolysis, autoclaving, land filling, microwave disinfection, ultraviolet light, chemical disinfection, nanotechnology, renewable technologies, biodegradable masks, tracking app, etc. are in the developing stage and their accessibility is also not uniform. It details out the major governmental policies and NGOs working to handle this pandemic situation and provide possible comfort at each level.

Dr. Somenath Bhattacharjee, in his paper titled, '*Distress and Depression among Youth under Covid-19 Pandemic: An Anthropological Analysis*', attempts to discuss the issues related to youth who are getting distressed and depressed in the pandemic, from a theoretical discourse and socio-economic aspects, with certain recommendations as well to redress this emerging problem.

Dr. Anupama Srivastava and Sanjay Singh, in the joint paper titled, '*Sustainable Tourism Development: A Study of Home Stay in Uttarakhand*', purports to examine the scope of home stay tourism in the state of Uttarakhand. As tourism has emerged as one of the most important industry of the future. The Multiplier effects of tourism in terms of employment generation, income generation, development of tourism infrastructure and also conservation of priceless heritage, cultural deposits and development of potential tourism places are significant.

Sanjay Kumar Chaurasia, in his paper titled, '*Use of ICT in Technical Education: A Study of Uttar Pradesh*', discusses about the rapid economic growth leading to demand for skilled human resource and enhance the competitiveness of Indian industries in a globalized economy which has made the higher education sector a priority sector today. However, the sector is faced with great challenges in terms of quantity and quality of education delivery, funding, inclusivity, research and



development employability of graduates and equitable access to the benefits of international cooperation. Management and technical education is being provided by a vast network of academic institutions including self-financed AICTE approved institutions and colleges. The quality professional education depends upon the organizational commitment, engagement, and teachers performance which is highly influenced by organizational climate and working conditions. In view of this, present paper has attempted to examine the role of ICT in technical education with special reference to management and engineering institutions in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

Dr Lal Krishna Mishra and Professor V.K. Tripathi, in their joint paper titled, '*A Review Study of Biodiversity Degradation and Its Conservation in India*', talks about Biodiversity and an essential aspect of ecological imbalance and environmental quality. Life on earth cannot be imagined in the absence of biodiversity. So the study is a review that while maintaining the quality of the environment, human civilization can ensure its concept of sustainable development.

It is expected that the readers at large will be benefitted by the content and new presentation of the journal. Urban Panorama has achieved the present status due to all round support from our authors, referees, members of Editorial & Advisory Board of the journal and also time to time guidance and suggestions from the officials of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi, and of course the readers.

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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