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क्षेत्रीय नगर एवं पर्यावरण अध्ययन केन्द्र, लखनऊ नगरीय सुशासन हेतु नगरीय क्षेत्र से जुड़े लोगों के क्षमता संवर्धन हेतु प्रयास कर रहा है। इन्हीं उद्देश्यों की पूर्ति हेतु हमारा केन्द्र एक अर्द्धवार्षिक पत्रिका 'अरबन पेनोरमा' प्रकाशित करता है।

पाठकों से अनुरोध है कि इस पत्रिका के माध्यम से अपने विचारों एवं नए प्रयासों से सभी को लाभान्वित कराने में केन्द्र को सहयोग प्रदान करें।

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FROM THE DESK OF EDITOR

"Today the pressure is on, but we have a choice. Mankind can either lie down and give up, or we can use all our productive skills and knowledge to work for better future"

-John Poppy

The pace of urban growth reflects the effects of development process and presents tremendous challenge as well as unique opportunities for the rising population. The main issues in urban agenda today are globalization and localization and their integration in order to ensure that every human being has access to not only to basic needs but also to all the opportunities to lead a decent life. This calls for an effort from all stakeholders and proactive involvement of civil society. People's participation and good urban governance is the need of the hour.

Keeping in view the above perspective the Regional centre for Urban and Environmental Studies, Lucknow brings out a bi-annual journal "Urban Panorama" dealing with various aspects of urbanization and governance.

In the present issue Dr. U.B Singh in his article "Good Urban Governance In U.P.: Myth or Reality" has highlighted upon the lack of political and administrative willingness on the part of the State Government to strengthen the young partners in the federal structure. He suggests that a sincere effort should be made for initiating good governance.

Dr. S.S. Charchar and Dr. R.K. Kundu in their article "Emerging Pattern of Leadership: A Study of Jhajjar Municipal Committee" have made a modest attempt to examine the profile of Jhajjar Municipal Councillors with a view to explore the emerging patterns of leadership.

Dr. Rajeev Narayan in his article "Good Urban Governance and Urban Poor: A Case Study of Dehradun Nagar Nigam" focusing on the critical issue of urban governance has highlighted upon urban poverty as a major challenge. The study has attempted to explore the level of satisfaction of the urban poor in regards to the services provided to them.

Dr. Awadhesh Kumar Singh and Dr. O.P. Shukla in their article "Micro Finance and Urban Poverty Alleviation in India: Emerging Issues & Challenges" have attempted to analyze the policy implication of micro finance in India with a view to asses the credit needs of the poor. The article deals at length with the various services and approaches to micro finance and the emerging challenges thereof.

In the article "Assessment of Health Needs in Slum Dwellers (A Study of Lucknow) Dr. Kamal Kumar Singh and Ms. Priya Sinha, have highlighted upon the adverse environment and pathetic conditions of slums in the city of Lucknow.

In the article "Educational Institutions for Blind in Andhra Pradesh: An Appraisal" Dr. B.V Chalapathi, Dr. B.V Raghavulu and Dr. Y.G. Naidu have made a sincere effort to evaluate the condition of blind schools in the state of Andhra Pradesh. The article focuses on the lack of basic infrastructural facilities in these institutions.

Shri A.K Sinha in his article "Community Participation in Urban Environmental Works- Successful Efforts in the State of Bihar" has well elaborated the successful efforts made in the State of Bihar for improving urban environment through community participation.

Public Private Partnership an important aspect of good governance has been well attempted by Dr. Yogendra Tripathi in his article "Public Private Partnership in Urban services". He has focused on several areas where Public Private Partnership could be evolved and made possible for successful improvement in urban services.

Dr. A.K Jaiswal in his article "Political Ideas and Administration as Depicted in Literature and Inscriptions of Early Medieval Period" has observed the existence of political thinking and ideas on administration in the early medieval period and its contribution towards emergence of the new political thought.

Through this issue an attempt has been made to throw some light on certain important aspects of urban governance. I hope that readers will find this issue of **Urban Panorama** interesting and edifying.

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