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CEPT Conference aim to promote knowledge exchange, collaboration, and interdisciplinary research in urban design, planning, and policy and management. By bringing together stakeholders from diverse backgrounds, the conferences facilitate the advancement of sustainable and equitable urban development. The platform provides a forum for unbiased discussions, advances knowledge and new ideas, influences positive change in public policy, exposes students to professionals and policymakers, and offers networking opportunities. We are dedicated to working towards solutions to India's urban challenges through collaboration and collective action.

The conferences are organised by CEPT Research and Development Foundation (CRDF), the research arm of the University, engaged in research projects, advisory assignments and capacity building initiatives aimed at solving critical problems in the built environment and human habitats.

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ABOUT

UPI CONFERENCE

In the face of rapid urban growth, Indian cities are grappling with numerous challenges. From limited land resources and traffic congestion to inadequate infrastructure and environmental issues, the problems are manifold. These issues are not mere infrastructural shortcomings; they are symptomatic of a deeper problem - lack of organized and comprehensive urban planning and governance mechanisms. Astonishingly, 65% of urban settlements in India lack master plans, emphasizing the gravity of the situation and highlighting the underlying need for strategic urban development initiatives.

Recognizing the urgency of addressing these issues, there is a need for urban planners and practitioners, to discuss and examine the successes, challenges, and opportunities in urban planning over the years so that the lessons learnt can be disseminated and analyzed. These dialogues are essential for a fundamental purpose: to ensure that planning transcends theory and becomes a practical, effective tool for shaping the future of our cities.

In response to this need, the CEPT Centre for Research and Development Foundation (CRDF) and CEPT University organized its first-ever “Urban Planning in India” (UPI) conference in 2023. This event is not just a gathering of urban planning professionals and experts; it signifies a crucial step towards a more organized, sustainable urban future.

The UPI conference offers an exceptional platform for planning practitioners to converge, exchange ideas, and delve into practical approaches to urban planning. The knowledge exchanged here is rooted in real-life experiences, where professionals have grappled with tangible challenges while crafting and executing master plans and strategic planning initiatives across the country.

The event is a momentous opportunity to reassess and redefine the trajectory of India's urban landscape. By fostering collaboration, showcasing success stories, and championing innovative solutions, this conference aspires to ignite a transformative shift within the realm of urban planning.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

9th May 2024

Venue – Balwantrao N. Brahmbhatt Lecture Hall, CEPT University, Ahmedabad

8:30 AM - 9:40 AM

Registration and breakfast

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM

Welcome
Making Planning Work for Indian Cities – Setting the Context

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Session 1: Urban Development in India: Spatial Planning

Urban Planning and Land Development Process in Haryana
Sanjay Kumar, Senior Town Planner, Haryana

Revised master plan and Development plan for GIFT City
Ganesh Ahire, Senior Associate, HCP Design, Planning and Management Pvt. Ltd

A 20-minute presentation by each speaker followed by a discussion for 10 minutes each

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

TEA BREAK

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Revamping Urban development: Innovations in Planning Initiatives and Reform Processes in Maharashtra state
Avinash Patil, Director, Town Planning and Valuation, Maharashtra

Mainstreaming Planning in Urban Development: Experiences from Sikkim
Dinker Gurung, Chief Town Planner, Sikkim.

A 20-minute presentation by each speaker followed by a discussion for 10 minutes each

12:30 PM - 02:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM

Session 2: Urban Development in India: Policies as Enablers

Trends in Industrial strategies and Urban Development

Harmonizing Industrial Policy with Urban Development: The Tamil Nadu Effort Paving the Way for Sustainable Growth

Wg Cdr P Madhusoodhanan (Retd), Vice President (Aerospace and Defence) - Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor

Equity in Industrial Cities: Impact of policies in shaping future-ready industrial towns

Tilottama Dhar, Senior Associate Director, CBRE Industrial Advisory Practice

Urban transformation through redevelopment: experiences from Ahmedabad

Anil Desai, Redevelopment Consultant, Ahmedabad

A 20-minute presentation by each speaker followed by a discussion for 10 minutes each

03:00 PM – 03:45 PM

TEA BREAK

3:45 PM - 04:45 PM

Eviction to Empowerment: Case of Jaga Mission-insitu redevelopment of informal settlements

Shishir Dash, Lead Technical Support Team, Jaga Mission

Implementation of TOD policy at Nagpur

Sandeep Bapat, General Manager - Property Development, Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation Limited


A 20-minute presentation by each speaker followed by a discussion for 10 minutes each

04:45 PM - 05:00 PM

CONCLUDING REMARKS

5:15 PM Onwards

Exhibition tour guided by the students



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SANJAY KUMAR

CHIEF TOWN PLANNER, GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA



Sanjay Kumar
Chief Town Planner

A distinguished professional in the field of urban planning, embarked on his academic journey with a Bachelor's degree in Architecture from VRCE Nagpur, earned between 1993 and 1998. This was followed by a Master's degree in Urban Planning from SPA, Delhi, during 1999-2000, where he developed a keen interest in the planning and development of infrastructure in Outer Delhi.

In May 2002, he commenced his professional career with the Town & Country Planning Department as an Assistant Town Planner. His dedication and expertise led to his promotion to the position of District Town Planner in December 2007, and subsequently to Senior Town Planner in December 2022.

Throughout his career, he held various positions, including ATP at HQs, Rohtak and Sonapat, DTP at multiple locations such as Gurugram, Rewari, and Panchkula, and STP at HQs (Enforcement). His significant contributions include the Land Pooling Act/Policy for Haryana State, TOD policy, amendments in several Haryana Acts and Rules, and the preparation of Development Plans/ Sectoral Plans. His work has left a lasting impact on urban planning and development.

GANESH AHIRE

SENIOR ASSOCIATE | HCP DESIGN, PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT



Ganesh Ahire

Senior Associate | Urban Planner

An Urban Planning and Urban Design professional, with expertise in leading large-scale public projects. He has successfully led teams of planners and designers, delivering both statutory and non-statutory projects for various Government Authorities in India. His significant contributions include the Development Plan for Ahmedabad 2021, the Local Area Plan (LAP) for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) in Ahmedabad, Town Planning Schemes at Nagpur, the Master Plan for Mumbai Eastern Waterfront, and Pune River Rejuvenation Projects.

His academic journey includes a B.Arch from B.K.P.S. College of Architecture, Pune, and a Master's in Urban Planning from IIT Kharagpur. He holds registrations with the Council of Architecture (COA) and the Institute of Town Planners India (ITPI).



Revamping Urban development: Innovations in Planning Initiatives and Reform Processes in Maharashtra state

Avinash Patil, Director, Town Planning and Valuation, Maharashtra

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AVINASH PATIL

DIRECTOR, TOWN PLANNING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT,
MAHARASHTRA STATE



Avinash Patil

Director

As the current Director of Town Planning and Valuation, Maharashtra State, he has a distinguished career spanning over 31 years in Spatial Planning. He began his journey in City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO), and later joined the post of Town Planner in 1999. His tenure as Joint Secretary (Urban Development), Government of Maharashtra, saw him frame pivotal policies on Urban Renewal, Integrated Township, Transit Oriented Development, and Green Building Norms. He currently leads the team preparing the Building Planning Management Software based on Unified Development Control and Promotion Regulations for Maharashtra State (UDCPR). His contributions to the 'Ease of Doing Business Policy' in 2016 and the comprehensive manual for Town Planning Scheme in 2019 earned him appreciation from the Chief Minister of Maharashtra.

In capacity of a Director currently, he oversees 106 GIS-based Development Plans and 75 TP Schemes across the state. He also organised the 1st and 2nd Town Planning Conferences in 2022 and 2023 respectively. He is an alumnus of Govt College of Engineering, Pune, he has 18 published papers and was awarded the 'Prof. V N Prasad National Best Thesis Award 2020' by the Institute of Town Planners, India.

DINKER GURUNG

CHIEF TOWN PLANNER, URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT,
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM



Dinker Gurung
Chief Town Planner

He is an Architect-Planner who joined the Government of Sikkim as an Assistant Architect in December 2001 for the first state sponsored social housing scheme. He has been posted in the Urban Development Department since February 2004 till date in various capacities with involvement in implementation of various schemes under the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Government of India.

He took a sabbatical in the year 2010 to pursue Master of Planning (Housing) from the School of Planning & Architecture, New Delhi. Attended the certificate course “Leaders Program in Urban Transport Planning and Management” in 2015 conducted by the CoE-UT, CEPT University. He has been involved in guiding the urban development in the state through interventions in housing, mobility, urban poverty alleviation and planning legislations. Presently posted as the Chief Town Planner and with over 20 years of experience, he has been tasked with spearheading the urban planning reforms in the state.

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WG CDR P MADHUSOODHANAN (RETD) VICE PRESIDENT (AEROSPACE AND DEFENCE), TAMIL NADU DEFENCE INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR



Wg Cdr P Madhusoodhanan (Retd)
Vice President (Aerospace and Defence)

He is Vice President (Aerospace and Defence) at the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation. His role is pivotal in implementing the Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor.

He also headed a Business Unit in the Aerospace and Defence vertical at HCL Technologies. His illustrious career also includes a significant tenure of 23.5 years in the Indian Air Force's Technical Stream. During this period, he served across India in various technical domains such as Air Defence Radars, Communications, Information Technology, Networks & Network Centric Warfare, Cyber Security, and Data Centres. He also contributed as an instructor for the officers of the Technical stream of the Indian Air Force. His extraordinary service during Operation Vijay and Operation Parakram earned him a commendation from the Commander in Chief of the South Western Air Command.

He is an alumnus of the Government College of Technology, Coimbatore, the Military College of Telecommunication Engineering Mhow, IIT Bombay, and IIM Ahmedabad. We are privileged to have him with us today. Let's extend a warm welcome to Wg Cdr P Madhusoodhanan.

TILOTTAMA DHAR

SENIOR ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, CBRE INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY PRACTICE



Tilottama Dhar
Senior Associate Director

With over 15 years of industry experience, Tilottama has seamlessly delivered consulting engagements for private equity firms, investment banks, developers, and corporations. Her expertise spans location strategies, monetization strategies, market making, economic development and value maximization. As a dynamic speaker, she brings insights that shape sustainable industrial landscapes while fostering positive change to global businesses. Committed to developing newer realms in business Tilottama has worked across 18 countries delivering concepts and policies on city development, use of green energy and introducing circularity for a resilient economy.

ANIL DESAI


HEAD | REDEVELOPMENT, SHIVALIK DEVELOPERS



Anil Desai
Head | Redevelopment

A seasoned management strategist, with over 38 years of diverse industry experience. His expertise spans Real Estate, Service Industry, with a focus on Sales, Marketing. He has a proven track record in setting up and managing business operations, requiring a deep understanding of critical business drivers across multiple markets and industries. He is currently the Head of Redevelopment at Shivalik Group, where he charts marketing strategies to enhance business volumes and growth. He has signed five societies for redevelopment projects, one of which will be completed by the end of this year.

He is an effective communicator and team leader, known for his flexible and detail-oriented attitude. His past associations include Bakeri Group, Adani Retail, Mahindra Holiday Resorts, DHL, Starling Holiday Resorts and Pepsi Foods.



**Eviction to Empowerment: Case of Jaga Mission-insitu
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Shishir Dash, Lead Technical Support Team, Jaga Mission

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Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation Limited**

SHISHIR RANJAN DASH

LEAD TECHNICAL | SUPPORT TEAM, TATA STEEL FOUNDATION



Shishir Ranjan Dash
Lead Technical | Support Team

With over two decades of experience in the development sector, he currently spearheads the technical support team for the Odisha Government's Jaga Mission. This mission, recognized as the world's largest slum land titling and upgradation project, is facilitated through the Tata Steel Foundation.

Before his current role, Shishir led the Urban Habitat Portfolio at Tata Trusts. He was instrumental in developing city-level slums, improving urban governance, and managing solid waste (Waste to Wealth) across seven states in India. His focus areas included climate variability, extreme events, adaptation, and livelihood development. His contributions extend to international collaborations as well. As the Principal Researcher for the MICRODIS project, a consortium of 17 universities from India and Europe, he played a key role in a three-year integrated research initiative funded under the European Union's sixth framework programme.

His extensive experience includes responding to major extreme events in India since 1999, such as the Super Cyclone in Odisha, the Gujarat Earthquake in 2001, the Tsunami in 2004, the Bihar Koshi flood in 2008, and the Kashmir flood in 2014. His work has been recognised in numerous publications in international scientific journals. He is also the recipient of the Sanjay Ghose Memorial Award for his exemplary work in challenging circumstances during 2012-13. He is a distinguished professional with a Postgraduate and Doctorate in Business Management.

SANDEEP BAPAT

GENERAL MANAGER | PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT, MAHARASHTRA
METRO RAIL CORPORATION LIMITED



Sandeep Bapat

General Manager | Property Development

He is the current General Manager (Property Development) at Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation Ltd and has been serving in this role for over six years. He completed his Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Water Management in 1988 and later pursued his M. Tech. from Nagpur University. He also holds an MBA in Finance from YCMOU University.

Before joining Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation Ltd, Shri. Bapat worked as a Research Fellow at NEERI & VNIT. In 1991, he joined Nagpur Improvement Trust as an Assistant Engineer – Grade II and was promoted to Executive Officer over the course of 26 years. His responsibilities included the preparation of the Development Plan for Nagpur City, sanctioning of Layout and Building Plans, and execution of Development Works within Layouts.

In 2017, Shri. Bapat joined Maha-Metro as Additional General Manager in the Property Development Department. He has played a pivotal role in obtaining the Status of Special Planning Authority for Maha-Metro, changing Land Use for various Maha-Metro lands to 'Commercial', and implementing the Transit Oriented Development Policy. His efforts have been instrumental in generating substantial Non-fare Box revenue, contributing to the sustainability of the Nagpur metro.

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