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Conference Overview

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The CEPT Conferences are organized 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

Indian cities have expanded over the years, and unplanned expansion has resulted in several issues, including shortage of serviced land, traffic congestion, deficient infrastructure, air pollution, flooding, water shortage etc. The above issues have underlying causes that are deeper than the visible infrastructural shortcomings and reflect a lack of urban planning and governance. Some 65% of urban settlements lack master plans.

With this backdrop, there is a regular need for urban planners, particularly practitioners, to discuss the successes, challenges, and opportunities in urban planning over the years so that the lessons learnt can be disseminated and analyzed. Essentially there is a need to “make planning work”. CRDF & CEPT University have therefore organized this conference as a forum for practicing planners to congregate and discuss plans, planning mechanisms and initiatives. This will be the first-ever such conference, and the goal is to make it an annual event where the practice of urban planning takes center stage. All the speakers have contributed to preparing and implementing landmark master plans in the country.

Conference Schedule

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Registration
9:30 AM - 9:45 AM	Introductory remark
Welcome Address Dr Mona Iyer	
Setting the Context Dr Bimal Patel	
9:45 AM - 11:15 AM	Session 1
Implementing Regional Plans - Learnings from Mumbai Mr. V K Phatak, Urbanist, Former Principal Chief, Town and Country Planning Division, MMRDA, Mumbai	
Mumbai Textile Mill Lands Redevelopment Mr. Hiren C. Daftardar, Former Deputy Chief Planner and Town Planning Officer, MCGM, Mumbai	
11:15 AM - 11:45 AM	Tea Break
11:45 AM - 01:15 PM	Session 2
Implementation Challenges-Greenfield (Greater Noida) and Brownfield Master Plans (Delhi) Ms. Leenu Sehgal, General Manager (Planning & Architecture), NDA, Noida	
What No FSI Means - Hyderabad Experience Mr. Vishwanath Sista, OSD, Land Pooling, Former Member (Planner), HMDA, Hyderabad	
01:15 PM - 02:30 PM	Lunch

02:30 PM - 04:00 PM	Session 3
<p>Making of Navi Mumbai: Achievements, Failures and Mitigation Measures</p> <p>Mr. Dinkar Samant, Development Adviser, Former Chief Architect and Planner, CIDCO, Navi Mumbai</p>	
<p>Master Plan for Chennai Metropolitan Area – Experiences and Future Strategy</p> <p>Dr. S Kanchanamala, Senior Planner, Master Plan Unit, CMDA, Chennai</p>	
04:00 PM - 04:30 PM	Tea Break
04:30 PM - 06:00 PM	Session 4
<p>Urban Planning & Implementation of Reforms in Assam</p> <p>Mr. Debaraj Kalita, Town Planner, GMDA, Guwahati</p>	
<p>Local Area Plan for Redevelopment of Central Business District in Ahmedabad and Learnings from its Implementation</p> <p>Ms. Deepa Dave, Deputy Manager Urban Planner, City Planning Department, AMC, Ahmedabad, with Mr. Ganesh Ahire, Senior Urban Planner, Associate, HCPDPM</p>	
06:00 PM	Concluding Remarks by Dr Mona Iyer
<p><i>20-25 minute presentations by each speaker, followed by a 15-minute Q&A session.</i></p>	

Presenters



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