

UrbCon- Reimagining Sheher, 2019 Concept Note for Seminar

Background

The theme for UrbCon-Reimagining Sheher 2019 is "Smart Solutions for Sustainable Cities and Communities" which is a call for action to everyone to rethink how cities can become equitable spaces to enhance and protect people's lives.

Sustainable, **Healthy**, **Equitable**, **Happy**, **Efficient** and **Resilient** cities should form a part of larger vision for Indian cities. This means enhanced measures to be undertaken to ensure universal access to affordable housing, basic services, public spaces and public transport to all urban residents. 'Samvaad', as a platform for knowledge exchange would comprise of the following sub themes.

Urban Resilience is the measurable ability of any urban system, with its inhabitants, to maintain continuity through all shocks and stresses, while positively adapting and transforming toward sustainability. A Resilient City assesses, plans and acts to prepare and respond to hazards—natural and human-made, sudden and slow-onset, expected and unexpected—in order to protect and enhance people's lives, secure development gains, foster an environment for investment, and drive positive change.

Sustainable Urban Transport- Mobility in Indian cities is transforming, impacting the way people move and make their travel choices. While transit agencies are investing to establish intelligent systems to provide world-class services to the citizens, new technology-based mobility services are emerging to cater to individual demand-based trips. The key challenge is to aggregate, integrate and analyse transport systems for better planning.

Waste Management- Waste Management is a global challenge. Recurring changes in consumption pattern and lifestyle leads to increased waste generation and raises management hurdles. National and Sub-National governments in collaboration with private actors are working towards better solutions for waste handling. Although, an integrated approach comprising of all such stakeholders is needed towards achieve solutions for issues like increased waste generation, lack of proper storage, irregular and inadequate collection, inefficient transfer and transport, non-scientific treatment and processing of solid waste.

Inclusiveness- A vision for inclusive cities involves sharing of the fruits of urbanisation equitably amongst urban residents. An inclusive city is one where all residents have access to necessary services and a place in the future irrespective of their position on the socio-economic ladder.

Energy Efficient Built Environment- Built environment is the physical manifestation of cities, towns and neighbourhoods and the factors which shape the energy performance of built environment are building design, user behaviour and the quality of infrastructure. An energy efficient built environment results in improved building energy performance by usage of best energy efficiency practices and implementable solutions.

Objectives-

To promote the urban development and contribute towards inclusive, accessible, safe, sustainable, efficient, equitable and resilient cities, the session is expected to-

1. Provide a platform for exchanging experiences, practical expertise and good practices for strengthening urban development policies towards sustainable urbanisation.
2. Amalgamating ideas like urban resilience and inclusiveness into the urban built environment.

Session Structure-

Seminars by eminent personalities in urban development would be held. Each speaker would be given 15 minutes for making presentation and 15 minutes for discussions with the participants.

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