

# BLUEPRINT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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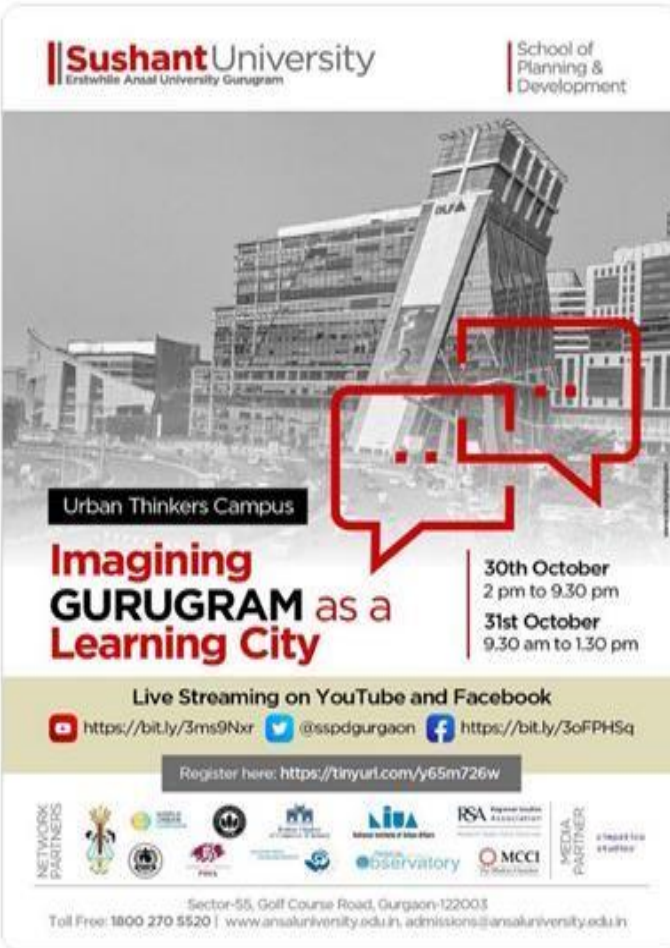
Greetings from School of Planning and Development (SPD), Sushant University!

We are excited to welcome all our young prospective planners and fraternity members to our first-ever e-newsletter "**BLUEPRINT**".

Our previous semester was held in the midst of the pandemic induced online classes and curtailed face-to-face interaction, yet we at SPD had a fun-filled period with several learning and outreach events. The entire team of the SPD were able to bond and grow together as a team as they participated and worked together through the various events and online interactions, including between faculty and students. Our first edition of **BLUEPRINT** is a reflection of the events and memories of the past semester, i.e. June to November, 2020.

# EVENT SECTION

For understanding *the political endorsement and administrative attainments to enhance the degree of Gurugram as a learning city in the light of the active participations and support of Local Government Authorities*, SPD has organized an event on **'Imagining Gurugram as a learning city'**. The event was organized to celebrate the **World Cities Day 2020** with a participation of renowned international partners and speakers namely: **Dr. Vatsal Bhatt** (Vice President for Communities, U.S. Green Building Council), **Prof. Michael Osborne** (Professor of Adult and Lifelong Learning at the University of Glasgow), **Rajesh Tandon** (Society for Participatory Research in Asia). The entire event was moderated by Ms. Garima Munjal and Ms. Sheena Sharma (1<sup>st</sup> year M.Planning students of SPD)



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Urban Thinkers Campus

**Imagining GURUGRAM as a Learning City**


30th October  
2 pm to 9.30 pm


31st October  
9.30 am to 1.30 pm

Live Streaming on YouTube and Facebook

 <https://bit.ly/3ms9Nxr>  @sspdgurgaon  <https://bit.ly/3oFPHSq>

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/y65m726w>

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# Walk the Talk "Inclusive Urban Planning"



Ms. Sarika Panda Bhatt  
Founder Trustee  
Raahgiri Foundation

Sarika is Founder Trustee of Raahgiri Foundation and Associate Director in Nagarro. She is leading the Raahgiri Day movement in Haryana and helping other cities to replicate this. Sarika is also leading the non-motorised transport work and India Vision Zero work in Haryana and Punjab.

October 14, 2020  
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
<https://meet.google.com/fbq-uaah-gru>



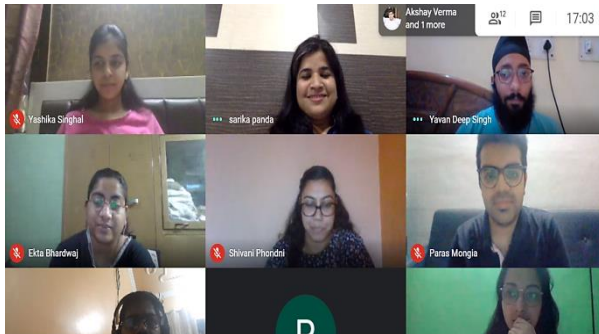
## "Walk the talk – Inclusive Urban Planning"

The event was organized on the auspicious occasion of World Habitat Day (October 14, 2020) for initiating the focus of Inclusive Urban Planning, as a part of the curriculum of the elective subject Inclusive Urban Planning.

An interactive session with the guest expert Ms. Sarika Panda Bhatt (Founder of Trustee Raahgiri Foundation) was held on the occasion.

Ms. Panda talked about the initiatives taken by Raahgiri foundation on inclusive Urban Planning driven by all-inclusive engagement with various stakeholders i.e., community, government and private participations for making spaces more potential and for urban development.

The students from M.Planning and M.Arch benefitted from the experiences shared on inclusive planning at bottom-up approach for initiating liveable and habitable abode for all.



"Urbanism works when it creates a journey as desirable as the destination." -Paul Goldberger

## MAJOR KEY POINTS DISCUSSED

*"Provision of public spaces is not an accident, it is a political and planning decision" –Dr. Eduardo Moreno*

*Density is a key consideration especially when we plan for public spaces in emerging economies such as India - Prof Dr Vibhuti Sachdev*

*"COVID-19 caused increasing solidarity among citizens as people developed serious cravings from public spaces" - Dr CerenSezer*

*"Trust, collaboration and cooperation will be central to our collective actions for reviving public spaces and other systems in cities" - BahanurNasya,*

*"There is an immediate need for creating strong neighborhoods and a system of public spaces in cities"- Mr. Dinesh Chauhan*

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DATE: 12 Sep 2020  
TIME: 11 am - 1 pm

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## World Metropolitan Day 2020

### KEY SPEAKERS

Dr. Mendel Giezen, Associate  
Professor, University of  
Amsterdam

Prof. Dr. Vibhuti Sachdev,  
Director, School of Planning &  
Development, Sushant  
University

Dr. Anil Kumar Roy, Associate  
Professor CEPT University

Mr Pascal Bos, Senior  
Consultant / Lecturer in Climate  
Adaptation, Amsterdam

Dr Sultan Singh, Principal  
Scientist, HARSAC & Head of  
GIS, GMDA, Gurugram

Prof. Vidyadhar Phatak, Former  
Chief Planner MMRDA & Former  
Dean, CEPT University

## Reviewing Localisation of SDGs

**Amsterdam, Gurugram and  
Mumbai**

7.10.2020

4:30 – 7 :00 PM (IST)  
1:00 – 4:30 PM (CET)

Join us at : [https://uva-  
live.zoom.us/j/93052647656](https://uva-live.zoom.us/j/93052647656)

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## World Metropolitan Day 2020

On the occasion of World Metropolitan Day celebration (November 7 2020), SPD hosted an international panel discussion deliberating around the strengthening of the local bodies to achieve the sustainable development goals.

Academicians, Consultants and Practitioners participated the discussion regarding the strategic urban planning to implement the provisions of SDG Goals at local levels.

The theme was introduced by Prof Dr Ajith Kaliyath, Associate Professor, SPD and Prof Dr Vibhuti Sachdev, Director introduced the contribution and role of Sushant University and the Creative Cluster as a Knowledge Hub for Gurugram Architecture, Planning and Design, Sushant University

Perspectives from the Faculty Members we're put forth by **Dr. Mendel Giezen** (Associate Professor University of Amsterdam) and **Dr. Anil Kumar Roy** (Associate Professor CEPT University). Climate Proofing Amsterdam was discussed by **Dr. Pascal Bos** (Senior Consultant/Lecturer in Climate Adaptation, Amsterdam).

The digitization of Gurgaon Data through One Map Gurugram was introduced by **Dr. Sultan Singh** (Principal Scientist, HARSAC & Technology for SDG Monitoring Head of GIS, GMDA, Gurugram). The Environmental Justice in Mumbai was a discussion led by **Prof. Vidyadhar Phatak** (former Chief Planner, MMRDA and former Dean, Faculty of Planning, CEPT University).

## DAY 1

The panel discussion hosted international and national guest speakers. The Honorable VC, Sushant University gave the audience an insight into the engagement of Sushant University into the Learning City Concept. **Mr. Octavi de la Varga** discussed the issue of Globalising Cities and their potential thematic pathways. To further detail the discussion **Mr. Hitesh Vaidya** (Director NIUA) discussed the building learning partnerships in cities and communities. The panel was chaired by **Prof. Mike Osborne** (Director, PASCAL Observatory and Co-I Centre for Sustainable, Healthy, Learning Cities and Neighborhoods, University of Glasgow), **Dr. Rajesh Tandon** (UNESCO Chair on Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education, PRIA, New Delhi, India), and **Prof. Balázs Németh** (Senior Advisor to Global Learning City Pécs Programme, Pecs, Hungary).

## DAY 2

The discussion was focused on learning City as Inclusive City. The panel members were **Dr. M Satish Kumar** (Director for Internationalization, School of Natural and Built Environment, Queens University Belfast), **Dr. Kaustuv Bandyopadhyay** (Director, PRIA), **Prof. Ashok Kumar**, (Dean-Academic, School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi), **Ms. Ellora Ghosh** and **Mr. Rajat Kalsi** (School of Planning and Development, Sushant University).

The second session was focused on the idea of Learning through Place - Based Innovation. The panel was chaired by. Student Anchors (**Ms. Garima Munjal** and **Ms. Sheena Sharma**, School of Planning and Development)

## MODERATORS:

**Ms. Daniela Carl** (Deputy Chief Executive, Regional Studies Association),  
**Dr Ajith Kaliyath** (Associate Professor, SPD Sushant University)

## PANEL MEMBERS

**Mr. Martin Grisel** (Director, European Urban Knowledge Network, Amsterdam)  
**Mr. Ankit Pandey** and **Mr. Dev Rao** (SPD, Sushant University)



# STUDENTS, STUDENT COUNCIL AND DIRECT AND FACULTY SECTION

Written by **RANGNATH ZANWAR**, 1<sup>st</sup> year B.Planning



I am Rangnath, and I belong to a small city known as Latur in Maharashtra. Being a localite, I have witnessed several urban management related issues in terms of lack of physical and social infrastructures in and around my vicinity. In this regards, I have enrolled in B.Planning course at Sushant University for enhancing my knowledge and skills in urban development and management and problem solving skills to make my native more liveable and habitable.

Written by **TENZIN PHUNTSO**, 1<sup>st</sup> year B.Planning

I belong from the North-Eastern Indian states of Arunachal Pradesh. Although it's a developed state, still there is a lot more to be done to make it a better place to live, which includes better livelihood options and urban management perspectives. Thats the major motivation of mine to enrolled in the School of Planning and Development at Sushant University to understand the rising urban issues in Arunachal Pradesh and provide suitable and implementable solutions for its development perspectives accordingly.



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Written by: KANKAN KATARIA, Assistant Professor, SPD

- PLANNING POTPOURRI

Planning Potpourri!!? Planning mixture - Planning flavours!

Urban and Regional Planning is a mixed bag, multi-disciplinary, multi-faceted, multi-dimensional field, and is a potpourri of people, spaces, and resources. Here is an attempt to dwell on the Diversity of Planning in terms of multiplicity in environmental characteristics, needs of people, demand and supply of resources, problems & potentials of physical entities and so on. Planning relates to creation of possibilities, for different ways of living, in large cities, suburbs, small towns & villages.

The purpose of Planning our towns and villages is to facilitate better quality of life with a happy, safe, convenient, clean and healthy environment for all genders and age groups - for our children, youth, elderly, specially-abled, women and men. Another purpose of Planning is to enable different sections of society with different opportunities, such that they can live with dignity and a good standard of living.

Core principles of Planning are sensitivity for environment, equity in basic services, conservation of resources, functionality of spaces, partnerships among stakeholders, and sustainability of ecosystems.

Planning education opens way for youngsters, who have diverse interests, backgrounds, potentials, knowledge, skills and values.

Dull, inert cities, it is true, do contain the seeds of their own destruction and little else. But lively, diverse, intense cities contain the seeds of their own regeneration, with energy enough to carry over for problems and needs outside themselves.

-Jane Jacobs

## **GURUGRAM COMMUNITY NEW (TOPICS COVID, PLANNING AND EDUCATION)**

### **Resilient Pattern for a Citified Future**

#### **Introduction:**

Resilience refers to a system's ability to efficiently absorb shocks. The study investigates communities resilience to cope with the emergency situations. It compares COVID-19 with other health risks; examines various problems caused by pandemic-control interventions, and recommends strategies for community resilience. Various restrictions imposed due to pandemic has resulted to both physical, emotional and financial distress.

In order to develop effective resilience, communities need effective emergency response, contagion control, safe methods for delivering essential goods and services, adequate housing for all residents, physical and mental support for isolated people, and affordability. Infectious disease risks justify stronger efforts to eliminate homelessness.

#### **Planning and Designing Resilient Infrastructure:**

Urban planning practices and public health are complementary. Poor access to physical infrastructure like water, sanitation, sewerage, leads to severe health implications. The worst affected are the residents of informal settlements in the megapolis' of developing countries like India where lack of essential services coupled with loss of jobs have lead to families surviving on single meals a day. The urban fabric of dense metropolises makes city residents vulnerable to communicable diseases and measures such as self-isolation, staying indoors, and practicing social distancing are a challenge. Inclusive planning approaches through adoption of sustainable and holistic approaches to community redevelopment require a participatory approach to identify the source of issues and develop viable solutions. Versova Koliwada, Mumbai is one of the many fishing villages that have degraded due to neglect and environmental pollution. Bombay61 along with Tapestry has adopted a participatory approach with the residents to identify the issues and solutions. Joint solutions have been developed through installation of nets to prevent plastic pollution, recycling the plastic to create fishing pontoons.

*A city always contains more than any inhabitant can know, and a great city always makes the unknown and the possible spurs to the imagination. -Rebecca Solnit*