# BLUEPRINT

## SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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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 second-issue-newsletter **"BLUEPRINT**".

Our previous semester was held in the midst of the pandemic induced online classes and curtailed face-to-face interaction. The same situation has also been reflected in this month also. So as its consequence, the mode of education and interactions went to online again. In this testing time, The entire team of the SPD are able to bond and grow together as a team as they participated and worked together through the various social and virtual events and online interactions like webinars, fresher's welcome etc.

#### WORD FROM THE HoD



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This has been such an unusual period of time. There were unusual challenges posed by COVID-19 but we at SPD have shown remarkable courage & compassion and stood strong with unwavering commitment towards our community. We have continued to innovate and creatively delivered our mission. There have also been several accomplishments which were celebrated during this period. We successfully refreshed our academic curriculum, got ITPI recognition for our Master of Urban Planning programme, formed new advisory boards, focused on mentoring initiatives, conducted cultural fest and have gotten together with our alumni group.

The Newsletter is also a product of this pandemic. I hope you enjoy reading about the various events that took place during this semester and reminisce with us.





## Webinar on Transport Planning - Improving Neighbourhoods

Our Neighbourhood is the place to live, work and play for everyone. Here, life is always bustling with people, activities and movement. With time and changing needs, urban complexities increase and liveability conflicts arise. For the ease of living, transport planning has great relevance, to meet and manage the daily challenges.

The purpose of holding this webinar is to create awareness about the scope and relevance of the transport planning profession in today's time when life in cities is growing and developing at unprecedented levels. With new developments, and increased urbanization, our mobility patterns have become way more complex. Where, on one hand, we are developing hyper loops and multimodal systems, there, on the other hand, our very own existing neighbourhoods, where we live, work and play, are getting neglected and are experiencing chaos, congestion, and conflict.



The Event, hosted by the School of Planning and Development (SPD), was attended by nearly 40 participants. The expert speaker, Mr. Kaushik, began with an interactive session with the participants over what according to them is transport planning, who is the users, what are the specific transportation needs of various kinds of users and how transport planning can make our lives safe and convenient in neighbourhoods. Further, the event provided professional insight about the transport planning process and techniques, transport databases, transport modelling and contemporary best practices in transport planning in a comprehensive manner.



### Webinar on Manesar: The City We Have and the City We Want

Manesar is a town and municipal corporation. It is located in the Gurgaon district of Haryana (India). It is a part of National Capital Region (NCR) and is a rising industrial hub. The social characteristics and demographic attainments have changed drastically in recent years as a result of its proximity to the burgeoning city of Gurgaon. It attracts researchers like us to explore the socio-economic and physical dynamics of Manesar as a potential industrial centre for the coming years. The industrial growth of Manesar is flourishing day by day. This also is triggering the overall growth dynamics for the entire region. At present IMT Manesar achieves the status of a municipal corporation which will leads towards further development based on economic attainments and industrial supremacies.

On April 26, 2021, School of Planning and Development (SPD) has organized an International Webinar on Manesar: The City We Have and the City We Want. The event was attended by nearly 30 participants. Majority of them were the first and second year M.Plan students.

The expert speaker, Dr. Vatsal Bhatt, began with an interactive session on the sustainable cities and communities across the globe. Based session. on this an interesting fact has been evident that the sustainable urban planning techniques to build inclusive communities in the postpandemic situation and its major impacts on the urban governance. In the same fashion, the second speaker, Mr. Mudassir Zaidi talked provided professional insight about the real estate development and overall housing need and demand situation across the NCR. He also mentioned about the present urban development situation of Manesar and its future aspects and prospects as an upcoming industrial centre. The third and final speaker, Mr. Vincent Bhatt mentioned one of important industrial city the planning aspects, i.e., provision of physical and social infrastructure to initiate a sustainable future with the special reference of Manesar.

Upper Harbor Terminal



Under implementation after the Master planning process by the City of Minneapolis, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, and Upper Harbor Terminal development team (United Properties, THOR Companies, and First Avenue Productions).

## Design compact, mixed use, and transit oriented development



## **Cultural Events: Holi Celebration**

'Holi', the word derives from the word 'Hola' which means sacrifice. And the festival of Holi motivates us to live our lives in a spirit of sacrifice. 'Holi' is the most celebrated festivals of India. In the same flow, the School of Planning and Development (SPD) at Sushant University rejoices the festival to retain and continue the customs and culture alive.

On March 26, 2021, SPD celebrated "Holi - The festival of colours" with lots of interactive associations, cultural attainments and delicious food. SPD is a place of multicultural milieu and social aspirations and contributing in Holi celebration exhilarated everyone to blend in even further.

It was one of the prime celebrations in Sushant University after the global pandemic situation. This is the reason, the celebration only attracts the students who were in and around the campus vicinity.

Holi at Sushant University was extraordinary because it haven't confined within the colours, but it also spreads in teachers-students assimilation, cultural integration and the inner prayer made many of us to escalate our strong connections with diverse cultures. Throughout the celebration; students, faculty members, and stuffs felt wisdom of togetherness and goodwill. The green, yellow, red, blue and orange colours are intermingled and socialized as the right amount of rain fell at the right moment, rendering everyone unrecognizable, yet awed and delighted by the unique experience.





### Virtual Fest: ESPERANZA

"Hope is the thing with feathers That perches in the soul And sings the tune without the words And never stops at all."

– Emily Dickinson

On the April 17, 2021, The School of Planning (SPD) organized its very first online fest – **'ESPERANZA'**. This was an engaging, attention-grabbing virtual fest- a first amidst the current pandemic..

**'ESPERANZA'** means hope. In the global pandemic situation, we only need to have hope for a better future, and faith to achieve the best possible outcomes. To perceive the idea, SPD organized this virtual fest to boost interactions between students and faculty members. All the students and faculties spent a great evening with recitation, music, quiz and dance performances in a virtual way. The active participation of our students enhances the significance of the event manifold. We hope that we may able to initiate these kinds of events to motivate and boost morale of our student body for greater emotional and mental wellbeing.



# **HEAR FROM YOUR FACULTY**



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India is a vast democratic country in all aspects, be it the quantum of people living here or the physiography. We can see all variations of cultures, economic resources, and topography. Depending on these variations, each section of the population represents a community which narrates different needs and requirements of the people belonging to the said community. Like the people living in mountainous areas have different requirements to the people living in deserts, people living in coastal areas have different needs than people living in the plains. Based on their habitat ecology, their culture, behaviour, and way of social interaction differs and this difference leads to different needs and requirements to live a comfortable and safe life.

The liveability index enumerates indicators to access a city and its livability conditions, these indicators are stability, healthcare, education, infrastructure, culture, and environment. The paradigm which we follow in India for making plans, policies and while implementing them on the ground simply ignores the equal importance of all these six indicators of livability and forgets the balance of momentum to be maintained. If we see the paradigm we follow through various guidelines and procedures of making plans as enumerated in URDPFI guidelines and various other state guidelines they simply ignore the importance of culture in maintaining livable conditions.

The 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> amendment act was done to initiate planning paradigm from grass root level in India but if we recheck the effect of the amendment through the implementation of plans in various cities and regions in India we can see that again the social and cultural aspect is filtered on ground reality some of the classic examples of such cities where the missing lattice leads to the complete change in the functionality of the city are Kota, Delhi, Gurgaon, Mumbai, etc.

Thus there is a need to change the paradigm in planning in India from not just physical planning but also Social planning so that the actual heritage, culture, and character of the city is preserved while catering to the actual need of the city dwellers.

Acceptance of plans by the people is very important for a successful plan otherwise it is just a wastage of time, money, and resources. The acceptance will come only when the actual need of the people are taken care of through understanding the diversities they belong to.

The shift of a generic paradigm to a specific paradigm is the need of the hour. After consulting all the needs of the social and cultural aspects the requirements should be quantified through qualitative analysis and then a plan should be made and implemented.

The change from exclusivity to inclusivity is needed for plans to be acceptable and increase the human acceptance value. We should give equal emphasis to the happiness index and economic index.

As a planner, it's our moral and professional responsibility to plan for people and all their requirements. This would be possible only if we shift the paradigm of only physical planning towards cohesive and synchronized social and physical planning. Let's think about it and do it.

## **STUDENTSPEAK**



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दुनियादारी में क्या क्या करना पढ़ता है किसी की मैयत पे किसी को जन्मदिन मुबारक खैर जो 2020 से पहले चले गये ठीक रहे कम से कम रोज़ के मरने से तो बच गये एक दिन तो सभी को मरना है ना चाहते हुए भी , ये काम करना है सबको मरते हुए देखने के बाद भी जिए तो क्या जिए और खुदगाज़ी ऐसी कि चाहते हैं कि हम बच जाएँ और आज़ाब ऐसा कि आए मौत और अभी आए कौन आखिर बीमारी से मरना चाहता है और 2 गज़ का फासला ही तो रखना है कुछ दिनो की 2 गज़ की ज़मीन ही तो अपनी थी वो भी नसीब ना हो, ऐसी मौत तो नहीं चाही थी काम तो खैर बहुत बाकी हैं और जीते रहे तो काम कहाँ खत्म होंगे हम खर्च हो जाएंगे मगर ज़िन्दगी को बचाते हुए अब तो डर लगता है, दुआ में हाथ भी उठाते हुए कि सलामत रहे तो धर्म की तलवार से मरेंगे कौन मरना चाहता है दंगो में आखिर ये आग अभी बुझी नहीं है ये जांगल के साथ साथ लोगों के दिलों में जल रही है ये ब्रह्माण गिन गिन के बदले ले रहा है जो जुल्म कीए हैं हमने उनहें सूद समेत दे रहा है वैसे भी कौन कर्ज़ के तले दब कर मरना चाहता है हम तो चाहते थे ख़ुशी ख़ुशी उसकी बहों में मरें मगर ये दुख भी अजीब दुख है कि हम ज़िन्दा तो हैं मगर साथ नहीं हैं वो वक्त के जब हमें प्यार ही प्यार करना था वो वक्त के जब हमें फुर्सत ही फुर्सत थी अपने अपने घरों में दुबक के बैठे हैं और अपनी बारी का इन्तज़ार कर रहे हैं

# **STUDENTSPEAK**



## **ABOUT STUDIO WORKS**

#### Design studio-II: Neighbourhood Planning

B.Plan 1<sup>st</sup> year students have initiated their neighbourhood planning studio with several research ideas gained from empirical researches. For fulfilling the aim, diverse planning concepts and theories – namely Kautilya's Arthashastra and the Vastu Shastra - have been utilized accordingly. Based on this idea, the students have designed a neighbourhood site planning exercise over an area of 100-acres. Through this, they have worked on suitable neighbourhood plans to fulfil the research aim and scope. At present, they are working on planning and evaluation of land usages and land cover assimilation based on situation assessment



Concept Plan for Neighbourhood Planning

#### **Design studio-IV: Transportation Planning (B.Plan 2<sup>nd</sup> Year)**

The aim of the transportation planning studio is to understand the present transportation behaviour of any urban spaces, and to initiate a suitable transportation plan accordingly. Based on in-class learning on transportation planning, the students have applied various theories and approaches driven by transportation planning in a comprehensive way. To achieve this, Gurugram has been selected as a case city.

At the initiation of the studio, they have studied the regional setting as well as physical and socio-economic aspects of Gurugram to develop a good idea about the case city. For detailing the research scope, the students have considered Sector 56 of Gurugram as a case city. They also have studied the land use patterns of Sector 56 for understanding the degree of economic development and infrastructural provision and its impact on transportation behavior.

## **GUEST SPEAKERS OF THE MONTH**



Mr. Shailendra Kaushik

Mr Shailendra Kaushik has been working as a transport planning expert for more than two decades. Currently, he is the Cofounder of Cities Forum, a UK based global organisation that drives sustainable development worldwide by providing strategic advice to governments and cities and assists them in meeting their sustainability goals. He is currently leading several projects in Cities Forum on electric mobility, developing data driven mobility

solutions, first and last mile connectivity using non-motorised institutional restructuring, capacity building modes. developing start-up ecosystems in the mobility space.

Dr. Bhatt consults with the U.S. Green Building Council as the Vice President for communities, where he helped conceptualize and make operational the LEED for Cities and LEED for Communities rating systems. He co-leads the Application Frameworks working group on the National Institute for Standards and Technology led efforts for developing "IoT Enabled Smart Cities Frameworks" and serves on the US technical advisory group for the ISO's technical committee 268 for sustainable cities.



and

Dr. Vatsal Bhatt



In a career spanning more than 16 years Mr. Zaidi has held multiple roles in the company. Before launching his entrepreneurial venture in 2016, Mudassir managed the Residential business at the pan-India level. Earlier he had been the architect of Knight Frank India's expansion in northern India. He was also the National Head -Commercial Leasing between 2009 and 2011

Mr. Mudassir Zaidi

Vincent Bhatt is a senior development and investment professional, having a comprehensive 2 decades of work experience across deal sourcing, structuring joint ventures and partnerships, asset creation, investment/ portfolio management, across business domains and geographies globally. Being traditionally from the real estate and infrastructure domain, he has a comprehensive understanding in the areas of conceptualization, planning, development & management of large projects, encompassing aspects of financial & business feasibility analysis.



**Mr. Vincent Bhatt** 

## SPD NEWSBOARD



Source: https://covid19.who.int/

Data can play an important role in helping India recover from COVID-19 Harsh Vardhan Pachisia (Senior Associate, IDFC Institute) and Sriram Gutta (Deputy Head, India and South Asia, World Economic Forum)

urbanication critical to COVID-19

Habitat

recovery better recovery of life quality of life Kirsten Milhahn, UN-

Sustainable urbanization Need to take relook at urban planning in Covid-**19 era: Housing Secy** Durga Shanker Mishra, Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary

> Dense urban areas may not be more vulnerable to COVID-19 The Week, April 2021

The Urban **Dimension of COVID-**19: COVID Outbreak and Lessons for **Future Cities** National Institute of Urban Affairs

CORON

VIRUS

A COVID-19 Lesson for Urban Design: Turn the Planning Process Upside Down P<sub>eter</sub> Simek, Frontburner



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At present, the admission drive is ongoing for B.Plan and M.Plan programmes.

We have successfully completed our first round of M.Plan interviews on April 23 and 24, 2021. The interviews were held in virtual mode due to the pandemic. We are also offering provisional admission to aspirants for B Planning programmes.

Our second round of interview for Masters programme is scheduled for May 20, 2021.

Interested candidates can apply through the below mentioned link: https://www.tcsion.com//EForms/configuredHtml/2254/60138//sitePage.html

## **CHALLENGE YOURSELF**



#### Across

1. Activities with purpose of turning a city from a location to a destination

5. Federal Housing Administration

Man-made geography (ex. roads, rail lines, etc.)
Ideal "perfect" city

12. How much space building can take up on a lot

13. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

- 16. "The land behind." The rural-urban fringe
- 17. Highway that wraps around a city

18. Single fixed fee

19. Founder of Ford Motor Company and sponsor of Assembly line technique

20. Pattern where streets meet at 45 degree angles

#### Down

2. Horse of mule drawn transit vehicle

3. Public transportation, especially in an urban area

4. Ability to continue a defined behavior and have good things come of it

6. What allowed to do with a building

9. Even sizes of broken stone used for surfacing roads

10. Benefit given by government to groups or

individuals (usually through tax reduction or cash)

11. Public square, market place, or similar open space in built up area

14. Electric rail transport vehicle

15. Denying services to residents based on race and ethnicity

## **Editor**



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We are pleased to share with you the second issue of the newsletter 'BLUEPRINT' for the month of May 2021. The newsletter is a best way to keep up to date on what's going on and what's in the next at SPD, Sushant University.

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