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क्षेत्रीय नगर एवं पर्यावरण अध्ययन केन्द्र, लखनऊ भी अच्छे नगरीय शासन हेतु स्थानीय निकायों की क्षमता विकास के लिए सदैव प्रयासरत रहता है। भारत सरकार की नयी परियोजना के क्रियान्वयन के बाद हमारे केन्द्र की भूमिका और भी महत्वपूर्ण हो जाती है। इन्हीं उद्देश्यों की पूर्ति हेतु हमारा केन्द्र एक अर्द्धवार्षिक पत्रिका 'अरबन पेनोरमा' प्रकाशित करता है।

पाठकों से अनुरोध है कि इस पत्रिका के माध्यम से अपने विचारों एवं नए प्रयासों से सभी को लाभान्वित कराने में केन्द्र को सहयोग प्रदान करें।

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FROM THE DESK OF EDITOR

Urbanization is a global phenomenon. All the developing countries are experiencing rapid urbanization, due to which urban infrastructure and urban services are experiencing extreme pressure and are on verge of collapse. Today urban India presents a very pathetic scene. Cities have become a site of rotting garbage, degrading drainage and night soil removal systems, etc. Besides, the urban poor have practically very little access to basic urban services like, toilets, safe drinking water, roads, sanitation, street lights, etc.

The basic aim of any sound policy of development should be to enhance the quality of life and well being of the people. The role of government is now largely becoming that of 'facilitator' and 'regulator' of development. The changed paradigm of the public sector now is in providing public goods and services without necessarily producing them. Good Urban Governance is the latest mantra and is seen as a process that promotes and encourages sustainable socio-economic, human and cultural development of societies and people.

It is in this perspective that the Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies, Lucknow brings out a journal "Urban Panorama" dealing with various aspects of urbanization and governance.

In the present issue, Sri Lalit Narayan Mishra and Sri Ratnesh Kumar Mishra in their article "Management of Urban Environment" have suggested that planning should be based on environmental aspects and in already developed or old city areas integrated approach should be given due care. Sri S.K. Panigrahi has in his article "Green Cities-Plan for the Tomorrow" has dealt with the effects of various types of emission on the environment and has suggested that citizens should be properly motivated for tree plantation. Dr. Alka Singh in her article "Urban Environmental Issues and challenges" has highlighted the various issues and challenge in managing urban environment and has suggested that there should be urban environmental governance and management in view of globalization.

Dr. Santosh Kumar in his article "Municipal Waste Management of Middle class Developing Urban Habitat-Patna" has dealt with the solid waste situation in Patna and has suggested a public awareness programmes be launched and Patna Municipal Corporation be strengthened where as Sri A.K. Sen has emphasized the need for reuse of solid waste in his article "Sustainable Waste Management Through environmental Management System". Sri Amitabh Sinha in his article "Vermitechnology New Trend for Bio-management of Organic Waste" has laid stress on vermicomposting of organic waste. Sri Yogendra Tripathi in his article on "Solid Waste Management for Healthy Environment" has dealt in detail the impact of solid waste on urban environment and has suggested that dumping grounds should be freed from all encroachments and where land

is not available government should provide, further he has suggested that drains and sewage lines should be cleaned waste should be disposal at the site marked for them.

Dr. A. Malla Reddy in his article "Successful DWUCA's in Swarna Jayanthi Shahari Rojgar Yojana" has dealt with the importance of DWUCA groups in fighting urban poverty and has suggested that more resources should be allocated and support women groups through skill training from DWCUA and take up group employment. Sri P. Uma Shankar in his article "Housing the urban Poor: Problems and Prospects" has taken up the case of housing for the urban poor, which according to him is one of the most critical challenges before third world governments. After reviewing the policy shifts in this sector, he identifies some of the constraints limiting the optimization of the outcomes of these approaches and suggests remedial measures for improving performance, for example self help housing. Dr. Mira Mridubhashini and Dr Kumkum Narain in their article " Public Participation in urban services" have dealt in detail the prospects of public participation and have suggested that to keep pace with rapid urbanization and to deal effectively with its challenges, public participation in urban governance and provision of urban services is the only way out. In the article "Shimla : Replicas of British Heritage to Decaying City" Dr. Pawan Kumar Banta has dealt with the urban issues related to the city of shimla and has suggested that future planning of the city should be based on the coordinated physical, spatial and economic planning which should be sustainable. In implementation of these plans Public Private Partnerships should be the main focus area.

Sri Harsh Verma in his article "Cultural Investment for Urban Renewal : Revitalizing the City through Art and culture" has emphasized on the need and importance of art and culture in cities development and has suggested that urban renewal being a complex process requires interventions on many fronts. Investments in art and culture will contribute to the economic will being of a city.

Housing being another important aspect of development Dr. O.P.B. Shukla in his article on "Housing Problems in Uttar Pradesh " Role of Avas Vikas Parishad" has dealt in detail with the functioning of Avas Vikas Parishad and the constraints being faced.

I hope that the readers will find this issue interesting and also hope that it provides an insight on urban issues.

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