



# Urban Futures

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## Mountain and the City

### Program



**Day 1 : 9 February, 2017**

**Multipurpose Hall, India International Center, New Delhi**

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0900-0930

**Tea/Informal Interaction**

09.30-11.00

**Welcome Address**

Manoj Dabas

*Organising Secretary-urbanFutures2017 and Director, Center for Urban Green Spaces, New Delhi*

**Opening Remarks**

Mr. Vinay Luthra

*Chairman, Karnataka Ecotourism Development Board & Co-Chair Organising Committee-urbanFutures 2017*

Dr. Jitendra Das

*Director, FORE School of Management, New Delhi*

**Conference Overview**

Dr. Sudhir Krishna

*Chair, Organising Committee-urbanFutures2017 and Former Secretary MoUD, Govt. of India*

**Inaugural Address**

Shri D V Sadanand Gowda

*Hon'ble Minister for Statistics and Program Implementation, Govt. of India*

**Address by Guest(s) of Honor**

Shri Zodintluanga

*Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation, Mizoram*

Shri P D Rai

*Hon'ble Member of Parliament (LS-Gangtok)*

Shri Tupsthan Chhewang

*Hon'ble Member of Parliament (LS-Ladakh)*

Shri Naveen Verma

*Secretary, Ministry of Development of NE Region, Govt. of India*

Shri R K Jain

*Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority*

Shri T S Panwar

*Deputy Mayor, Shimla*

**Launch of web portal [mountaincities.org](http://mountaincities.org)**

11.30-13.00

## **Plenary Session**

### **Speakers**

Dr. Kamal Bawa

*Distinguished Professor, University of Massachusetts, Boston, USA and Author of the Book "Himalayas-Mountains of Life"*

Dr. Bernhard Muller

*Director, Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development, Dresden, Germany*

Shri Kamal Kishore

*Member, National Disaster Management Authority, Govt. of India*

**Session Anchor** : Dr. Rajat Kathuria, *Director, ICRIER, New Delhi*

14.00-15.30

## **Working Session 1**

**Chair** : Dr. A K Maitra, *Former Director, SPA*

**Co-chair** : Shri Vinay Luthra

### **Built and Natural Environment Linkages**

**Convenor** Dr. Meenakshi Dhote

*Prof. & Head, Department of Environmental Planning, SPA*

### **Remarks by the Chair**

**Urban Design Strategies for Sustainable Development of Hill Areas**

Prof. Arunav Dasgupta

*Head, Department of Urban Design, SPA, New Delhi*

### **Urban Growth and its Impact on Ecosystem Services: An Overview of Indian Himalaya Region**

Dr. Prakash C. Tiwari

*Professor of Environment & Sustainable Development  
Kumaon University-Nainital, Uttarakhand*

### **Impact of Urbanization on Land use - Greater Srinagar City, Jammu & Kashmir.**

Dr. M Sultan Bhat

*Head, Department of Geography and Regional Planning  
Kashmir University, Srinagar, J&K*

**Land Resource Management for Urban Development in Mountain Regions**

Dr. Mahendra Sethi

*Editor-Urban India, National Institute of Urban Affairs, New Delhi*

### **Open Discussion | Concluding Remarks by the Convenor Tea**

15.30-15.50

15.50-17.05

**PANEL DISCUSSION :**

**Making Urban Development Work for Himalayan Ecosystem Enhancement**

Dr. D S Meshram

*President, Institute of Town Planning, India (Chair)*

Shri Tikender Singh Panwar

*Deputy Mayor, Shimla (Anchor-Moderator)*

Mr. Sanjiv Nair

*Managing Director, North Eastern Center for Technology Application and Research*

Shri Manoj Dabas

*Director, Center for Urban Green Spaces, New Delhi*

Shri Iftikhar Hakim

*Housing and Urban Development, Govt. of J&K*

Shri C Vanlalramasanga

*Principal Secretary, Urban Development, Govt. of Mizoram*

Dr. Subhash Ashutosh,

*Addl. Chief Principal Conservator of Forests, Meghalaya*

(More discussants may be added at the suggestion/permission of the chair)

Open Discussion

**Summing up by Chair/Anchor**

17.05-17.20 :

**Indian Mountain Initiative: An Introduction**

*Representative of IMI, Mizoram*

**Day 2 : 10 February, 2017**  
**Seminar Hall 1-3, India International Center, New Delhi**

- 9.00-9.30      **Tea/Informal Interactions**
- 9.30-11.00    **Working Session 2**  
**Co-Chairs :**  
**Dr. C Vanlalramsanga** (Secretary UD & PA, Mizoram) & **Dr. C P Marak**  
(PCCF, Meghalaya)  
**Resilient Mountain Cities: Lessons from the past**  
**Remarks by the Chair**  
**Keynote :**  
**Urban Development: Avoiding Ghettoisation of Cities**  
Ms. Patricia Mukhim, *Editor, Shillong Times*  
**Recent Extreme Events in Nepal:**  
**Lessons for Urban Planners and Managers**  
Shri Kai Weise, *Pahar Nepal, Kathmandu, Nepal*  
**Srinagar under Water:**  
**Lessons for Urban Planners and Managers**  
Shri Iftikhar Hakim  
*Director (Planning and Coordination)*  
*Formerly, Chief Town Planner, J&K*  
**Resilience to Environmental Risk in the Andean  
piedmont- The Case of Santiago de Chile**  
Dr. Paulina Schiappacasse  
*Chair of Spatial Development, Faculty of Environmental Sciences,  
Dresden University of Technology, Germany*  
**Open House Discussion**  
Summing-up by Chair
- 11.00-11.30    **Tea**

11.30 -13.00

### **Working Session 3**

**Co Chair(s) :**

**Dr. Bernhard Muller**

Director, Leibniz Institute of  
Ecological Urban and Regional  
Development, Dresden, Germany

**Shri Arvind Madhav Singh**

(APCCF, Assam and Former JS  
Ministry of Development of  
North Eastern Region

### **Making Urban Development Work for the Mountains**

#### **Keynote:**

**Shri Mandip Singh Soin**

*FRGS, Founder President, The Ecotourism Society of India, National  
body for Responsible Tourism & MD Ibex Expeditions Pvt. Ltd.*

#### **Invited Talks**

#### **Urban Development in North Western Himalayas: Issues, Challenges and Prospects**

**Dr. Manoj Kumar Teotia**

*Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development  
(CRRID), Chandigarh*

#### **Sustainability of Hill Towns of West Bengal and Assam : The Economics-Ecology Interface**

**Dr. Mahalaya Chatterjee**

*Director, Centre for Urban Economic Studies, Calcutta University*

#### **Case Study**

#### **Risks of Rapid Unplanned Urbanisation in the Himalayas-the Case of Almora, India**

**Neelakshi Joshi**

*Doctoral Candidate, Dresden Leibniz Graduate School/TU  
Dresden, Germany*

#### **Open House Discussion**

#### **Summing-up by Chair**

13.45 -16.30

#### **Working Session 4**

**Chair : TBD**

**Co-chair : TBD**

#### **Urban Development in the North Eastern Himalayas: Trends, Implications and Opportunities**

##### **Lead Talk(s)**

Prof. Karubaki Datta

*Center for Himalayan Studies, North Bengal University, Siliguri*

Prof. Bimal Kumar Kar

*Dept. of Geography, Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam*

##### **Urban Development in Bhutan**

Shri Ugyen Tenjin

*Chief, Regional Planning, Govt. of Bhutan*

##### **Urban Development in Sikkim**

Shri Naveen Rai/Shri Rajesh Pradhan

*Joint Chief Town Planner, Govt. of Sikkim*

##### **Urban Development in Mizoram**

Shri R. Vanlalmawia

*Joint Secretary, UD&PA Department, Govt. of Mizoram*

##### **Urban Development in Nagaland**

Shri Ken Kenditsu

*Director, Urban Development, Govt. of Nagaland*

##### **Urban Development in Meghalaya**

Shri Elangmiki Shullai | Shri Toridabtin Tiewsoh

*Asst. Town Planner, Govt. of Meghalaya*

##### **Open House Discussion**

*Summing-up by Chair*

16.30-17.30

#### **Going Forward**

Sudhir Krishna, Vinay Luthra, A M Singh, Bernhard Muller, Manoj Dabas, Ugyen Tenjin, J K Das, Kamal Bawa

#### **Open House Discussion**

17.15-17.30

#### **Valedictory Address**



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