

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**ON**

**MAKING CITIES RESILIENT: POST HABITAT III**

**First Circular**  
**February 03-04, 2017**

**Venue**  
**Conference Centre**  
**North Campus, University of Delhi**

**Organized by**



**Department of Geography**  
**Shaheed Bhagat Singh College**  
**University of Delhi, New Delhi-110017**  
**India**

## **ABOUT THE HOST ORGANIZATION**

Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, named after the great martyr of India, Shaheed-e-Azam, Sardar Bhagat Singh, was established as a co-educational institution in 1967 as a constituent college of University of Delhi. The College takes pride in having accomplished faculties in eight departments including Geography. The college is fully equipped with digital library, computer labs and Geography lab with latest Geographical Information System (GIS) and Remote Sensing equipment and impressive infrastructure. The college has distinguished itself in diverse academic and professional fields by providing a vibrant and intellectually stimulating academic culture and promoting independence of thoughts and visions. The college has successfully completed fifty years and celebrating its golden Jubilee from 1967 to 2017.

## **ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT**

The Department of Geography, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College is well known for its academic pursuit and excellence in University of Delhi and all over India. The Department was established in 1969 and since then it has been nurtured by renowned and pioneer Geographers. The founders of the department laid a very strong foundation with their explicit knowledge and immense hard work. Presently, all the faculty members who are doctorates and technically sound are specialists in various branches of the discipline of Geography and carry on several projects associated with University Grants Commission (UGC) and other research organizations. It is because of the continuous efforts and progressive outlook of all, that the Department has acquired lot of prestige amongst other departments in the university.

The Department of Geography has always committed for excellence. Along with the theoretical framework, the well-equipped laboratories facilitate the students to learn and enhance their skills through practical application in the fields of Cartography, Remote Sensing, GIS and Global Positioning System (GPS). The field trips and excursions conducted by the department as part of academic curriculum enables the students to learn and acquire real knowledge about environment, society and culture thereby promoting the applied aspects and new age of learning in Geography that transcends the formal classroom sessions.

## **DELHI: THE HOST CITY**

Historically, Delhi, the capital city of India has been developed and evolved over centuries. Delhi today is an incredible combination of the ancient and the contemporary structures. Delhi has been the magnet, which drew the Mongols, Turks, Persians, Afghans, Mughals and the British, all of whom contributed to its glorious past. Today, Delhi city attracts tourist from Indian and foreign alike as being the cultural, economic and political capital of the largest democracy in the world. The growth of Indian economy has provided Delhi with a new identity of global business city. Being capital

city, Delhi has multi-cultural character due to waves of migration occurring from various backgrounds and parts of the country in different time periods of history. The physical growth of city has led to the development of many sub-urban centers around Delhi giving it a character of a living city with communication network acting as its arteries. Delhi has also got its identity due to presence of finest education institutes in all disciplines viz. University of Delhi, Indian Institute of Technology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Jamia Millia Islamia, Jamia Hamdard, Ambedkar University and Indira Gandhi National Open University. Delhi is sprinkled with dazzling gems: captivating ancient monuments, fascinating museums and art galleries, architectural wonders, a vivacious performing-art scenes, fabulous eating places and bustling markets. Delhi is well connected by air, rail and road. The altitude of Delhi city is 293 m above sea level. It has total population of 16.78 million as per the Census of India, 2011. Delhi enjoys diversity in weather conditions ranging from chilling winters, hot summers and wet monsoon seasons. The city has temperature between 45°C (Maximum.) usually in May – June and 5°C (Minimum.) usually in December-January. The March (spring) is the best time to visit the city of Delhi.

## **THRUST AREA OF THE CONFERENCE**

Millions of people move to cities globally each month. The World counted 23 mega cities with Asia having 13 of them. The number of such mega cities is expected to rise rapidly by 2025 with Asia adding highest number of mega cities to its share. Twenty first century is the Asian urban century. By 2020, of the world's urban population of 4.2 billion, approximately 2.2 billion will be in Asia. China and India will contribute 31.3 % of the total world urban population by 2025. Asian mega cities are experiencing unsustainable and unplanned development and its negative consequences such as haphazard urban expansion, deteriorating inner city infrastructure, traffic congestion, urban heat island and waste of natural and human resources. City regions serve as magnets for people, enterprise, and culture, but with urbanization, the worst form of visible poverty becomes prominent particularly in South Asia. The mega cities in India suffer with problems of lack of basic amenities like housing, water, electricity, sewerage, etc. Out of the total estimated slum population of 505.5 million people in Asia, India hosts a large share of it. The Habitat III Policy units bring together high-level expertise to explore state-of-the-art research and analysis; identify good practice and lessons learned; and develop independent policy recommendations on particular issues regarding sustainable urban development. The United Nation Programme, 'Making Cities Resilient', is focused on mitigating the disaster risk in urban area. The innovative geospatial techniques like urban zonation, urban heat island mapping and vulnerability analysis in a multi-hazard framework are very much important in utilizing Geographic Information System (GIS) for mitigating risks and achieving urban sustainability. The Government of India programmes for making cities more resilient include Digital India, Make in India, 100

Smart Cities Development together with Corporate Social Responsibility are synchronized with globalization of Indian mega cities. But, in recent years the Disaster and Health Risk Reduction in Indian mega cities are challenging tasks for urban governance. ICSU-health and wellbeing in the changing urban environment Project examines urban well-being, health and disease profiles, all of which are rapidly changing and require novel integrated approaches towards improving policy-making.

## **FOCAL THEMES**

Making Cities Resilient: Post Habitat III

## **SUB THEMES**

- Smart Cities
- Urban Environment and Microclimate Change
- Urban Housing and Slums
- Urban Infrastructure
- Disaster Risk and Urban Sustainability
- Mega Cities
- Marginalized Spaces in Urban System
- Human Health and Well-being
- Urban Governance and Policies
- Geospatial techniques and Urban Planning
- Sustainable Urban Economy

## **SPECIAL SESSIONS**

- Urban Health and Well-being

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The organizers invite research papers and posters from all interested academicians and researchers at the National Conference on Making Cities Resilient: Post Habitat III. There shall be oral presentations as well as poster presentations in the conference. Interested author(s) are requested to submit the abstract (not exceeding 300 words) of their original research contribution through conference email- [makingcitiesresilient@gmail.com](mailto:makingcitiesresilient@gmail.com) or online at <http://www.sbsc.in/Conference-and-Seminars.php#> on or before October 31, 2016. The abstract of the paper should be typed in Times New Roman (12 Font Size) with 1.5 Space with title of the paper, name of the author(s), affiliation, e-mail address besides the content. Author(s) will be informed through e-mail about the acceptance of their abstracts by November 30, 2016. Thereafter, the contributors are requested to send their registration fee by December 31, 2016. Full paper in MS Word format should reach to the Convener by conference e-mail [makingcitiesresilient@gmail.com](mailto:makingcitiesresilient@gmail.com) before December 31, 2016. The accepted papers will

be published as full text in the conference proceedings under Springer series Advances in Geographical and Environmental Sciences.

### IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Submission of Abstract: October 31, 2016

Intimation of Acceptance: November 15, 2016

Registration: November 15, 2016 to December 31, 2016

Submission of Full Paper: December 31, 2016

Conference Dates: February 03-04, 2017

### REGISTRATION FEE (without accommodation)

	On or before 30 <sup>th</sup> November, 2016	After 30 <sup>th</sup> November, 2016
Indian Participants	INR 1500	INR 2000
Research Scholars and Participants from University of Delhi	INR 1000	INR 1500
Institutional/Corporate Delegates	INR 3000	INR 4000
Foreign Delegates	USD 200	USD 250

*Registration fee includes conference materials, tea and lunch.*

Registration can be done online at <http://www.sbsc.in/Conference-and-Seminars.php#> is compulsory for all participants. Registration form is available on website [www.sbsc.in](http://www.sbsc.in). Downloaded and filled registration form can be sent by e-mail-makingcitiesresilient@gmail.com along with scanned copy of fee transaction / DD in favor of “Principal, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, Delhi”, payable at New Delhi. The registration fee can also be deposited / transferred online through RTGS/NEFT/Net Banking. The details for online transfer are as follows:

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