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Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, JMI Conducts Six-Day Training Programme on "Urbanisation and Sustainable Development in Global South"

New Delhi, 14 October 2026

The Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), New Delhi, successfully organized a six-day online Short-Term Multidisciplinary Programme (STP) on "Urbanisation and Sustainable Development in Global South" from 7th to 13th October 2026. Around 108 faculty members and researchers from 22 states across India, representing diverse academic disciplines including sciences, social sciences, humanities, management, engineering, architecture, design, and planning, actively participated in the programme.

The programme was organized under the patronage of Prof. Mazhar Asif, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, JMI, and Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, Registrar, JMI. The format of the programme was jointly conceived and designed by Prof. Kulwinder Kaur, Director, MMTTC, and Prof. Nisar Khan from Department of Architecture, JMI, who was also the Coordinator of this programme.

The inaugural session commenced with a keynote address delivered by Prof. Bharat Dahiya, Director of Research Centre for Sustainable Development and Innovation at the School of Global Studies, Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand; an Extraordinary Professor at the School of Public Leadership, Stellenbosch University, Stellenbosch, South Africa, and a Distinguished Professor at Urban Youth Academy, Seoul, Republic of Korea. He set the context by emphasizing the critical interplay between rapid urbanisation trends and long-term sustainable development across cities in the Global South based on his three decade long global experience and practices with organizations like U.N. He underscored the need for contextualized and localized frameworks to address pressing urban challenges.

Over the six days, experts from universities, research institutions, government bodies and professional organisations shared their perspectives on the many dimensions of urban sustainability. The sessions covered urban planning and design, climate change, disaster management, housing, governance, public health, urban finance and the social implications of urban transformation.

Among the speakers, Prof. Hina Zia, Department of Planning, JMI, spoke on Sustainable Cities while Dr. Manish Chalana from Washington University, Seattle

discussed various case studies of sustainable urban design in India and USA. Prof. Haroon Sajjad, Department of Geography, JMI, discussed on adaptation and mitigation strategies for natural disasters.

The programme also explored climate literacy, the development of small towns in hilly regions and the changing patterns of urbanisation in the Global South. Prof. Mainak spoke on climate literacy and adaptive intelligence, while Dr. Chetna Singh of the School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), Delhi, discussed sustainability concerns in the development of small towns in the hill regions of India, with particular reference to Jammu and Kashmir. Prof. Taruna Bansal, Department of Geography, JMI, explained the Western models of urbanisation and their relevance to the experiences of the Global South. Dr. Rajneesh Sareen of the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) shared insights into urban resilience and urban cooling frameworks.

Air pollution, urban economics and governance were other important areas of deliberation. Dr. Sucharita Sengupta, Department of Political Science, JMI, spoke on the politics and public discourse surrounding Delhi's air pollution. Dr. Manoj Kumar Teotia of CRRID, Chandigarh, discussed the effects of urbanisation on marginal communities in North-West India, especially focusing on the city of Chandigarh. Dr. Sharif Qamar of TERI focused on socio-economic sustainability and governance. The financial dimensions of sustainable development were taken up by Vikash Chandra of Deloitte, who spoke about financing sustainability and funding innovative projects. Prof. Debolina Kundu, Director, National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), provided insights into the broader urban policy and institutional framework shaping urban development in India.

Housing and the social dimensions of urbanisation were extensively discussed during the course of the programme. For instances, Dr. Ruchita Gupta of SPA Delhi discussed socio-economic sustainability in India's housing sector, while Prof. R. R. Patil, Head, Department of Social Work, JMI, presented his views on the socio-economic aspects of urban development. Prof. Shruti Tambe of Savitribai Phule Pune University highlighted the gendered dimensions of smart cities.

Some other resource persons addressed issues of climate change, inclusive sanitation, the design of public spaces and the relationship between water and urbanisation. For example, Mr. Anshul Abbasi, Programme Lead, NIUA, spoke on climate change, while Dr. Mahreen Matto, Team Lead, NIUA, discussed citywide inclusive sanitation. Dr. Akshay Kaul gave a lecture on "From Chaos to Hope: Sustainable Development in Public Realm", while Dr. Mansee Bal Bhargava from the University of Oldenburg, Germany, focused on the links between water, urbanisation and sustainability.

Alongside the expert sessions, participants too made group presentations on various themes related to the course and discussed their views. An MCQ test was also administered as part of evaluation. The programme concluded with a valedictory

address by Prof. S. L. Sharma, former Distinguished Professor of Sociology at Panjab University, Chandigarh. Drawing on sociological perspectives, he reiterated that urbanisation is negatively associated with sustainability and global north and global south, both. Prof. Sharma underlined that if global south wanted to achieve sustainable urbanisation, there was a need to redefine the sustainability paradigm in terms of human values, social justice, ethics and integrity.

Prof. Nisar Khan and Prof. Kulwinder Kaur were constantly engaging with participants and resource persons throughout the course. They particularly highlighted the need of multidisciplinary approach in the study of Urbanisation and Sustainability that was evident from the way they designed the programme and selected the resource persons. The participants also expressed their immense gratitude, appreciation and satisfaction with the successful conduct of the programme. The programme came to an end with the vote of thanks by Mr. Ameerullah Siddiqui of MMTTC, JMI.

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WHY SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATION MATTERS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC



Asia and the Pacific has the world's fastest growing cities.



65% of SDG targets are relevant to cities.



Development gains are uneven and urban inequalities are deepening.

CITIES ARE DRIVERS OF PROGRESS ON THE SDGS BUT URBAN INEQUALITIES ARE DEEPENING IN THREE INTERCONNECTED AREAS



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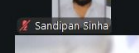
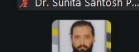
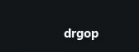
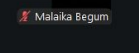
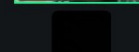
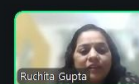
"Socio-Economic Sustainability in Housing Scenario in India"

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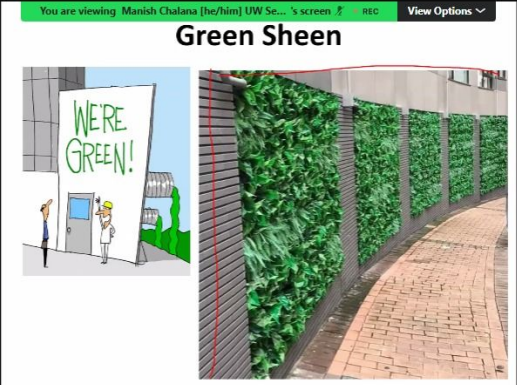
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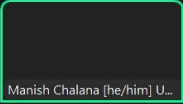
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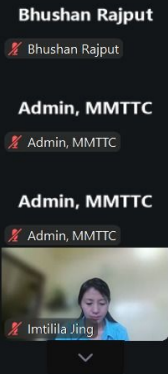
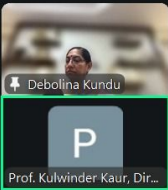
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If we plan only statutory cities, we will miss half of urban India

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Constitute	Peri-Urban & Regional Planning: Constitute planning authorities and notify transitional belts as planning areas; prepare master/regional plans; adopt corridor/cluster models
Develop	Regional Growth Hubs: Develop medium towns & peri-urban nodes as growth hubs; link industry with transitional areas
Review	Governance Reforms: Periodically review boundaries by expanding municipal limits or recognize new settlements; adopt GIS-based, data-driven planning
Allocate	Financial Innovation: Allocate special-purpose funds for transitional areas; levy development-linked charges; earmark 15–20% of urban grants; municipal shared services



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