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National Conference on
**EMERGING CHALLENGES,
OPPORTUNITIES & INNOVATIONS IN
URBAN PLANNING AND DESIGN**
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An Event of Diamond Jubilee Celebration, VNIT, Nagpur

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In Collaboration with
Institute of Town Planners India, New Delhi

About VNIT

Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur, India is an Institute of National importance, located in the heart of Nagpur city. It was established in the year 1960, earlier known as Visvesvaraya Regional College of Engineering (VRCE), named after the eminent engineer, planner and statesman of the country Sir M. Visvesvaraya. It was converted to NIT under the NIT Act 2007. Since its establishment, the institute is imparting quality education and is a pioneer institute in central India. Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology Nagpur is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee year in 2020.

The Department of Architecture and Planning was established by Madhya Pradesh Government in 1947. In the year 1960, the Diploma course in Architecture was converted into fulltime degree course. At present, the department offers undergraduate course in Architecture, Post graduate course in Urban Planning and PhD Program. The department has expertise in various domains of Architecture and Urban Planning

About Institute of Town Planners India (ITPI)

Established in 1951, with 15 town planners initially, the Institute of Town Planners, India (ITPI), is committed to foster town and country planning profession and to advance town and country planning education in the country. Today ITPI, has more than 6500 professionally qualified town and country planners on it's roll, besides sizable number of student members including those who have qualified Associateship Examination, conducted by ITPI. ITPI recognizes 28 institutions including IITs, NITs, SPAs, universities and colleges imparting town and country planning education at Under Graduate and Post Graduate levels in India. ITPI functions through 24 Regional Chapters located mostly in capitals of the states, except Maharashtra which has two Regional Chapters one each located at Mumbai and Nagpur. ITPI organizes Zonal, National and International Conferences; besides National Town and Country Planners' Congress every year, since 1951 without any break.

About the Conference

The Department of Architecture and Planning along with ITPI is organizing a two-day National conference as a part of VNIT's Diamond Jubilee Celebration. The theme of the conference is Emerging Challenges, Opportunities & Innovations in Urban Planning and Design. The keynote talks, technical sessions and panel discussions are oriented towards holistic contributions of Urban Planning and Design towards the society. The conference aims to create a forum to present and exchange new ideas by students, researchers, academicians and professionals across the nation working in the frontier domains of Urban Planning and Design. All are invited to submit original manuscripts. Awards will be given for best papers under various categories.

Call for papers

Rapid pace of urbanisation, apart from offering opportunities to improve quality of life, also poses many challenges for human development. Rapid urbanization is also linked to environmental concerns, socio-economic disparities and vulnerability to natural disasters.

However, no universal strategy can be adopted for addressing these concerns owing to the specific nature of urban areas. Attempts have been made by various professionals in the respective fields to address these concerns and issues. Piecemeal approach happens to be a barrier in addressing these concerns comprehensively, adversely affecting the quality of life. Therefore, there is a need for various professionals to come together on a common platform and address these issues in a coordinated way.

This conference provides a leading forum for discussing opportunities and innovations in Urban Planning and Design to address the emerging challenges. The conference will bring together leading professionals, researchers and students.

The submissions are invited under the following sub-themes but not limited to

- **Interface with planning education and profession**
- **Infrastructure planning**
- **Transportation planning**
- **Role of information and communication technologies**
- **Land management**
- **Emerging networks**
- **Socio-cultural aspects in planning**
- **Legislation planning**
- **Urban administration and management**
- **Resource (Finance) mobilization for large projects**
- **Environment planning**
- **Tangible and intangible heritage**
- **Formal education in Architecture and Urban studies**
- **Contribution of professional bodies**
- **Systems approach in planning**
- **Participatory approach in planning**
- **Housing policies**
- **Built environment**

Above themes are indicative/suggestive. Papers outside these themes but pertaining to other concerns of emerging challenges and opportunities of urbanization may also be submitted.

Guidelines for Authors

Authors need to strictly follow the format for presentation of the manuscript. Authors can download MS Word template and sample paper for reference from the conference website. The abstracts and manuscripts shall be submitted through email to ecoi2020vnit@gmail.com. The submitted manuscripts will be peer-reviewed and scrutinized for plagiarism as a mandatory requirement for publication. The papers accepted after peer-review will be published in conference proceedings. The organizing committee will take efforts for indexing the conference proceedings in Scopus.

- Abstract Submission - April 10, 2020
- Decision on Abstract - April 30, 2020
- Full paper submission of selected abstracts- May 30, 2020
- Notification of selected papers - June 30, 2020
- Camera ready manuscript submission July 15, 2020
- Registration Commences June 15' 2020
- Last Date of Registration July 31, 2020

Registration Fees:

Students & Researchers: Rs. 2,000/-

Academicians & Professionals: Rs. 3,000/-

The registration fees include conference kit, high tea, lunch and one conference dinner

Accommodation

On a paid basis, single/double occupancy limited accommodation is available in the guest house and hostel of the institute. The participants can book it in advance, before due date by sending request email. Good hotels are available nearby VNIT campus and can be directly booked as per the requirement.

Payment Method

Only online transfer (NEFT, BHIM, etc) is allowed.

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