



**Three-Day  
Inter-disciplinary Seminar on**

# **Sustainable Urbanization, Environment and Spatial Planning Concerns**

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## **ABOUT THE SEMINAR**

Planning of human settlements has always been the conscious manifestations of man's creative urges to suit their prevailing life-style, availability of resources and geo-political mechanism for better habitat. Currently, cities are designated as engines of growth, development, wealth and prosperity. Their contribution to country's gross domestic product and polarization of domestic and foreign investments, employment and infrastructure make them the pillars of its economy and social life. But unplanned urbanization has created sustainability and environmental challenges across the regions of the world. Hence handling urbanization for sustainable urban development has been a global concern to address issues concerning housing, transportation, water & sanitation, natural & spatial environment, etc. United Nations has come up with sixteen Sustainable Development Goals and their targets to bring about better quality of life in the urban as well as rural settlements. Indian urban system is suffering from infrastructural deficiencies and environmental degradation, making the Indian urban habitation unpalatable and unsustainable. Though many policies and programmes have been initiated by the Indian government in the past two decades to provide necessary infrastructure with an effort to create sustainable cities but lack of integrated approach and lacunae of spontaneous efforts have failed to reap the desired fruits. Integration of historical, socio-economic, political, environmental, science, architecture, engineering, technological, and administrative aspects are heart felt inputs for spatial planning of cities in their local and global concerns. Dynamic global paradigms and their internationalization act as guiding beacons to innovative conservation of physical practices and contemporary spatial planning being followed towards achieving better quality of life in cities. The Union, State and Local governments through various policies, programmes, missions and legislative frameworks are making painstaking efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals propounded by the United Nations as the '2030 Agenda'. The seminar focuses on introspection and retrospection of urbanization and environmental concerns in their social, economic, geographical, political, architectural, engineering, technological and scientific perspectives and the contemporary spatial planning practices being followed in the light of new policies of the Indian Governments and global agenda.

## **AMRITSAR: THE HOLY CITY**

Founded by the Fourth Guru of Sikhs Sh. Ram Dass Ji and internationally popular for Golden Temple, more than four centuries old Amritsar is known as the **Holy City**. The metropolis is inhabited by about 1,8 million souls. It is an important regional market centre for many products, which carries the status of District Headquarter. Located just 27 kms. from international border, it is the centre for India's border security. Tourist places such as Golden Temple, Durgiana Mandir, Ram Tirath, Jallianwala Bagh, Wagha Border, Gobindgarh Fort, War Memorial, etc. have made the



city an internationally known destination where one lakh tourists visit each day. The city presents reflections of medieval, renaissance, British, Mughals, Sikh and modern art and architectural styles in its developments. The city is well connected by highways, railways and airways, making it one of the most accessible places in the nation. The cuisine and textile of the city is famous across the globe. Temperature of the city is expected to range between 10°-24° on the days of the seminar.

## **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, GNDU**

HRDC, GNDU, Amritsar was established in 1988 following introduction of scheme by UGC in 1987. Since its inception, it has been attracting teachers/professionals from all over India and academic community of GNDU shares its ideas and knowledge. The Centre has achieved high standards of excellence in its working by adopting high pedagogical tools, quality infrastructure, constant flow of information and knowledge and the latest developments around the globe.

### **Important Information**

- Faculty or research scholar of any disciplines is eligible
- Online registration at <http://www.hrdcgndu.org/>
- No delegation fee
- Travel allowance as per UGC norms
- Twin sharing accommodation @ Rs. 150/- /day
- Only tea & lunch shall be arranged by the organisers