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URBAN COLLOQUIUM 2021 (REPORT)

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successfully organized a Urban Colloquium on the Topic “**Role of managers and architects in sustainability**” on 30th January 2021. This year of pandemic brought the great opportunity of transcending borders and bringing the world closer into our digital screens. In this event held online, we had the privilege to have



with us **Dr. Manjari Chakraborty**, Dean, Architecture, BIT Mesra and **Dr. Swati Watts**, Associate professor, Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies.

The first speaker for the session was **Dr. Swati Watts**, she started with a small video on Thomas and friends’ sustainable cities. How to make cities the best place to live and sustainable by using more public transport, increasing green spaces, heritage conservation and various practices. Moving on we understood the concept of Urban Sustainable Development which signifies- A City or an urban area has a certain capacity threshold which after it, the degradation quality happens. The scope or territory that an area should be matched with the development can be measure by an environmental impact. There are few strategies of sustainable development in different aspects like economically, social sustainability, ecological sustainability, special development and cultural sustainability. Dr Watts also spoke about considerations in the sustainable urban development planning and why the world needs **Urban Sustainable development**, development will always be there, but the negative impacts can only be nullified by Sustainable solutions. She also explained the impact of Urban Sustainable development of various stakeholders such as Local Government, Central Government, Private organizations and civil societies. Lastly as students of Urban Management what is our role in making our physical, social, economic, institutional infrastructure sustainable.

Our next speaker **Dr Manjari Chakraborty** spoke about our final commitment, responsibility of all of us in achieving sustainable development at various scales and protecting it. She also gave emphasis on Rural-Urban Migration and the reasons for the same. Besides that, how urban development is so a time consuming and expensive process but has both positive and negative impacts and residential areas being the main focus for urban development requires major funding by government, corporations and individuals also the development of urban areas through renovation and expansion require major transformation of existing neighborhood, industries, transportation systems, sewage and waste management systems, technologies and culture. She also explained the relationship among Urban, peri-urban and rural areas with pictorial presentation.

Dr Manjari gave insights on the impact of Urbanization both positive and negative on businesses,

society, environment and the current situation on urbanism and sustainability in India and the objectives of sustainable development. Three focus of green urban movement that is- Moral Inspiration, Legal and Strategic Bindings, Practical and Commercial Factors. Concluding thoughts were solutions approach on how we can be more sustainable.



The remarkable event witnessed a registration of 296 students from various colleges of the country. Finally, it concluded with a vote of thanks by **Prof. Prashant Prasad**, Assistant professor at the School of Human Settlements, Xavier University Bhubaneswar.

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