

**FOR 2041- THE 'SOCIAL' IN URBAN DESIGN THROUGH DELHI'S
MASTER PLANS**

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ABSTRACT

Planning precedes practice and the most observable manifestation of planning is in the urban areas of a country. In this context, a capital city provides exemplary case for research and when observed for a particular aspect of planning; becomes all the more critical, insightful and practical. The present study is such an attempt to see the evolving dimensions of social aspects in planning of the capital of India- Delhi. Delhi became the first city in the country to propagate the Master Planning method since 1962, through its first Master Plan. After this, the city has had two other Master Planning documents with perspectives for 2001 and 2021 respectively. It has now launched its fourth Master Plan for 2041. The present study attempts an examination of these documents to outline the undercurrents in Delhi's Urban Design for the social dimensions observed in these Plans.

KEYWORDS: *Delhi, Master Plans, City, Urban, Design, Planning, Social*

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