

Expert Editors' Note

Combating Together

According to the UN-Habitat world cities report of 2022, proliferation of the world's urban population can reach up to 68% by 2050 with most of them being concentrated in developing countries like India. Despite the urban issues caused during the pandemic which initiated major population decline in many cities of the country, the notion of the city often exhibits an inherent quality of drawing the population back. As we read, numerous cities are being designed and redesigned in the country to effectively accommodate and facilitate the available resources to all as part of city development. This ever-increasing population and their demand have further propelled the push for Indian cities to become more efficient, resilient, adaptive, and sustainable to combat unforeseen challenges. This issue of KALPA newsletter will reveal many such reflections of UN sustainable development goals and its broader thematic significance. The authors of this issue expand upon economic viability, social responsibility, urban voids, deepening inequalities, and the potential of sustainable development goals, its wider implications as a guiding framework for urban development. Understanding the nuances of these goals around and within the context of our country is a crucial step in building an ecosystem of inclusive communities and sustainable India.

Wishing them all the best for this issue!



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