

Guv inaugurates 67th National Congress of town planners



Punjab Governor VP Singh Badnore lighting a lamp to inaugurate National Congress of town planners in Chandigarh on Friday. Ministers Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa, Balbir Singh Sidhu and ACS Vini Mahajan are also seen. / DW PHOTO

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PUNJAB GOVERNOR VP Singh Badnore inaugurated the three-day 67th National Congress of the Institute of Town Planners of India here on Friday.

Delivering inaugural address, Badnore stressed upon the need of proper planning for sustainable development. He said that the biggest challenge of the century before the town planners is to check disposal of sewerage waste into water bodies such as rivers, lakes and ponds. He urged the modern day town planners to look into the gravity of the situation and plan the cities according to the futuristic needs of people such as transport, security, parking, sewerage disposal, widening of roads and in addition vertical and horizontal expansion growth of the cities must be taken care off.

The Governor also asked the planners to focus on the concept of developing 'Green Cities' while envisioning the master plans for the cities and towns to tackle the ever growing problem of pollution which he termed as the biggest threat to planet earth. He said that while planning new cities maximum utilisation of solar energy should also be kept in mind as

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- **Bats for planning cities in accordance with futuristic public needs**
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In his address, the guest of honour, Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa, Minister for Urban and Rural Development, said that valuable outcome of this Congress would be incorporated for better urban development in the state. He also batted for the equal representation and participation of the women in the planning sector.

While welcoming the delegates, Balbir Singh Sidhu, Minister for Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development, exhorted the planners take note of important parameters of planning so as to ensure that the development of illegal colonies could

be checked at the very initial stage.

Vini Mahajan, Additional Chief Secretary, Housing and Urban Development, Industries and Commerce, Information Technology and Investment Promotion, said that new technologies for preparation of master plans such as drone surveys and satellite surveys should be used to the maximum extent for the better planning in future. She also extended full support and cooperation to the Institute of Town Planners for the success of the Congress.

The president of ITPI DS Meshram introduced the theme of the Congress titled, 'Land Policies and City Planning'. He said that policy for industrial development, land procurement methods and redevelopment and land acquisition and assembly (local sub theme) would also be discussed.

On the occasion, Pardeep Kapoor, secretary general, ITPI, and Gurpreet Singh, vice-president, ITPI and CTP, Punjab, welcomed the guests and divulged that more than 500 delegates from different parts of the country were participating in this three-day National Congress.

The souvenir of the National Congress was also released by Badnore on the occasion.

3-DAY NATIONAL TOWN PLANNERS' CONGRESS LAUNCHED

Deliberations on planning 'green' cities

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CHANDIGARH : Exhorting town planners to focus on 'green cities' concept, Punjab governor VP Singh Badnore inaugurated a three-day 67th National Congress of the Institute of Town Planners of India (ITPI) at Hotel Shivalikview, Sector 17, in Chandigarh on Friday.

Addressing the delegates from across the country, Badnore stressed upon the need for proper planning for sustainable development.

He said that the biggest challenge of the century before the town planners is to check disposal of sewerage waste into water bodies.

He urged planners to weigh the option between vertical and horizontal expansion growth of the cities, especially when population is fast expanding as in Chandigarh.

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Minister for urban and rural development Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa batted for equal representation and participation of women in the planning sector.



■ UT administrator VP Singh Badnore (second from left), Punjab minister for urban and rural development Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa, and minister for animal husbandry Balbir Singh Sidhu during the launch of the 67th National Town Planners' Congress at Hotel Shivalikview, Sector 17, in Chandigarh on Friday. HT PHOTO

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HIGHLIGHTS

In the plenary session on 'urban land policies and city planning',

Ashok Kumar, housing, SPA, Delhi, highlighted the success and failure of acquisition policy in providing housing for economically weaker sections in different cities.

Rajesh Phadke, chief architect and planner, JNPT, EPZ, Mumbai, highlighted how urban governments always stay poor keeps struggling in main-

taining the infrastructure, though the citizens are rich.

Later in a workshop, Kiran Shinde, chief planner of FTWZ, Pradeep Kapoor, former registrar Rajasthan real estate regulatory authority, and R Srinivas, town and country planning, TCPO, Delhi, spoke on the theme of policy for industrial development.

Check disposal of sewage into water bodies, town planners told

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CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 4

Governor VP Singh Badnore today called upon the town planners to check disposal of sewerage waste into water bodies while adhering to the futuristic needs of people, such as housing, transport, security, parking and road infrastructure.

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Tript Rajinder Singh



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