








Short Profile of speakers

	Name	Short Profile of Speakers	Photo
1 PI 1	M. L. Chotani	M.L. Chotani is a professional Town Planner having experience of more than 35 years in urban development planning. He is presently working as Director cum Member Secretary, Association of Municipalities and Development Authorities (AMDA), New Delhi. He has been associated with preparation of a number of Master Plans of cities, regional plans, district plans, New Capital City project for Jhardkhand and Chattisgarh state, formulation of state town and country planning acts and appraisal and monitoring of centrally sponsored schemes on urban development.	
1 PI 2	Dinesh Mehta	Prof. Dinesh Mehta is a Professor Emeritus at CEPT University, Ahmedabad where he teaches urban management, housing and development planning. He has been associated with CEPT since 1977, when he joined CEPT as Assistant Professor. He has worked with United Nations, at UN-HABITAT, Nairobi as head of the Urban Management Programme. Dr. Mehta has a Ph.D. from University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA, a Masters in City and Regional Planning from Harvard University, Cambridge, USA, and a Bachelor of Technology in Civil Engineering, IIT, Madras, India.	
1 PI 3	VK Phatak	Vidyadhar K. Phatak is a professional planner associated with planning of Mumbai in various capacities for the last 42 years. During his long tenure from 1976 to 2004 with Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA), he led a multi-disciplinary team to prepare the Regional Plan for the Mumbai Metropolitan Region, coordinated and monitored an urban development project funded by the World Bank, established and operated a revolving fund for assisting the local authorities in MMR to plan and develop municipal infrastructure, and initiated use of Geographic Information System.	
2 PI 4	Bimal Patel	Dr. Bimal H. Patel has over 20 years of professional consultation, research and teaching experience in urban planning and architecture. He is a Director in HCP Design and Project Management Pvt. Ltd., a 46 years old firm which has full fledged divisions for architecture, interior design, furniture design and project management. Dr. Bimal Patel is the Hon. Managing Director of Environmental Planning Collaborative, a not-for-profit professional planning and development Management Company.	
2 PI 5	EFN Ribeiro	Prof. Edgar Ribeiro studied Architecture at Sir J.J. School of Arts, Mumbai and Urban Planning at the University of Manchester, U.K. He joined the Government of India in its Town and Country, Planning Organisation in 1962 and became its Chief Planner (1983-88). He has published a large number of articles, participated in several national and international professional events and served on many government committees. He is currently Chairman, Board of Governors of SPA, Bhopal.	
	GRK Reddy	GRK Reddy Chairman & Managing Director, MARG Group. A first generation entrepreneur, with a post graduate degree in Commerce and an alumni of Kellogs USA. Mr. Reddy promoted the MARG Group in 1994 and since then has been the protagonist in the rapid growth of the company, which has a project base of more than Rs. 8,000 crore and is evolving into becoming the lead innovator in each vertical. 'G.R.K', as he is fondly called, has driven MARG into diverse projects such as Ports, SEZ's, Roads, IT Parks, Malls and Commercial & Residential real estate.	
2 PI 6	Swati Ramanathan	Swati Ramanathan is Co-Founder of Janaagraha, Centre for Citizenship and Democracy, a non-profit organization focused on improving quality of urban citizenship and quality of urban infrastructure and services. She is Chairperson of India Urban Space (IUSP). IUSP Foundation works in partnership with the Government of India on two key challenges of modern India - urban planning and land reforms. Swati was a member of the State Urban Agenda for Rajasthan (SUARAJ), initiated by the Chief Minister, anchoring initiatives in Land Reform, GIS & Spatial Data Centre for Rajasthan, Heritage Conservation Planning and Policy.	

1 DD 7	AK Sharma	Prof. A.K Sharma is presently the Director of School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi. In addition he is also a Professor of Transport Planning at SPA Delhi with over four decades of experience in teaching and managing research in all dimensions of transport systems related to human settlement planning in general and urban and regional transport planning through participation in planning and formulation of policies and programs, program implementation, evaluation and monitoring in academic, institutional restructuring, research and professional environments.	
1 DD 8	Sanjay Gupta	Sanjay Gupta holds a Ph.D and Masters degree in Transport Planning from School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), New Delhi, India. He is presently serving as a Professor of Transport Planning at SPA Delhi. He has nearly 25 years of professional experience in handling various academic, research and consultancy assignments in the field of Transport Planning. His main areas of interest include Urban and Regional Transport Planning, Land Use Transport Planning, Public Transport Planning, Transport Management & Policy and Freight Transport Logistics .	
1 DD 9	TG Sitharam	Dr. T. G. Sitharam has served in many organizations like Govt of India, University of Waterloo, in Canada, University of Texas at Austin, USA, and Yamaguchi University, Japan. Since 1994 he is at Indian Institute of Science and He is presently a FULL PROFESSOR in the department of Civil Engineering. He is the founder Chairman of Centre for infrastructure, Sustainable Transportation and Urban Planning (CiSTUP at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. He is member of many committees formed by the Govt of Karnataka and advices on infrastructure and urban transportation related topics.	
2 DD 10	Kavas Jal Kapadia	Architect planner from SPA Delhi. After completing my B Arch (!969) and PG in 1971 from school of Planning and Architecture (SPA),New Delhi. I worked in India for 3 years followed by work experience in Nigeria ,Iran and Singapore for about 5 years. On returning ,started my own consultancy and in 1981 joined the Department of Urban Planning ,SPA as a lecturer. Since then have worked up my way to the position of the Dean of Studies. Held the post of the Head of the departments of Urban Planning, Regional Planning, Architectural Conservation and helped SPA start the first time in India the UG course in Planning.	
2 DD 11	Sanjukta Bhaduri	Prof. Dr. Sanjukta Bhaduri is Professor in the Department of Urban Planning in the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi. She has been the Head of the Department of Urban Planning for 3 years in the recent past. She did her doctoral research on energy consumption in human settlements from School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi.	
2 DD 12	Shashank Mahagaonkar	Worked in Govt. of Rajasthan in various capacities from 1973 and served in Govt.Dept and served as well as in local Authorities. He worked as Director Town Planning in Jaipur Development Authority for 6 years during 2002 to 2008. During his tenure as Director Town Planning, completed few major projects like Development Mahindra World City SEZ, Jaipur Tunnel project for connecting eastern parts of city, etc,. At present, he is working as expert urban planning with 'Nitya Urban Scape', Jaipur.	
2 DD 13	Vk Phatak	VK Phatak details available on TOP - Plenary	
3 DD 14	Mandeep Singh	Professor Mandeep Singh is teaching as full time faculty in SPA Delhi since 1986, after completing his Masters of Urban Design in 1983. He held various positions in SPA including Head of Department of Industrial Design Program (2005-2010). At present he is head in Dept. of Urban Design. He was part of Post Earthquake Reconnaissance Team (PERT) of NDMA to study areas devastated in recent Sikkim Earthquake and has been approached by Sikkim government as advisor.	

3 DD 15	Bimal Patel	- as mentioned above in Plenary	
3 DD 16	Meenakshi Dhote	Dr. Meenakshi Dhote has over 20 years of professional, research & teaching experience in the field of Environmental Planning; conservation of biodiversity in urbanized environment; hill area development. She has published /presented over 25 technical papers in National and International Journals, National and International conferences and Seminars.	
4 DD 17	Neelima Risbud	Dr. Neelima Risbud is a Head of the Department of housing and Dean of Studies at the School of Planning Architecture in New Delhi, teaching Post Graduate courses in Planning. She is an Architect and Town Planner. Initiated setting up of National Resource Centre for the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation in SPA and coordinates for undertaking Action Research for Inclusive housing policies. Her doctoral work is on "Slum Improvement and Tenure Regularisation Policies in Indian context."	
4 DD 18	Janaadhar		
4 DD 19	PSN Rao	Prof. Dr. P.S.N. Rao is an eminent personality in the real estate, housing and urban development sector, playing a proactive role as an academician, consultant, policy advocate and industry advisor for 24 years.  Presently Professor of Housing, Department of Housing, School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi, ( Ministry of HRD, Government of India), he is trained as an architect, engineer and urban planner. He also studied Urban Management at Toronto, Canada. He served at Head, Department of Housing, SPA from 2008-2011.	
4 DD 20	Vijay Risbud	Educational Qualifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor of Architecture in First Class from Bombay University in the year 1972.</li> <li>• Post Graduation in Town Planning (Specialization in Housing and Community Planning) with Honors from School of Planning and Architecture New Delhi in the year 1974.</li> <li>• I was selected as Commissioner Planning through open competition in 1997.</li> <li>• Retired as Commissioner Planning in April 2009.</li> <li>• During my tenure DDA I had an opportunity to work on variety of projects including Rohini, Dwarka, Narela and Preparation of Master Plans for Delhi 2001 and 2021. Extensive experience in planning. Plan administration and management</li> <li>• Advisor/Consultant to Lieutenant Governor Delhi and VC DDA.</li> </ul>	