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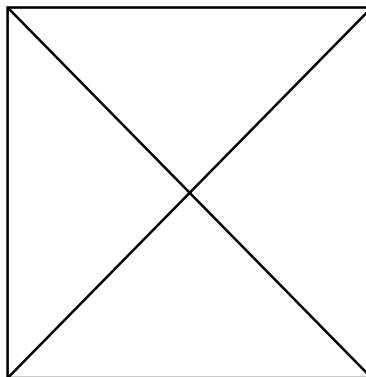
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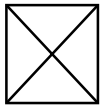
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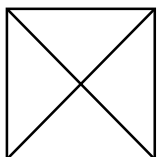
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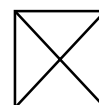
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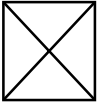
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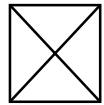
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PREFACE

AMDA organised their Seminar 2005 from June 10 -12, 2005 at Palanpur Palace Hotel, Mount Abu, Rajasthan. The theme of the seminar was **“Innovative Planning Processes for Socio-Economic Development”** This was the first such seminar of AMDA on innovative planning processes.

The concept of urban master plans emerged in India a little less than 100 years ago. In 1962, a model Town and Country Planning Law by the Government of India (TCPO) led to plan funds for updating comprehensive legislation by the States of the Union and for capacity building for comprehensive Master Plan preparation. The recommendations of the National Commission on Urbanisation and the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment Acts have precipitated the need for comprehensive plans for urbanization through an interplay of redevelopment and outward growth.

Most of India's 4600 or so urban agglomerations and towns have planned frameworks. From Master Plans many of these frameworks have slowly emerged as Services-cum-Transport-cum-Land Use Integrated Plans. The process is now veering towards Ecological Management Plans based on flexible State Vision documents and District and Metropolitan Area Strategy Plans or frameworks as a basis for detailed plans for urban settlements disaggregated into zones and wards. In Kolkata, a Metropolitan Planning Committee (MPC) as set up is giving credence to municipal ward and borough plans. In Delhi the NCR plan 2001-21 and the MPD-2021 were available for public debate. The time was therefore considered opportune to debate on these innovative initiatives. To discuss these and related issues through experiences and ideas, AMDA organized its Seminar 2005 at Mount Abu

This publication comprises of the proceedings of the seminar, including backgrounds papers and papers presented at different sessions. We expect that this would be the first of several and interactions pertaining to planned growth.

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