

TECHNICAL ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT BY CENTRES

Name of Centre		Meerut Local Centre	
Title of Activity:		World Habitat Day	
Activity under Divisional Board		Statutory Days	
Date:	07-10-2025	Venue:	Online on Google Meet

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Brief Report :-

On 7th October 2025, the Meerut Local Centre of The Institution of Engineers (India) organized a webinar to observe World Habitat Day, themed “Urban Solutions to Crisis.”

The event was held through Google Meet and commenced with a warm welcome by Er. R. P. Agarwal of all dignitaries, keynote speakers — Ar. Meenal Agarwal, B. Arch., President, Meerut Architect Association, and Ar. Rajat Bhattar, Principal Architect, Suresh & Rakesh — along with members and guests.

Following the welcome address, Er. Prashant Sharma, Convener of the event, gave an overview of the World Habitat Day theme. He emphasized the urgent need for sustainable and inclusive urban solutions to address issues such as displacement, environmental degradation, and infrastructure challenges. He highlighted the crucial role of engineers and architects in shaping resilient, people-centred urban environments.

The first keynote address was delivered by Ar. Meenal Agarwal on “Urban Displacement & Sustainable Cities.” She presented insights on urbanization trends in India, migration patterns, and the resulting strain on housing and infrastructure. She elaborated on the causes and impacts of urban displacement and underscored the importance of collaboration between engineers, architects, and policymakers to ensure inclusive, resilient, and sustainable development.

The second keynote address was shared by Ar. Rajat Bhattar through a video message, as he was unable to attend due to prior travel commitments. He stressed

the importance of integrated urban planning, green infrastructure, and collaborative policies to tackle urban crises effectively.

An interactive Q&A session followed, where participants actively engaged with the speakers through insightful questions and discussions. The session was highly informative and well received by all attendees.

The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Er. S. C. Mittal, FIE, Honorary Secretary, who expressed sincere gratitude to Er. R. P. Agarwal, FIE, for his guidance; to the keynote speakers for their valuable insights; and to Er. Prashant Sharma, the Convener, for efficiently coordinating the event. He also thanked all participants for their active involvement and contributions.

Er. Mittal emphasized that such initiatives strengthen professional collaboration and play a vital role in promoting sustainable, inclusive, and resilient urban development.

The webinar was a commendable initiative by the Meerut Local Centre of IEI, successfully raising awareness on critical urban issues and encouraging collaborative approaches to modern city challenges.