



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:	03-10-2022	Venue:	Online on Google Meet

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Brief Report :-

World Habitat Day was celebrated by organizing a webinar on google meet. Er. M.L. Jain, Chairman, Meerut Local Centre welcomed the guests and members of the IEI and gave introduction of the day and its importance. Er. Ishtiyak Ahmad, Chief Town Planner, Meerut Development Authority, Meerut was the Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker on the occasion. He started his lecture explaining the theme for this year i.e., "Mind the Gap. Leave No One and Place Behind". He told that there are wide inequalities between rich and poor, which need to be reduced. The living conditions are extremely miserable for urban poors. The pandemic, climate change and conflicts have further aggravated the situation. 163 million people have been added to the urban poors due to pandemic. The basic facilities are not available particularly in unauthorized colonies being continuously added. The developers are providing all amenities in modern colonies but poors are deprived of all. Intensive planning and involvement of all stake holders is needed to improve the conditions. Sustainable Development Goals of United Nations particularly goal no. 11 on cities and communities should be implemented sincerely. No one should be left behind. The developed countries of West are providing basic facilities to their citizens, however a sizable percentage of population in these countries too, is shelterless and living in poverty. The conditions in developing and underdeveloped countries are pathetic. Er. Ishtiyak Ahmad discussed the effects of climate change on the condition of poors. He also talked about various government schemes to provide housing to the poors. He shared his experiences and the role of development authorities in the matter.

Er. V.B. Singh, Vice President, IEI and Er. Masarrat Noor Khan, Chairman, UP State Centre, Lucknow also expressed their views in the webinar.

Er. R.P. Agrawal, Hony. Secretary, Meerut Local Centre presented the vole of thanks. Er. M.L. Agrawal, FIE was the convener of the event.