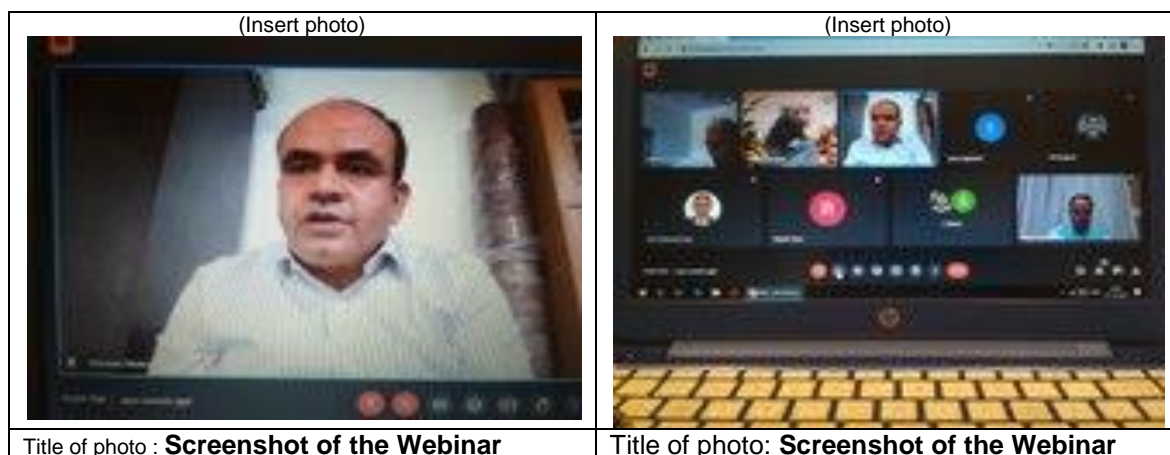


## TECHNICAL ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT BY CENTRES

Name of Centre		Meerut Local Centre	
Title of Activity:	World Habitat Day		
Activity under Divisional Board	Statutory Days		
Date:	02-10-2023	Venue:	Online on Google Meet



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### **Brief Report :-**

World Habitat Day was celebrated by organizing a webinar on google meet. In absence of Er. M.L. Jain, Chairman, Meerut Local Centre, Er. Rajneesh Kumar, immediate Past Chairman welcomed the guests. Er. B.D. Sharma convener, Indian Water Resources Society Meerut Chapter was the convener. Sh Ishtiyak Ahmed Retired Chief Town Planner MDA, Meerut & General Manager (Planning), Noida was the keynote speaker. The theme of the day was 'Resilient Urban Economies : Cities as drivers of growth and recovery. The speaker said that the first World Habitat Day was celebrated at Nairobi in Kenya in the year 1997. In a small town there can be a Primary health centre, a few schools etc. enough. But as it grows to a city, more services are needed. Mega cities require more and more services. At present hardly 31 percent of our population reside in cities, but it is estimated that by 2050, about 50 percent of our population will live in cities. Thus we have to plan accordingly. Some people come for better education, some for jobs and some other for entertainment. For cities, better transport service, water and electricity are needed, Digital Infrastructure is also required. We have to adopt sustainable practices to meet the requirement. Cities are engines of growth as they demand much more facilities. For example we need CNG driven & E- vehicles in cities to keep Air Quality index under control. It further requires establishment of CNG stations and battery charging stations for EVs. Cities require not only road and rail transportation but air transport also. Thus when a small town becomes a larger city it can provide jobs to hundreds & thousands of people. We should grow cities in a way that overall environmental balance and complete planning should be there.

In the end Er. R.P. Agrawal, Hony. Secretary, Meerut Local Centre delivered vole of thanks.