

“Delhi Ki Raftar” – A UNITED RESIDENT JOINT ACTION & INSTITUTE OF URBAN DESIGNERS, DELHI CHAPTER INITIATIVE

26th Dec 2018 at India International Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi (India)

ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM:

The symposium will relook at the status of existing policies for decongestion through faster mobility and sustainable development at the ward level. At the same time it would highlight the necessity for networking and dialogue between the policy makers, implementers and the final beneficiaries, increasing knowledge on ground reality and encouraging more public participation.

This symposium is a sequel to an earlier held seminar by URJA on 5th Sept. called ‘Ruki Hui Dilli’ – A discussion on congestion and pollution of Delhi NCT. It was well attended by distinguished dignitaries including; transport experts, town planners, urban designers, architects, govt. officials, industry and the RWAs. During the course of discussion, the absence of ward level public consultation process was clearly cited as a major reason for most policy failure at the bottom. It was noted, that this was a key obstruction for all great efforts been made toward tackling congestion and pollution in the city. At the same time, it was emphasized - the urgency to develop a fast track, meaningful consultative process for faster policy implementation at the ward level.

Based on this urgency, this symposium ‘Dilli Ki Raftar’ is an initiative by the United Resident Joint Action and Institute of Urban Designers, Delhi NCR Chapter to start a vibrant campaign that connects the strings between Delhi resident welfare associations- RWA’s and market associations to a variety of public policy initiatives. This would highlight their key concerns, requisites and aspiration. Such dialogue will act as a catalyst in empowering people and making them more informed and involved with development of their respective wards. URJA and IUDI DNCR with its knowledge partners has started a consultative process for formation of 272 ward level planning committees. In fact it has completed its first pilot local area plan (LAP), involving west Delhi’s six (6) municipal wards along with SSAA, Gurgaon.

Moving further, this symposium will be an attempt to establish a ‘joint public platform’ providing a window of opportunities for stimulating multilateral exchanges for the Delhi’s resident communities and market association. The platform will promote innovative policies and supportive technologies for a sustainable development and pollution free Delhi NCT. There is a clear goal to enhance cooperation, and thus achieve mutually beneficial long term targets. Such actions will enable - urban planners, urban designers, policymakers, practitioners, civil society organizations, academic institutions, private researchers, as well as Industry to come closer and work together for an accelerated decongestion of Delhi. We aim to develop a Delhi Citizens Charter for Local Area Plan (DCCLAP), with a vision to make Delhi livable for its citizens by 2030.

URJA & IUDI welcome you and all the participants for this symposium. Come and join the platform and help build the campaign.

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