



## A TWO-DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE

On

### 'BEYOND NEW URBANISM?: ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY AND THE SMALL TOWNS IN INDIA' (COIN-2025)

• 12th & 13th December 2025 •

Venue: NIT Meghalaya Campus at Sohra, East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya

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**COIN-2025:** While environmental sustainability has emerged as a buzzword in most contemporary socio-economic and political discourses at both global and national platforms, the looming environmental challenges facing India are formidable and multifaceted. Some specific concerns for urban sustainability in India today also lie at the heart of theoretical and policy concerns across disciplinary boundaries. One of the interesting developments in India's journey toward sustainable urbanization has been through the adaptation of the concept of New Urbanism (originating in the United States in the 1970s and gaining prominence in the 1990s) by promoting sustainable, livable, and community-oriented urban spaces. Government projects such as that Smart Cities Mission, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) by targeting development of better urban infrastructure of water supply, sewerage, drainage, urban transport, and green spaces, use of technologies and innovations, reflect the wider goal of building sustainable cities. However, most of these concerns reflect a preoccupation with urban problems in the metropolises, leaving out the specific sustainability issues and dilemmas in the growing small towns in India, such as, ground water management, waste management, rapid industrial/sectorial growth (e.g. tourism) and lack of appropriate urban planning to match it. Bringing together scholars from different disciplinary fields of Economics, History, Political Science, Sociology, Psychology, English, the conference will seek to address the specific research gap of lack of concern for the environmental sustainability of small towns in India. The critical question that frames the broad concern for this conference is: whether a one-model concept of urban sustainability will work to address the specific issues of urban sustainability in small towns in India?

This national conference welcomes students, researchers, and academicians to submit abstracts of not more than 500 words, with 4-6 keywords exploring the different dimensions of the above theme. Abstracts should include: title; names of author(s); affiliations; research objectives/questions; method and key arguments/findings. There can be a maximum of 2 authors for an abstract. Abstracts should be sent at [coinnitm2025@gmail.com](mailto:coinnitm2025@gmail.com) on or before **31st August 2025**.

**Registration Details:** The registration fee for delegates (Paper Presenters/Co-authors/Listeners) is Rs. 2,000/- only. The registration form and payment details will be sent at the time of acceptance of the abstract. The last date for registration is **19th September 2025**.

#### **Timeline:**

Last date for submission of Abstracts: **31.08.2025**

Notification of Acceptance of Abstracts: **12.09.2025**

Last Date of Registration: **19.09.2025**

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