



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: RETHINKING PEDESTRIAN SPACES FOR CITIES OF THE GLOBAL SOUTH - RPS-CGS 2026

AGENDA OUTLINE: DAY 1

Time	Event
9:00-9:30	Registration (<i>Venue: Senate Hall, MANIT Campus</i>)
9:30-10:30	Inaugural Session (<i>Venue: Senate Hall, MANIT Campus</i>) - Inauguration and Introduction to the Conference - Lighting of the Lamp - Welcome Address (HoD, Department of Architecture and Planning, MANIT) - Inaugural Address (Dean, Institutional Development and International Relations, MANIT) - Address by Director, MANIT - Address by Guest of Honour - Address by Chief Guest (Dr. Kailasa Rao, Director SPA Bhopal) - Vote of Thanks
10:30-11:00	Inaugural Keynote: Aswathy Dilip, Managing Director, ITDP India
11:00-11:30	High Tea
11:30 onwards	Plenary Sessions, Panel Discussions, Technical Sessions (<i>Venue: ITPI MPRC Building</i>)
12:00-1:30	Plenary Session Panel Discussion 1: Reinterpreting Pedestrian Spaces in the Global South: Theory and Practice - Dr. Debolina Kundu, Director, NIUA - R Srinivas, Hony. Secretary, Institute of Urban Transport (IUT) and ex Town and Country Planner, TCPO, MoHUA - Dr. Himanshu Burte, Associate Professor, Ashank Desai Centre for Policy Studies, IIT Bombay - Dr. Anand Wadwekar, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Urban Design, SPA Bhopal - Aswathy Dilip, Managing Director, ITDP India Moderator: Dr. Preeti Onkar, Professor, Department of Architecture and Planning, MANIT
1:30-2:30	Lunch
2:30-4:00	Technical Session 1 Track 1 – Session Chair: Dr. Sheuli Mitra, SPA Bhopal; Dr. Anuj Jaiswal, MANIT Track 2 – Session Chair: Dr. Suchishmita Nayak, SPA Bhopal; Dr. Nikhil Bhandari, MANIT Track 3 – Session Chair: Dr. Arvind Meel, SPA Bhopal; Dr. Vicky Lalramsangi., MANIT Track 4 – Session Chair: Dr. Divya S. Agarwal, COEP Pune; Dr. Neha Kolhe, MANIT
4:00-4:15	Tea Break
4:15-5:45	Plenary Session Panel Discussion 2: Experiments with Planning and Governance of Pedestrian Spaces - Dr. Rutul Joshi, Professor, Faculty of Planning, CEPT University, Ahmedabad - Dr. Tathagata Chatterji, Professor of Urban Management and Governance, School of Human Settlements, Xavier University, Bhubaneswar - Nithya Ramesh, Director – Planning and Design, Jana Urban Space Foundation - Dr. Sheuli Mitra, Professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, SPA Bhopal Moderator: Dr. Alka Bharat, Professor, Department of Architecture and Planning, MANIT



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AGENDA OUTLINE: DAY 02

Time	Event
9:30-10:00	Registration (Venue: ITPI MPRC Building)
10:00-10:30	Plenary Keynote: Prof. Vinayak Bharné, Adjunct Professor of Urbanism, School of Architecture, University of Southern California, USA (Online)
10:30-11:00	Dissemination Session 1: Insights from VREF funded research project “Entangled Pathways: Policy Lessons from Walking, Street Vending and Footpaths in Kolkata and Bangkok” Dr. Malini Sur, Western Sydney University, Australia (Online); Dr. Eli Elinoff, Victoria University of Wellington New Zealand (Online)
11:00-11:30	High Tea
11:30-12:00	Dissemination Session 2: Insights from VREF funded research project “Entangled Pathways: Policy Lessons from Walking, Street Vending and Footpaths in Kolkata and Bangkok” Dr. Premjeet Das Gupta, MANIT; Dr. Gayatri Nanda, SPA Bhopal; Ar. Karna Sen Gupta, SPA Bhopal
12:00-1:30	Plenary Session Panel Discussion 3: Pathways for Inclusive Design of Pedestrian Spaces 1. Dr. Aneerudha Paul, Professor and Design Chair, SKLT College of Architecture, Mumbai 2. Rajneesh Sareen, Programme Director, Sustainable Habitat Programme, Centre for Science and Environment 3. Meghna Malhotra, Deputy Director, Urban Management Centre, Ahmedabad 4. Dr. Shreya Banerjee, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture and Planning, IIT Kharagpur Moderator: Dr. Surabhi Mehrotra, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture and Planning, MANIT
1:30-2:30	Lunch
2:30-4:00	Technical Session 2 1. Track 1 – Session Chair: Dr. Gayatri Nanda, SPA Bhopal; Dr. Rahul Tiwari, MANIT 2. Track 2 – Session Chair: Ar. Karna Sen Gupta, SPA Bhopal; Dr. Naveen Prashar, MANIT 3. Track 3 – Session Chair: Dr. Divya Agarwal, COEP Pune; Dr. Anugrah A. Nagaich, MANIT
4:00-4:15	Tea Break
4:15-5:45	Panel Discussion: Setting the Future Agenda for Research and Practice 1. Dr. Krishna Kumar Dhote, Professor and Head, Department of Architecture and Planning, MANIT 2. Dr. Anand Wadwekar, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Urban Design, SPA Bhopal 3. Dr. Shubhashish Banerjee, Chief Town Planner (Additional Director), T&CP Indore, Government of Madhya Pradesh 4. Dr. Anuparna Mukherjee, Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IISER Bhopal 5. Dr. Suchishmita Nayak, Assistant Professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, SPA Bhopal Moderator: Dr. Premjeet Das Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture and Planning, MANIT
5:45-6:15	Valedictory Session