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1. Centre sets up expert panel to train urban planners. (Hindustantimes Published on 02-05-2022)

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By Risha Chitlangia

New Delhi: The Centre has constituted an eight-member expert committee to prepare a strategy for training urban planners working with state governments and local bodies in emerging concepts.

As part of the urban planning reforms announced by the finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman in this year's budget, the ministry aims to train 5,000 urban planners in the next five years, said the official.

The committee, which was constituted last [Close Story](#) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), is headed by PSN Rao, director of School of Planning and Architecture (SPA). The first meeting was held on April 28.

According to a senior ministry official, the ministry has decided to plan two capacity building programmes, a five-day course and a month-long session, to train urban planners in "emerging innovative concepts of urban planning".

The committee members include Sanjay Gupta (professor of transport planning at SPA Delhi), N Sridharan (director of SPA Bhopal), Saswat Bandhyopadhyay (professor at CEPT, Ahmedabad), OP Agarwal (CEO WRI India), Subrata Chattopadhyay (IIT Kharagpur), Shreya Gadepalli (transport expert at Urban Works Institute) and R Srinivas (town and country planner at Town and Country Planning Organisation).

"The aim is to bridge the gaps in capacity building and make town planners, especially in small cities, aware of the new planning schemes and tools which they can use as per the local condition and requirements..." said Srinivas.

A senior MoHUA official who did not want to be named said, "The expert committee will have to first assess the training needs of urban planners in local bodies, urban development authorities and state governments. The committee will have to submit its recommendations by July to the ministry suggesting a roadmap for capacity building of around 5,000 urban planners in the next five years."

The key focus areas of the training programme will be the implementation of town planning schemes, improving the existing areas through the local area plan, promoting transit oriented development, including heritage conservation in local planning; among others.

A second senior official from the ministry said the emphasis will also be on modernising building by-laws and reworking zoning regulations in a bid to promote planned development. With the Centre focusing on the rejuvenation of water bodies and green spaces under the Atal Mission for



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In the past few years, cities such as Chennai, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad have introduced TDR for the conservation of heritage, providing essential infrastructure in densely populated areas, slum redevelopment etc. In September 2020, NITI Aayog came out with guidelines for the implementation of TDR.

The expert committee will also identify institutions of impacting subject-specific training for planners.

Urban planner Sabyasachi Das, former planning commissioner (in-charge) at Delhi Development Authority, said, "It is good that the government is finally thinking about capacity building of urban planners. But such short duration courses wouldn't help much; these people also need proper training in using these new planning tools. There should also be some incentive for urban planners to use these new planning approaches to address the local problems."

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The building of the Department of Archaeology, Office of the Archaeological Survey of India. (File Photo | EPS)

By Parvez Sultan

Express News Service

NEW DELHI: Protected sites and monuments under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) will soon get legal cover. The National Monument Authority (NMA) has expedited the process of framing heritage by-laws for these sites and monuments with support from Union culture ministry.

The NMA has engaged heritage expert agencies and universities to prepare the draft regulations mandated by the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation) Act 2010.

In the last 10 years, by-laws only for seven monuments/sites have been framed and presented before Parliament.

According to ministry officials, ASI's regional directors, defined as competent authority, were entrusted with the responsibility of preparing the draft. However, only 101 could be prepared till January 2020 due to the workload.

"A meeting was held in the ministry in November to determine factors or stumble blocks. Major hurdles preventing the progress were identified and decisions were taken. One was to outsource preparing by-laws to heritage expert bodies to ease the burden," said an official.

Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) was already mentioned in the Act and following approval from the ministry, more than 30 expert heritage bodies such as Reach Foundation, Chennai, Aga Khan Trust for Culture and School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal, were added to the list of experts agencies to prepare the by-laws. "We are in the process of engaging 8-10 more agencies so that we can have a larger pool of expert bodies," said an official.

There are 3,690 protected sites under ASI's jurisdiction. Amjad Ali Shah's mausoleum in Lucknow and Sher Shah Gate, Khair-ul Manazil and Purana Quila, all in Delhi, are among the seven monuments for which by-laws have been presented in Parliament.

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