

USRC Report 2024-25

Event 1 Participation of USRC Interns in the Training Programme on “Re-imagining Drains as Places for People”

Six interns from the Urban Studies and Research Centre (USRC), Miranda House, University of Delhi, participated in the two-day Training Programme on “Re-imagining Drains as Places for People”, held on 24–25 October 2024 at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The programme was organised under the River Cities Alliance initiative by the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) in collaboration with the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) to build capacity in urban drain rejuvenation and placemaking. The training included lectures, case studies from Indian cities, group exercises, and a field visit to a drain rejuvenation site, enabling participants to understand practical implementation challenges and governance mechanisms for sustainable urban water landscapes.

Event 2 USRC interns participated in *Uddeshya 2025*, held at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The event focused on advancing gender-responsive transport planning and policy to improve access to jobs, healthcare, and social opportunities across genders. Interns engaged in plenary sessions, panel discussions, and multi-stakeholder dialogues involving policymakers, researchers, civil society organisations, and practitioners. The programme emphasised the role of gender-sensitive data, community participation, and local adaptation in translating policy into on-ground action. Participation in *Uddeshya 2025* enhanced the interns’ understanding of inclusive urban mobility governance and policy implementation challenges. The exposure contributed to their academic and professional capacity building in urban studies, transport policy, and spatial governance.

Event 3 Five Day Training Program at Miranda House

The Urban Studies and Research Centre (USRC), Miranda House, University of Delhi, organised a five-day Training of Trainers (ToT) programme on “Enabling Cities for Disaster Resilience to Achieve Sustainable Development” from 8–12 July 2024, in collaboration with the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), and other partner institutions. The programme brought together academics, government officials, and practitioners to strengthen capacities in urban disaster resilience, risk-informed planning, and sustainable urban development. The training contributed to capacity building and knowledge exchange on integrating disaster risk reduction into urban governance and planning frameworks.

Event 4 Lecture Series on Geography of Crime

A Lecture Series on Geography of Crime, as part of its academic outreach and capacity-building initiatives, was conducted. It was held on 8 April 2025 and featured expert talks by Mr Pravin Mandloi, SP, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Ms Laxmi Singh,

Inspector General of Police, Uttar Pradesh Police and Commissioner of Police, Gautam Buddh Nagar.

The lectures provided insights into the spatial dimensions of crime, policing, and urban safety from both academic and practitioner perspectives. Participants engaged with discussions on crime patterns, law enforcement challenges, and the role of spatial analysis in crime prevention and governance. The lecture series aligned with USRC's mandate to promote research-led engagement on urban issues and strengthen academic-policy-practice linkages.

Event 5

Interns from the Urban Studies and Research Centre (USRC) participated in **GamePlan, a student-driven national challenge held at Startup Mahakumbh** at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, supported by the **Digital India Foundation**.

The competition focused on promoting responsible gaming and invited student teams to propose innovative policy, regulatory, and behavioural interventions to address illegal gambling in India.

The USRC team presented their ideas and policy proposals and secured the fourth prize in the national competition. Participation in the challenge provided the interns with exposure to policy design, innovation-driven problem-solving, and interdisciplinary approaches to digital governance and regulation. The event strengthened students' research and policy engagement skills and aligned with USRC's mandate to foster student-led innovation and policy-oriented learning.



Event 1



Event 2

**Training
Programme
Report
on**

**ENABLING CITIES
FOR DISASTER RESILIENCE
TO ACHIEVE
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**






Date: 08th – 12th July 2024 (MONDAY – FRIDAY)
Venue: Mini Auditorium, Miranda House, Delhi University

ORGANISED BY
 Miranda House, University of Delhi,
 Urban Studies and Research Centre (USRC)

IN COLLABORATION WITH
 National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM)
 National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)


Event 3

**Urban Studies and
Research Centre
and Equinox
presents**


**LECTURE
SERIES**

ON
Geography of Crime



Pravin Mandloi
 SP, Central Bureau of
 Investigation (CBI)

2:00 PM



Laxmi Singh
 IG Uttar Pradesh Police
 Commissioner of Police
 Gautam Buddh Nagar

11:45 AM

Event 4

Centre (USRC) interns participated in the **GamePlan**, a student-driven challenge at Startup Mahakumbh, supported by Digital India Foundation at Bharat Mandapam yesterday. It was a national competition Our team bagged the **fourth prize** for their presentation and ideas.

