

National Center for Spatial Rural Development Plan

Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) has appointed SPAB (School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal) as the National Centre for Spatial Plan for Rural Development (NCSRDP) for Rural Spatial Development Plans across India and to work as a Secretariat for the Committee on Rural Model Transformation Act. NCSRDP is envisioned with a research and knowledge outreach focus.

Objectives:

The NCSRDP will come out with continuous research, capacity building and interface with villages across India with Gram Panchayats, NGOs, and other stakeholders in Rural Development.

1. To carrying out continuous capacity building for Gram Panchayats elected representatives, District/ Block and State Government officials and NGOs.
2. To continuously identify thrust areas of GPs which are transforming and what kind of guidelines can we develop within the RADFPI, SVAMITVA and interface them in terms of infrastructure and GPDP.
3. Documenting national and international cases of fast best practices and transforming villages, through media (video, audio and documents) that can be disseminated to the GPs through website.
4. Sharing' the tacit and former knowledge on spatial planning through visiting the villages across India by the team as well as by the selected elected representatives and officials from various states (exposure visits).
5. To identify the best practices and document the same and disseminate the successful cases and lessons learnt from villages.
6. Research scholar (s) who can continuously devote for carrying out research in the field of Panchayati Raj in Rural Development, especially in the field of Spatial Development, including initiating and funding a Ph.D.
7. Setting up a Chair at Professor (not necessarily Professor level but an academican), or a retired experienced Administrator/leading Researcher in the field of Gram Panchayat development from India.

Activities carried out by the Center: (2021-2022)

- Expert committee meetings for formulation of model rural transformation act, established under the Secretariat of SPAB.
- Transforming Villages - Vision 2047 Formulation
- Field Visit to Villages (capacity building for RADFPI and SVAMITVA)

Team

1. Patron	Director, SPA Bhopal	
2. Center In-charge and Coordinator	Prof. Dr. Natraj Kranthi	Department of Urban and Regional Planning
3. Member	Dr. Rama U Pandey	Department of Environmental Planning
4. Member	Dr. Ashfaque Alam	Department of Urban and Regional Planning
5. Member	Ar. Karna Sengupta	Department of Urban Design
6. Member	Smt. Aparna Soni	Department of Urban and Regional Planning
7. Member	Sh. Xaxa Aman Rupesh	Department of Design
8. Member	Sh. Paritosh Kumar	Department of Architecture
9. Member	Sh. Premjeet Das Gupta	Department of Urban and Regional Planning

Note: *The above team of the centre shall contribute to the research and knowledge dissemination objectives of the centre and no honorarium shall be paid.*