

## **Policy Paper**

### **Delhi: A Liveable City?**

#### **Introduction**

The rapid growth of Delhi in recent times has resulted in a significant increase in environmental issues, some of which could be perceived as beyond resurrection. As a major centre of commerce, industry and education, the pace of mounting environmental concerns of the country has called for holistic, integrated, effective and co-ordinated measures that must be put in place without delay. In view of the seriousness of these issues, the question evident here is: *Whether or not Delhi is a liveable city and if it is then for how long would it be able to remain so?*

#### **Statement of the Problem**

The intensifying environmental concerns across the national capital are a major call. In this regard the multi-stakeholders' perspective must address this problem and bring out possible ways to reduce these environmental issues and make Delhi sustainable.

#### **Objectives**

The G5 summit aims to discuss and deliberate the issues at hand and present a multi-stakeholder's perspective in order to provide opportunities to the stakeholders to come together and develop an inclusive and sustainable common plan of action to combat environmental issues.

#### **Recommendations**

The various stakeholders during the summit presented the following recommendations to make Delhi a liveable city:

1. The role of technological advancements to create more sustainable living environment in Delhi should be recognised.
2. There must be a comprehensive plan of action for dealing with various environmental issues prevailing in Delhi. The concerned authorities should ensure cooperation for various plans and sub-schemes.
3. Developing an all-pervasive implementation mechanism in the context of Delhi.

4. Collaboration with domestic and international organisations towards enhancing a Public Private Partnership (PPP) model for waste management.
5. There must be effective coordination with regard to formulation of policies and strategies ensuring the preparation of action plan for implementation of these policies.
6. There must be meaningful collection of statistical data and information which would in turn help to draft contextual policies and strategies.
7. Amendments should be introduced in existing laws as per the pertinent requirements and transparency must be ensured in the methods of utilisation of resources.
8. There must be tactful implementation of innovative and unique environmental conservation projects focussing on “*out-of-sight out-of-mind*” approach rather than quick fix methods that add value to the already existing programmes.
9. Considering all the recommendations, a sustainable dynamic model must be developed that can work towards ensuring the liveability of Delhi and promoting inter-generational and intra-generational equity.
10. New and innovative methods of infrastructural developments like *plastic composite roads* must be encouraged.
11. Proper incentives must be provided to encourage people to develop new and innovative projects and work towards the sustainability of the environment.
12. Policies regarding regular pollution checks at fuel pumps must be enforced to keep a check on vehicular pollution.
13. Policies ensuring restrictions on the number of vehicles that a family can own in a particular span of time must be implemented.
14. Promoting social entrepreneurship and conducive business environment must be taken into consideration.