

BPLN 405: Housing and Community Planning

Module 1: Introduction to Housing

Significance of housing in National Development Goals; Equity and efficiency parameters of housing; Current issues in housing; Existing Housing Statistics; definitions; urban and rural housing statistics; Introduction to concepts of Housing Shortage, Housing Need, quantitative and qualitative aspects of housing; Housing Demand - Understanding current methods of demand assessment; Knowledge of data sources and their use and interpretation; census, NSSO and other data; Limitations of existing methods of assessments.

Module 2: Housing Development Process

Understanding of factors affecting residential location, theoretical knowledge of ecological, neoclassical, institutional approach to housing; Housing subsystems and their characteristics: formal and non-formal housing; Process of Public and private sector housing development process; policy context, actors and their interrelationships; Inner city housing, Slums, Squatter housing, Unauthorized Housing; Role of different institutions in housing; International agencies, NGOs, State, Financing Organizations, Private developers, cooperatives.

Module 3: Housing Standards and Design

Factors determining residential densities; Densities, costs and development control regulations; Housing designs parameters and their relationship to costs; Housing design and climate; Housing for disaster prone areas. Communities; its characteristics and housing; socio-economic implication of slums, clearance/ improvement of slum; sites and services schemes, squatter upgrading, incremental approach

Module 4: Housing Policy Analyses

Understanding and evaluation of Housing Policy and programmes in India; five year plans, Central government policy; Policy framework for urban and rural housing; Comparative policy analysis; Housing for the low income groups; Cooperative housing, objectives and principles; management and financing of housing projects; investment in housing in public and private sectors.