

Cities, Communities and Homes: Is the Urban Future Livable?

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Viability of Public-Private Partnership in Building Affordable Housing

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Affordable housing built under the public-private partnership model is facing limited success in achieving its purpose, i.e., reducing the existing urban housing shortage. Lack of physical and social infrastructure coupled with limited mobility and employment opportunities add to the existing vulnerabilities of the economically weaker sections of society for whom such housing is being constructed. Current modes of policy formulation, along with the affordable housing policies of various states, continue to promote this model of delivery which enables the use of vacant peripheral land for creating affordable housing stock. In the light of India's growing urban housing shortage estimated at 18.78 million units, the viability of such modes of production need to be re-examined. Housing cannot be delinked from mobility and employment as people utilise their dwelling units not just as places to reside but also as spaces of work that generate employment and facilitate livelihoods.

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