

Review of: "Beyond Boundaries: Exploring Livability in Diverse CPTED-Enhanced Neighbourhoods of Bengaluru"

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The topic of exploring Livability in diverse CPTED enhanced neighbourhoods of Bengaluru is a timely study that comes at a time when urbanization is set to increase in the coming years and such that by 2030, more than half of the global population will be living in the urban areas. There is need to therefore ensure that these current and future habitats for humanity are safe, livable, and address the needs of all the stakeholders therein. Crime is synonymous with the increasing urban growth and development and hence there is need to ensure that the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is embraced in all urban areas of the world.

The integration of CPTED with common social and physical factors alongside the overlap with the issues of livability that is manifested through community engagements, land use mix, building visibility and pedestrian infrastructure encompasses some critical aspects of the needed crime free urban areas.

The researchers have demonstrated that CPTED is beyond crime prevention and they have showed that it is a robust tool that will promote sustainable and people centred urban landscapes which are central to the realization of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The tool is important in ensuring that urban areas are prioritizing safety (which has been ignored for a long time in many urban areas across the world, and which becomes paramount with the increased cases of insecurity and global warming); community participation (which is important in developing, implementing and continuous assessment of programmes and projects that are pro-people, pro-poor and long lasting with enough buy in of stakeholders), social cohesion (which is important in fostering peace and harmony as the foundations for rapid and accelerated national and international development and efficiency in the global supply chains) and the overall well-being of the people. The well being of the people should be at the centre-stage of all urban development and planning.

One thing though is missing - the fundamentals of the financing strategies for such CPTED paradigm. This is because urban authorities all over the world have not integrated such and related concepts because of the limited finances, how do we finance CPTED?