DESIGN
Planning and assessment tool for public spaces

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Abstract

Public spaces in cities are key to enable a good quality of life and improve liveability of cities. They are significant in bringing communities together and are places of social interaction for the citizens. Numerous cities around the globe have managed to transform over a period of 10–20 years by implementing core urban projects with a distinct vision and strategy whereby public spaces form a key part of these projects. The National Urban Policy Framework has also focused on providing quality public spaces in cities, as part of its sutras. In order to implement quality public space projects a number of challenges need to be addressed in our cities & enable spaces for everyone that involves a participatory, inclusive and holistic approach.

Key questions on public spaces

How can cities provide for safe, inclusive and accessible public spaces that ensure liveable cities with an image and Identity?
What are the platforms and needs to aid cities with a feasible tool to create and design Public Spaces?
What are the various public space projects being implemented under the Smart Cities Mission, the project status and feedback from citizens on completed projects?
How can we integrate different stakeholders and planning approaches for cities within public space projects?
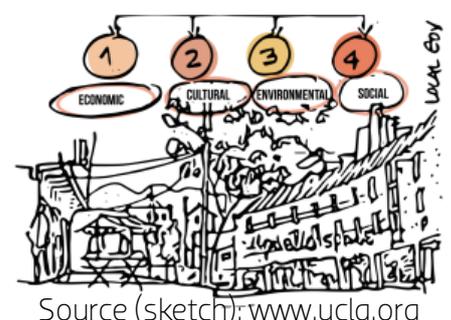
Idea behind the tool

Measuring public life and setting benchmarks that improves access to quality public spaces with design improvements in cities is the aim of the project.

Our team proposes to share best practices along with understanding existing projects and guidelines in the cities to develop a tool. We emphasize that the tool will help in studying certain parameters for public spaces which must be complemented with local knowledge of the city and its communities. The team also endeavours to enable a knowledge sharing for different cities on public spaces.

Integrated approach

The project approach shall try to bring together all aspects from planning to implementation and maintenance for enabling public spaces through ULBs, each of which requires involvement of different stakeholders and participation of citizens.

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