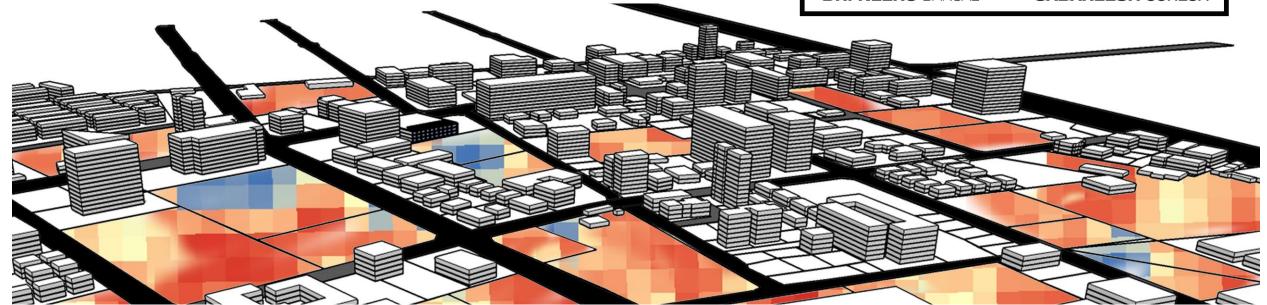
PAPER PRESENTATION

# BENEFITS OF A CUMULATIVE EIA IN PROMOTING LOCALIZATION OF SDGs

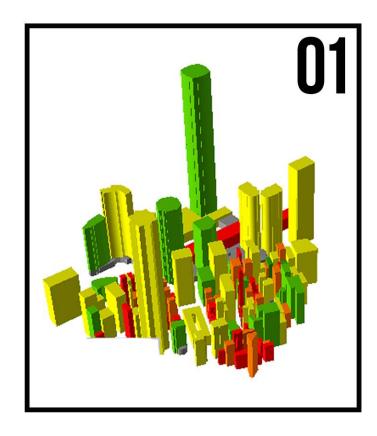
A CASE OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN INDIA

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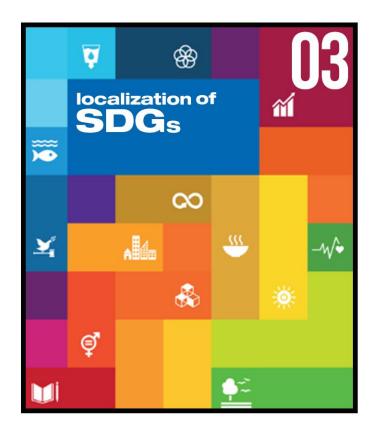
#### FOCUS OF THE PAPER



**Cumulative impacts** of **construction projects** and the need for looking beyond the purview of projects that need Environmental Clearance (EC)

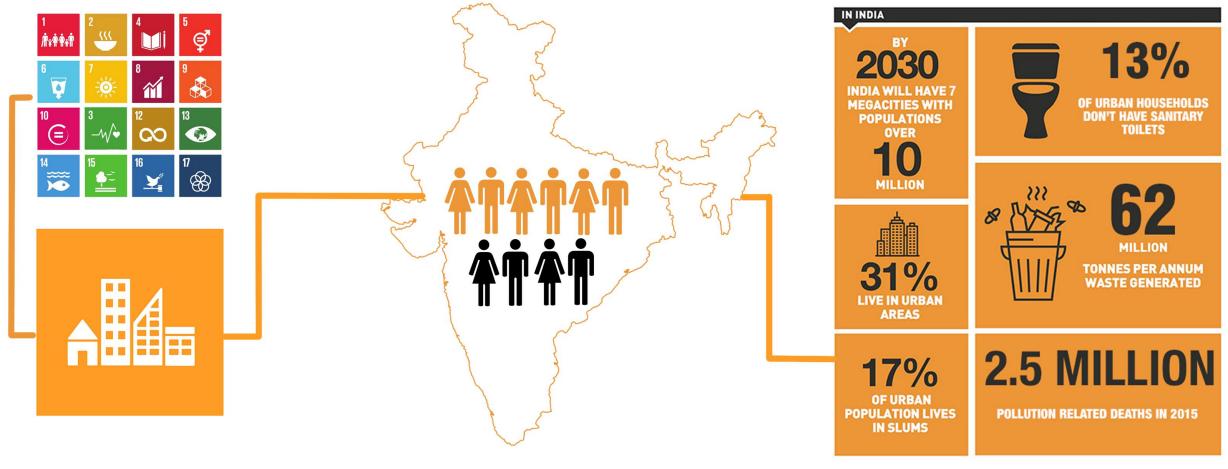
Construction projects- **Compliance patterns** and extended observations for additional recommendations





Contribution to the global discussion of SDGs by ilustration of an area based **Sustainable EMP** and the advantages of their incorporation in the **development process** (DP/TP/GDCR)

#### **SDG 11 - SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES**



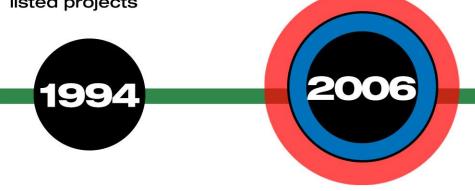
Source: UNDP India; infrastructure deficiencies

In the Indian context, preser ly the largest democracy has the second largest urban population in the world at 377 million (31.7 %), after China (749 million, 2014), with the urban numbers having increased up to **429 million in 2016**, and have been further projected to rise to **600 million(40%)** by 2031 (High Powered Expert Committee Report, 2011).

A World Bank Report (September 2015) characterises India's urbanization process as **"hidden"** - because the share of India's population living in areas with urban-like features in 2010 stood at **55.3** %

#### **AMENDMENTS**

**EIA** as a mandatory requirement under EPA 1986 for cetain listed projects







		Building and Construction			
	8 (a)	Projects			
		≥20000 sq.mtrs and			
		<1,50,000 sq.mtrs of built-			
SEIAA		up area*			
SEIAA	8 (b)	Townships and Area			
		<b>Development Projects</b>			
		Covering an area ≥50 ha			
		and or built up area			
		≥1,50,000 sq. mtrs **			

ULB	≥20000 sq.mtrs and <1,50,000 sq.mtrs of built-up area*		
SEIAA	1,50,000 sq. mtrs to 3,00,000 sq.m		
MOEF	> 3,00,000 m2		

ULB	20,000 sq.m and<50,000 sq.m		
SEIAA	>50,000 sq. mtrs. &		
	>50,000 sq. mtrs. & <1,50,000 sq.m of builtup		
	area		
SEIAA	1,50,000 sq.m of builtup area		
	1,50,000 sq.m of builtup area and or covering an area 50 ha.		

Quashed by NGT on 8 Dec 2017

Stayed by Delhi HC on 26 Nov 2018

#### LITERATURE REVIEWS

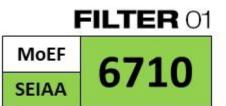
Rate of rejection is very low or negligible	5
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Cumulative impacts of projects are ignored	8
	10
Post clearance monitoring & enforcement is weak	15
Cross-verification of given information is not there	
Time spent on Project Evaluation is very less	
Project proponents fund EIA reports so information given is not true	25
Rate of rejection is very low or negligible	

#### sources / / /

Effectiveness of Environmental Management Plans: Construction Projects in India by S.Toor & N.Bansal; From Impact Assessment to Clearance Manufacture by M.Menon & K.Kohli) Curse of the urban boom by Subhrangsu Goswami & Vidula Kulkarni; Effectiveness of Environmental Management Plans: Construction Projects in India by S.Toor & N.Bansal) (source: Conducting Environmental Impact Assessment for Developing Countries by Prasad Modak and Asit K Biswas)

#### SITE SELECTION PROCESS



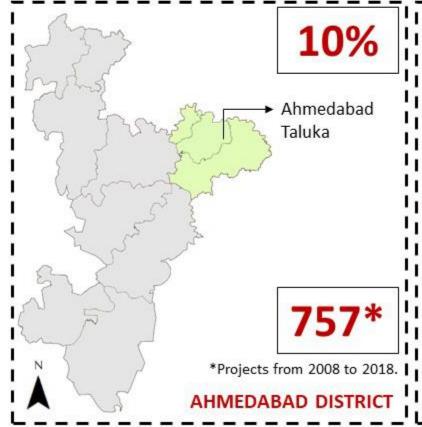


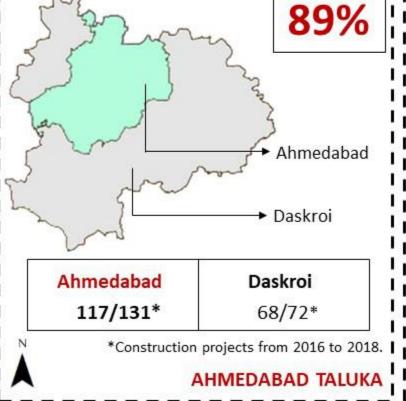


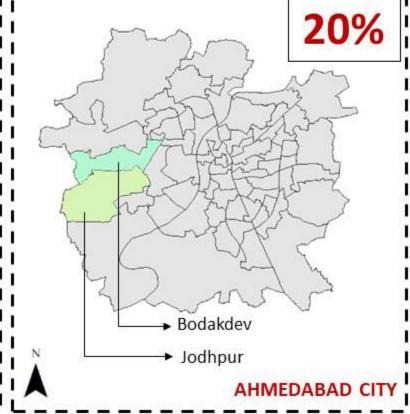
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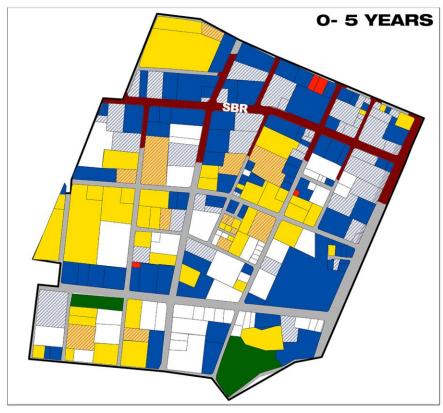
#### **SITE PROFILE & CHARACTER**

on Area Consumption

Based

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#### **DEVELOPMENT PROJECTIONS**



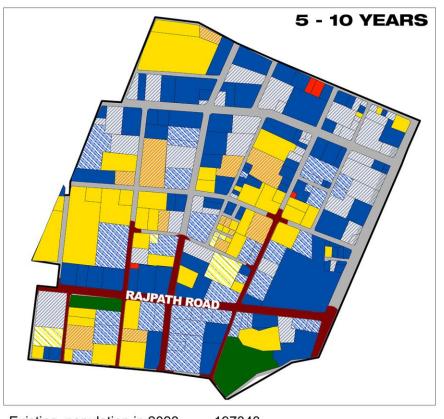
Existing population in 2018 93170

Commercial population in 5 years 101988

Residential population in 5 years 2185

**TOTAL POPULATION IN 5 YEARS - 197343** 

Dwelling unit 5 per unit



Existing population in 2023 197343 Commercial population in 10 years 104333 Residential population in 10 years 596

**TOTAL POPULATION IN 10 YEARS - 302272** 



10%

Institutional 4sq./person

90%

A projection methodology tabulated by the Delhi water revenue committee based on the building type was followed to get the future projections.

After stakeholder consultations and interviews with the real estate sector we have come to an understanding the area would purely turn into a commercial habitat in the coming years

Assumption: The area's land bank would saturate within the next 10 years. 0-5 Development around sbr, 5-10 Development around Rajpath Road.

# Q AREA BASED DROPOR PROJECT BASED PROF 56% 10% **56**% 13% 35% 10%

#### **FOCUS SECTORS**

The focus sectors that were taken into consideration were

AIR
WATER
ENERGY
GREEN AREAS / LAND
WASTE MANAGEMENT

There exsists an enormous potential when stratergies are incorporated at the area level.

The area based approach will also make possible the localization of the sdgs to be met at the city level. Indirectly contributing to the global discussions through local actions

#### **AIR QUALITY MATTERS**

TARGET



AFFORDABLE AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT SYSTEMS TARGET

That Is City Vehicles' Daily **Emission: Report** 

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Ahmedabad: Our dependence on vehicles to travel even short distances leads to injecting of approximately 1.500 tons of carbon dioxide daily - or 1 ton every minute - into our respirable air! Our collective carbon footprint is the highest among tier-2 Indian cities and we sha-

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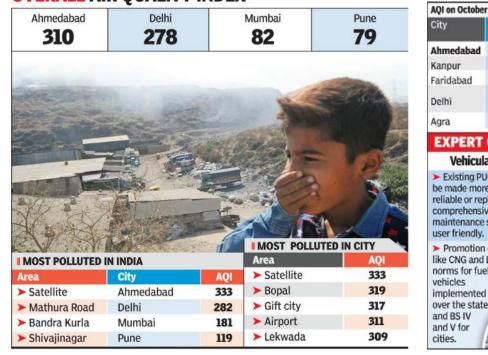
Delhi's Centre for Science and Environment (CSE).

ranks Ahmedabad and Pune as the sixth highest carbon dioxide emitters among 14 mega and metropolitan Indian cities. Ahmedabad is ahead of Kolkata, Jaipur, Kochi, Lucknow and Chandigarh.

Nearly 65% of Amdavadis depend on private vehicles for their daily commute - which is the third highest among metro cities. In Chandigarh, the dependence is 80%; while Lucknow's dependence is 70%.

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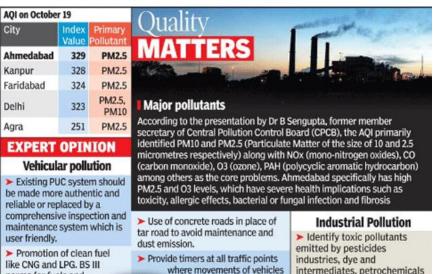
#### **OVERALL** AIR QUALITY INDEX



**REDUCE THE** 

ENVIRONMENTAL

IMPACT OF CITIES



are high. Fully ensure

that it works 24x7.

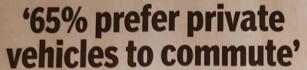
public

Encourage

and provide

transport

- intermediates, petrochemicals
- Link air pollution with energy efficiency in coal/oil/gas/ biofuel fired boilers
- Create more awareness about environmental clinics among small scale industries



2-Wheelers The **Most Dominant** Mode: Study

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Ahmedabad: The daily congestion on city roads and longer commuting hours for the city is thanks to ever-growing vehicular population - increa sing by about 10% annually. Can a stronger public transport system be an answer?

A report by New Delhi-based Centre for Science and Environment titled 'The Urban Commute: And how it contriconsumption 2018' authored by Anumita Roychowdhur and Gauray Dubey, throws light on the impact of vehicles in 14 tier Land II Indian cities.

Ahmedabad ranks lowest among eight tier II cities when ver. it mentions that the city modal share for public trans port over the last decade thanks to initiatives in AMTS and BRTS. Overall growth in travel and motorization in driving the emissions and energy consumptions are up, it men-

According to the report, the current travel matrix includes 35% use of public transport, 12% of intermediate transport such as auto rickshaws, 46% of two-wheelers and 7% of cars.

'Ahmedabad, Lucknow, V are at an inflection point. The ir pollution levels may increase or decrease, depending on their mobility policies over the next years and decades,

Two-wheelers dominate the transport matrix of the city — the kilometres travelled by two-wheelers is about five times that of commute by cars and ten times that of bus and other modes of transport such as autorick shaws - combined together.



of veh

icles (select cities)		FORECAST FOR OCTOBER 22 (7PM)		
	Rate	BOPAL	319	Very Poor
	18.3%		Maria Cara	
Vision III	15.2%	PIRANA	Contract Con	Very Poor
uru	14.9%	RAKHIYAL	305	Very poor
ai	12.8%	RAIKHAD	305	Very Poor
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bad	6.5%	AIRPORT	223	Poor
ge trip length for A'bad		SATELLITE	220	
	a -	GIFT CITY	178	Moderate

Transport matrix for Ahmedabad



➤ Intermediate Transport\* | 12% > Two-wheelers | 46%

➤ Public Transport | 35%

\*Includes auto rickshaws, taxis & other mode

#### Not a pleasant SAFAR in city

he CSE study points out that vehicular traffic alone highlights a very pumps nearly 400kg of particu- pect for cities like Ahmedabad. late matter (PM) daily into the city's breathableair. This amount where their per trip emissions is at par with that of Mumbai and are in middle of the spectrumhigher than that of eight other ci-they can go up or down," he said

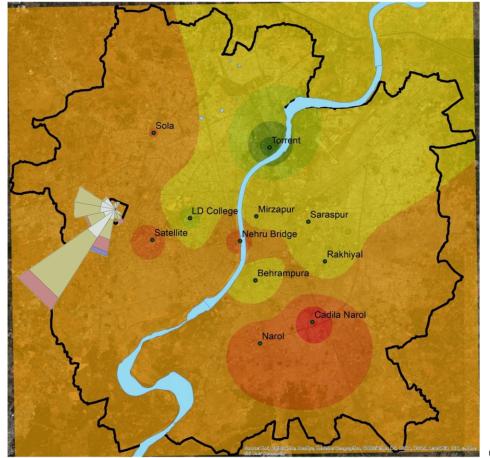
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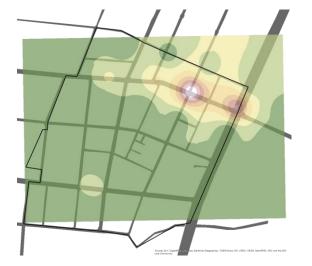
# AIR QUALITY- MONITORING AND EVALUATION

#### **Exceedance Factor**





	S. no	Station Name	PM 10 Valu e
	1	Satellit e	345
	2	Cadilla Narol	425
	3	LD College	181
	4	Nehru Nagar Bridge	360
	5	Torrent	86
	6	Behrum pura	198
(	7	Sola	345





S.N o	Parameter	Concentratio n of Pollutants	Desired Norms
1	PM <sub>10</sub> (μg/m³)	207.64	100 (2.0x)
2	PM <sub>2.5</sub> (μg/m³)	114.28	60 <b>1.9</b> x
3	SO <sub>x</sub> (μg/m³)	8.96	80
4	$NO_x (\mu g/m^3)$	39.56	80
5	CO (PPM)	7.0	

### **ON SITE OBSERVATION**







Uncovered transportation of excavated sand and materials

Earth work, Soil excavation, Mobile plant e.g.. Bulldozer, crane, crushers for site clearance work

Unpaved roads

#### **COMPLIANCE PATTERN OF EC ORDERS**









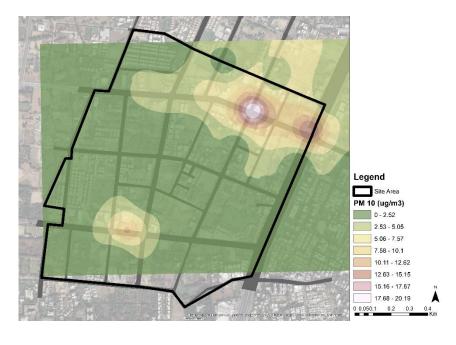


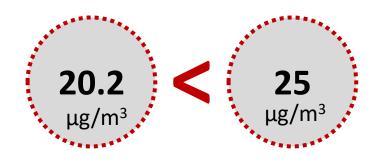
- Temporary wind shield shall be done to prevent dust emission spreading outside the project premises. Barricade of adequate height shall be provided on the periphery of construction site with adequate signage (In compliance)
- Regular sprinkling will be done to control fugitive emission (Not in compliance)
- Material shall be covered during transportation (Not in compliance)
- Uniform piling and proper storage of sand (Not in compliance)
- Noise levels will be kept within prescribed levels by providing noise control measures including acoustic insulation, hoods, silencers, enclosures vibration dampers (Not in compliance)
- Noise generating equipment shall not be used during night hours (Not in compliance)
- Construction debris and materials shall be properly stored to avoid public nuisances by blocking the roads and public passages (Partially In compliance)

Apart from Non compliance these measures really don't contribute towards the improvement of air quality

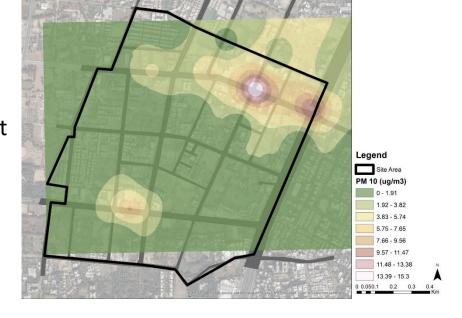
#### STRATERGIES TO IMPROVE THE

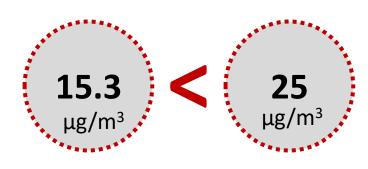
Scenario 1 20% Shift





Scenario 2 80% Shift





#### **WATER - GLOBAL CONCERNS**

#### **Sustainable Development Goals**



3%

Only 3 % of the world's water is fresh (drinkable) & humans are using it faster than nature can replenish it.

40%

Global population affected by water scarcity.



80%

Untreated wastewater from human activities is discharged into waterways.

#### 2030 Targets

Improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping & minimizing release of hazardous chemicals & materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater & substantially increasing recycling & safe reuse globally.

Substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity.

Capacity-building support to developing countries in water & sanitation-related activities, including water harvesting, , wastewater treatment, recycling & reuse technologies.

By 2030, achieve the sustainable management & efficient use of natural resources.

# **EXISTING WATER DEMAND** 5498 0.38MLD 68990 10720 3.14MLD **7955 1.44MLD** 0.22MLD Residential Mixed-use **Commercial** Institutional

**70Lpcd/chair** in restaurant

45lpcd in banks/shopping

Per Capita 135Lpcd

**45Lpcd** in office/showrooms **15lpcd / chair** in Audi

**350Lpcd/bed** for 100 bed hospital **450Lpcd/bed** for more than 100 bed **25Lpcd/studen**t in school

<sup>\*</sup>Based on CPHEEO standards.

### AREA BASED EIA IN ACHIEVING SDG'S

#### **CURRENT PRACTICES:**

#### **NEED FOR AREA BASED APPROACH:**

In the current system the EC order takes note of the building level consumption of water & their source, which becomes negligible when we compare it with the area level usage.

The area level EIA captures the **overall consumption & prime source of water**. This helps in formulating EMP at a larger scale as **water sources cannot be dealt in isolation.** 

The GDCR specifies, that **RWH** is only compulsory for buildings **above 1000 sq.m built-up area/4000 sq.m plot area**.

**RWH** can be more efficient when practiced across an area, **irrespective of the built-up area.** Mandating such a tool will help enhance water management, especially in places like Gujarat.

Most EIA reports fail to address **storm water** run-off.

The run-off conservation is not a building level topic as it requires area level understanding. This cannot be ignored while the EC orders are issued.



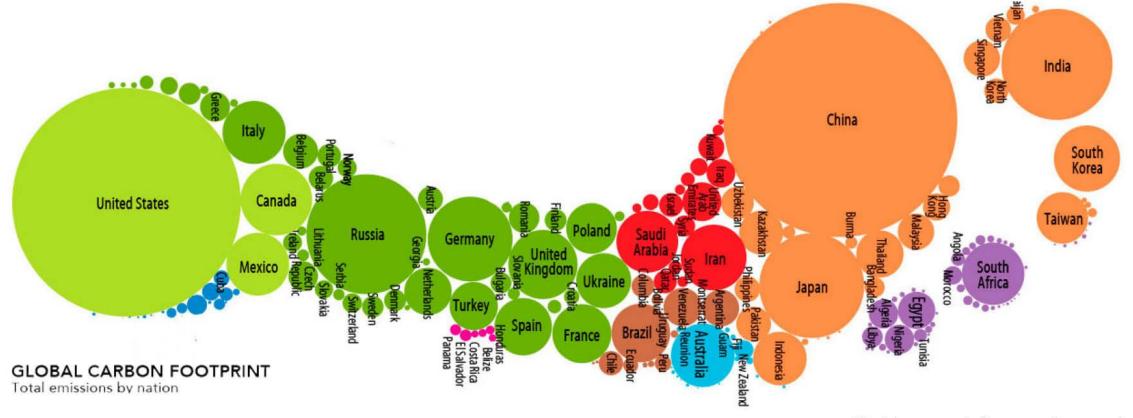
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Energy as a sector is not dealt in the depth with the EIA process but with the increase in worldwide conversation on climate change the mention of energy and its relationship with emissions has been recurring in the newer EIA reports.

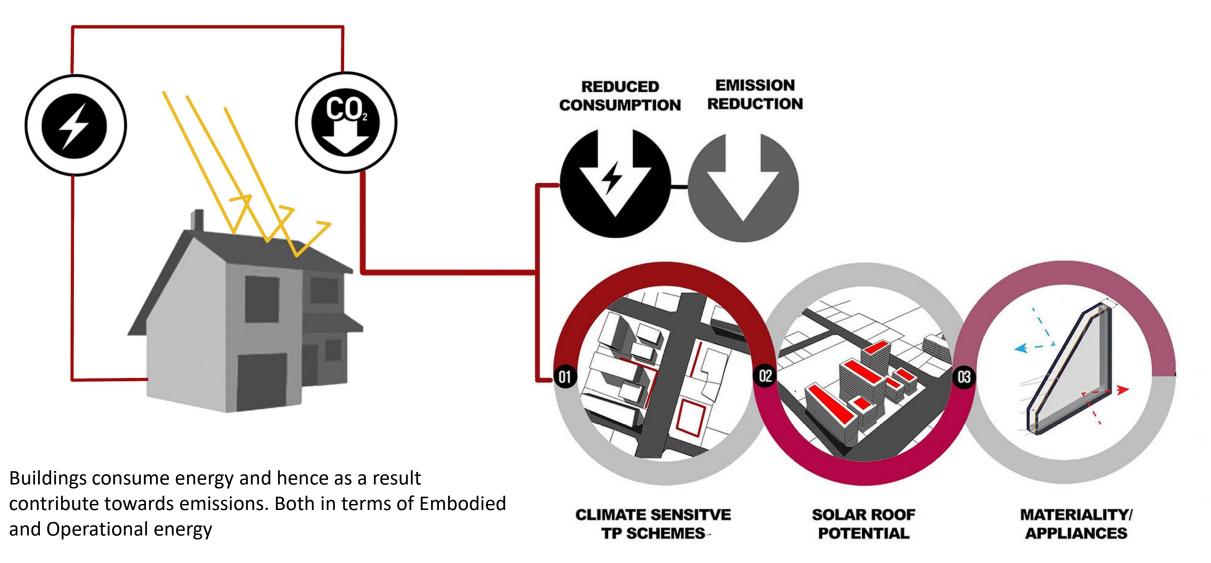
## **ENERGY ENVIRONMENT**

In a fast urbanizing and developing nation like ours the discussion on energy makes its relevence more than just important.



source: World economic forum, carbon markets

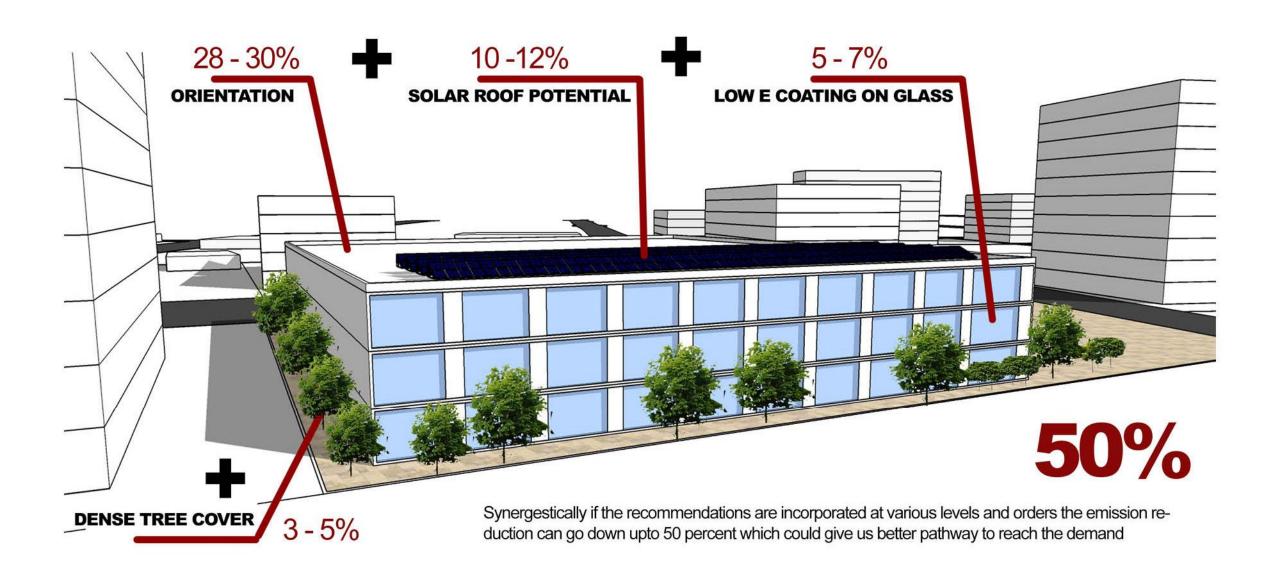
#### **IDEATIONS - REDUCED EMISSIONS**



The fundamental idea is to reduce the energy gain in buildings or to meet them from a renewable source.

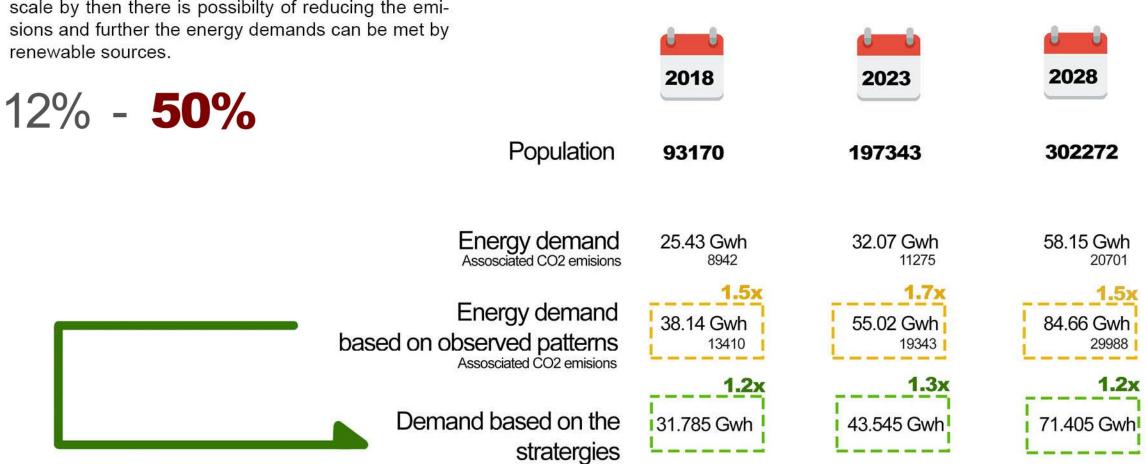
Strategies are incorporated at different levels in order to reduce the energy gains in buildings.

#### **SYNERGESTIC** REDUCTIONS



#### REDUCED EMISSION SCENARIO

If the prescribed ideations are projected to the city scale by then there is possibilty of reducing the emisions and further the energy demands can be met by renewable sources.



# **Gains with Area Based Approach**

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COMPONENTS	STRATEGIES	CONVENTIONAL EIA	AREA BASED ASSESMENT
<b>AIR</b>	• • • •	10%	<b>56%</b>
WATER	• • •	22%	50%
<b>ENERGY</b>	• • •	12%	50%
GREENS	• • • •	1%	9%
SWM	•••	15%	50%

Tabulating all the stratergies of different components one would see that on a traditional EIA method the harnessing potential is inadequate or in miniscule amounts.

Area based assesment has a huge potential to reduce or mitigate the effects.

The area based approach has also made possible the localization of the sdg's to be met at the city level.Indirectly contributing to the global discussions through local actions





































# **New Amendment & the way forward**

#### NOTIFICATION: 14 NOV 2018 CONCERNS - INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY



Local bodies such as Municipalities, shall stipulate environmental conditions while granting building permission, for the Building or Construction projects with built-up area≥ 20,000 sq. mtrs and <50,000 sq. mtrs as specified in Notification S.O. 5733(E) dated 14th November, 2018





Augmentation of fewer plots wouldn't make any big difference to this whole process.

The whole process of linking environmental benefits with the development agenda is going to be only possible if the EIA excercise is going to be carried out an area based situation (TP scheme level, ward level etc.)