

**Inclusive Spaces Through Transformative Placemaking: Case Of Hitec City Cyberabad**

Due to globalization, cities are receiving disproportionately large number of people, followed by further demand in infrastructure and spaces of quality and standard. Such haphazard developments, especially in techno centric centers, with no concern for immediate context have lead to creation of exclusive spaces. The loosened government control on economic policies paved way for the state governments in India to exercise investment friendly initiatives. The inadequate prioritization of inclusive designs in public spaces and the failure to explore transformative approaches to redefine exclusive spaces has established invisible and visible borders with restricted accessibility to certain social groups.

HITEC (Hyderabad Information Technology and Engineering Consultancy) City, in Cyberabad, an outcome of various IT friendly policies by state's political elites to attract investments and create a competitive techno centric suburb in Hyderabad is a classic example of emerging exclusive spaces in cities. By excluding many conventional development strategies and local participants, the suburb was developed without addressing any place specific concerns on the overpowering nature of these global spaces and their infrastructure demands and state of the art quality for establishing IT industries. The past efforts of place-led development have failed to keep pace with the shifting reforms of such techno centric suburbs and resulted in irresponsive and detached spatial formations. Inclusive spaces conveniently contain all activities with ease and dignity without much effort and separation and offer to respect the needs and perceptions for integration of all members.

The methodology deals with the study of the macro and micro condition of the city and superimposes the inclusivity parameters and approaches found out from the literature studies, case studies and theories, onto the primary study area. The in-depth study on the prevailing actors, contextual cues and distributed exclusive layers and functions across the city has lead to the identification of physical, social and economical issues and has prompted the necessity for transformation of spaces through place-led development. Transformative place making constantly advances in accordance with the social, physical, and economic geography of cities. It engages the private groups, the local actors and the government and emerges as a tool that produces better inclusive destinations for the city.

This thesis focuses on urban design formulation and guidelines development by identification and integration of inclusivity parameters, publicizing rather than privatization, place led transformative CSR initiatives, inclusive policy making etc with reference to the changes happening in city spaces to facilitate creation of responsive inclusive spaces for all.

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