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Urban acupuncture as strategy for revitalizing neighbourhoods in cities

This dissertation is a study on how small scale interventions can act as catalysts to bring about major transformations in neighbourhoods of the cities. By urban acupuncture is generally understood that is about the application of small scale interventions, which create a higher liveability. It reacts against the large-scale revitalization projects that took place in the last decades. There are certain principles which are used to develop the neighbourhoods and integrate the relevant components to improve the quality of life in the context. These principles are identified and studied about how these principles are acted with urban acupuncture concept to create a great neighbourhood which are the foundation of a great city. The theory of urban acupuncture is mainly coined by three theorists namely; Jaime Lerner, Manuel De sola-Morales.

By identifying & analyzing the visions of three theorists and further case studies, this dissertation seeks to find an answer to the main research question: How can we use the theory of urban acupuncture as a strategy to revitalize the neighbourhoods of the city. The paper concludes with the identification of appropriate approach and formulation of different strategies that can be used for the revitalization of urban neighbourhoods of Indian cities.

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