

The 18th International Asian Urbanization Conference

**Theme: "Resilient Futures: Urbanization,
Climate Change, and Sustainable
Development Policy in a Changing World"**

***Sindhu Central University
UT of Ladakh, India***

August 5-8, 2026

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About the Conference: Urbanization and climate change are among the most pressing challenges of the 21st century. Cities are at the frontline of environmental, social, and economic transformation, facing extreme weather events, resource scarcity, and inequitable growth. The 18th International Asian Urbanization Conference brings together interdisciplinary perspectives to explore how urban areas can become resilient to climate change while promoting sustainable development. Global case studies, theoretical frameworks, and practical solutions are integrated to provide actionable insights for researchers, policymakers, and students.

About Leh, Ladakh: Perched at 3,520 meters and sitting at the crossroads of environment, culture, and resilience, Ladakh offers a living laboratory for examining the intersection of urbanization and climate change. As one of the world's most fragile mountain ecosystems, Ladakh faces unique urban challenges—from water scarcity and glacial retreat to sustainable tourism and heritage conservation.

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Deadlines

Deadline for Paper Abstracts: (Session proposals encouraged)	February 25
Notification of Acceptance of Paper Abstracts:	March 1
Deadline for Early Bird Registration:	March 31
Full Paper Submission:	May 1

The organizers intend to compile a proceedings-style edited volume drawn from a curated set of conference papers. Early submission of abstracts and full paper is encouraged.

Notes for Contributors: <https://bit.ly/NotesforContributors>

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“Early Bird” registration fees (Before March 31, 2026)

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Registration includes conference materials & several lunches.
Registration does not include field trips, accommodation, or travel.



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Preliminary Conference Program

Monday, August 3: It is recommended to arrive no later than noon for acclimatization to the high altitude

High Altitude / Health Advisory: *Leh is approximately 3,500 meters (11,500') in elevation. Due to the high altitude, it is recommended to avoid strenuous activity for the first 24–36 hours after arriving. Visitors should stay hydrated, avoid tobacco, alcohol, or other depressants. Consult your physician before traveling if you have special concerns. For more information, consult the Centers for Disease Control's [High-Altitude Travel and Altitude Illness](#) page.*

Tuesday, August 4: Half-Day Field Visit; Social Reception and Mixer

Wednesday, August 5

Conference Inaugural
Plenary Session A
Paper and Policy Sessions

Thursday, August 6

Plenary Session B
Paper and Policy Sessions

Friday, August 7

Paper and Policy Sessions
Conference Roundtable
Valedictory Session

Saturday, August 8: Full Day Field Trip

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