

The Age of Cities : How Can India Adapt?

Dr. Parag Khanna's stimulating presentation challenged the audience to strive to achieve more sustainable urbanization for India's future. He shared his vision for a new, dynamic world, where cities, rather than countries, will be the drivers of economies and centers of governance. Dr. Khanna highlighted how the intersection of urbanization and ubiquitous technology hold the potential to harness the world's rapidly growing population without over-consuming natural resources while providing ample economic opportunity. He explained various innovative smart city projects, argued for more political decentralization towards municipal authorities, and promoted information sharing among several crucial dimensions of achieving greater efficiency in an urban world. Dr. Khanna strongly endorsed Bombay First's public-private community partnership approach to improving Mumbai's infrastructure and governance. India's future rests in the hands of corporate, civic, and political leaders who must lead the urban revolution.