

URBAN MASTER PLANS IN RAJASTHAN, INDIA: THE CASE OF ALWAR

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Abstract

Master Plan is an important tool for urban development as such it guides, controls and manages urban growth in planned manner. Despite being outdated in developed countries, it is still used in developing countries like India. This paper explores master planning in Rajasthan, the largest state of India and critically analyses master plan for Alwar as a case in detail to find out different causes and factors hindering full implementation of master plans in Rajasthan. Lacunas in plan preparation reflect in nature and proposals of plan which affect implementation process immensely. Further, implementation process is also impeded by a host of factors. However, considerable progress of Master plan for Alwar shows that rather than questioning relevance of master planning approach in Rajasthan, positives steps to strengthen institutions, and greater involvement of public in planning processes is essential for preparation of a good master plan and its implementation on ground level.

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