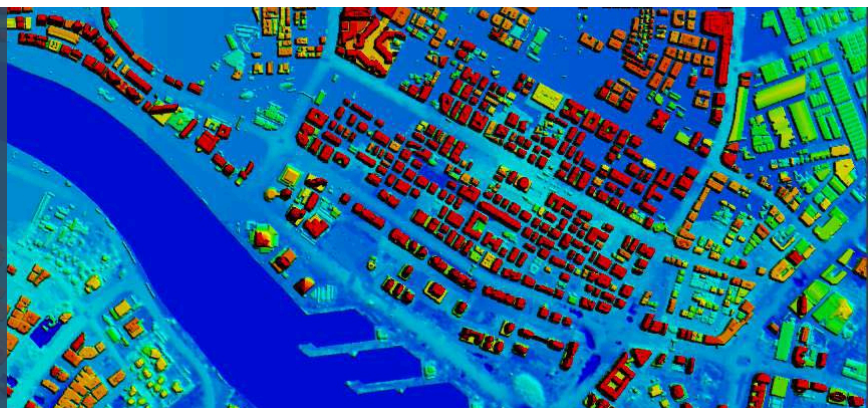




# Indo-German Knowledge exchange on Regional Spatial Planning in Germany

January 05, 2026 *Virtual Mode*  
IST 16:30 – 18:00 (CET 12.00-13.30 Hrs)



## Objective:

To facilitate knowledge exchange on regional and spatial planning frameworks that enable balanced economic growth, spatial equity, and improved quality of life beyond statutory urban boundaries, drawing lessons from Germany (Saxony) and Gujarat.

## Tentative Schedule:

| Time                                 | Session  |
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| 16:30 – 16:32<br>(12:00 – 12:02 CET) | Welcome Address – <i>Shri Keshav Varma, Chairman, HLC-GoG (2 min)</i>  |
| 16:32 – 16:34<br>(12:02 – 12:04 CET) | Special Address – <i>Shri M. Thennarasan, IAS, PS, UD&amp;UHD, GoG (2 min)</i>   |
| 16:34 – 16:37<br>(12:04 – 12:07 CET) | Setting the Context: <i>Why Regional &amp; Spatial Planning Matters Beyond Urban Boundaries – Prof. Saswat Bandopadhyay, CEPT University (3 min)</i>   |
| 16:37 – 16:47<br>(12:07 – 12:17 CET) | Brief Overview of Spatial Planning in Gujarat – <i>Shri Prakash Datta, OSD, UD&amp;UHD, GoG (10 mins)</i>  |
| 16:47 – 17:15<br>(12:17 – 12:45 CET) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Overview of Planning Regions, Regional Planning legislations, Spatial Planning Hierarchy and Structure and Principle of Subsidiarity<br/><i>Dr. Mathias Jehling, Research Group Urban Structure and Policy, IOER, Dresden, Germany (08 mins, PPT)</i></li> <li>2. Regional Planning In Hannover Region, Germany<br/><i>Dr. Axel Priebes, President of ARL, Germany (10 mins, PPT)</i></li> <li>3. Regional Planning Structure and Instruments in Saxony, Germany<br/><i>Mrs. Katrin Maazaoui, Regional Planning Association, Saxony, Cartography, GIS, Spatial Observation (10 mins, PPT)</i></li> </ol> |
| 17:15 – 17:25<br>(12:45 – 12:55 CET) | Regional Planning in RuHR - <i>Dusseldorf region- largest urban and industrial area in Germany)</i><br><i>(Mr. Helge Conrad, Dept for Regional Planning and Development, Regional Association, RuHR) (10 mins, PPT)</i>  |
| 17:25 – 17:30<br>(12:55 – 13:00 CET) | Reflections & Strategic Remarks – <i>Prof. Saswat Bandopadhyay, CEPT University (05 mins)</i>  |
| 17:30 – 17:40<br>(13:00 – 13:10 CET) | Remarks by key officials – <i>UD&amp;UHD/ TPVD / Urban Development Authorities, Urban Local Bodies, Experts from HLC-Gujarat (10 mins)</i>   |
| 17:40 – 17:50<br>(13:10 – 13:20 CET) | Open Forum & Q&A (10 mins)   |
| 17:50<br>(13:20 CET)                 | Way Forward & Closing Remarks – <i>Shri Harpal Dave, Convenor, HLC-GoG</i>   |

(Duration: ~90 minutes)

Expected Participants: High Ranking Urban and Spatial Planning Officers, Urban Planning experts, and City Officials from the Federal State of Gujarat in India.