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CSE says bad design leads to Delhis urban sprawl

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Bad design of urban space makes it difficult to move.

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POOR design and senseless urban planning can make cities chaotic, and Delhi is no exception. A workshop on transport and climate organised by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) pointed out how the design of Delhi has increased travel distances and urban sprawl.

Speaking at the workshop, Sunita Narain, director general of CSE, said, "How we design our cities decides how we get around and connect with our offices and homes. In fact, getting the design of the urban space right is crucial. Raising an alarm on Delhi, a CSE member said, "The Delhi governments own estimation shows that transportation contributes close to half of the carbon dioxide in the city. An IIT Delhi study shows the emissions will increase by 526 per cent by 2030. This is a serious challenge if Delhi wants to meet the goals of its climate action plan."

Delhi has the most sparsely populated central core compared to all prominent global cities. New Delhis density is more than six times lower than the core administrative regions of New York and Madrid," said Anumita Roychowdhury, CSEs executive director for research and advocacy.