

The Impact of the Commonwealth Games 2010 on Urban Development of Delhi.

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Abstract

In 2010, four years from now, New Delhi will play host to the third largest multi-sporting event in the world, with tens of thousands of visitors descending upon the city. To prepare itself for this, the city is planning a major overhaul of its urban infrastructure as well as its sporting facilities. These events happen in a city once in a decade or maybe even less, (The last large event held in Delhi was the 1982 Asiad) and have the ability to transform it.

The paper raises some hard questions that need to be answered before one can conclude that such an event has a positive effect on the host community. Can the financial requirements for such an event be possible to generate? Some other questions that arise out of such events, with particular relevance in this paper, is its impact on the urban scenario. Will the event lead to rampant and unchecked development, possibly unplanned? Will the infrastructure created be beneficial post-event or will it remain under utilised? Will the city's infrastructure be able to bear the strain of additional visitors that flood the city during such an event? Will the event prove to be a hindrance to the city's residents during the event?

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