



## UNNOVATIONS 2020

The School of Human Settlements, Xavier University Bhubaneswar hosted **Unnovation-2020**, the annual festival of exchange of Urban Ideas from **21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020**.

*Unnovations*, a blend of different metropolitan occasions, was designed incorporating various competitions with aim to arouse interest of individuals in urban studies; organized by the students of the school.

This unique year of pandemic may have thrown many curveballs but at the same time gave us the golden opportunity of taking this event online. Invitations for participants were sent to institutions all across India, and we received overwhelming responses from individuals from all backgrounds including school students.

This year it was a three day event with the following events:

### **Day 1: 21 December 2020**

**Business plan** competition, designed to express entrepreneurship ideas addressing urban issues and opportunities, witnessed participants from different institutes from all over India including institutions like IIM Lucknow.

**Photography competition** was based on any urban aspect eye-catching to the participant backed by a story. Overwhelming response was received from both students of XUB as well as from individuals from different parts of the country. We stood witness to beautiful photographs and stories.

### **Day 2: 22 December 2020**

**Urban Designophy** competition was designed to bring out the design thinking abilities of the participants addressing urban issues. Participants ranged from school students to even individuals without design background and winners were judged by Prof. P. Prasad.

**Urban trivia** was a quiz competition open for both teams and individual participants, conducted by the organizing student team. The event was followed by a fun interactive discussion session.

### **Day 3: 23 December 2020**

**Article Writing Competition** was an event which showcased some extraordinary literary talents and ideas on given topics in urban domain with overwhelming responses.

**Extempore** was an interactive session witnessing participants expressing their ideas on different urban issues provided to them. This event was graced by Ar. Redeeep Reghunathan, Principal Architect, Rad Architects, our special guest for the event.

The 3 day festival was concluded with a **closing ceremony** with a live music and poetry session by the students followed by the valedictory session and vote of thanks.

