

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi

School of Global Affairs (SGA)

Bulletin of Information PhD in Urban Studies Admissions 2026-2027

The School of Global Affairs (SGA) at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi provides interdisciplinary understanding towards various emerging processes and issues. Key areas of focus of the school are Geopolitics and Geo-economics; Global Environmental Change; Urbanisation; Health and Disease; Science, Technology and Society; Migration and Diaspora; Global and Literary Humanities. All the thematics delineated above are dealt with through a global, interdisciplinary and practice-oriented perspective. The focus of the School is to build capacities to understand the fast-changing world and find creative and novel ideas related to seemingly intractable problems. The School brings together an exciting diversity of disciplines and trans-disciplinary fields to critically study and develop just, sustainable and inclusive alternatives through teaching, research and engagement with civil society

PhD Programme in Urban Studies

The School of Global Affairs offers admission on an annual basis to a PhD Programme in Urban Studies which emphasizes the development of research competency. Research scholars shall acquire or improve skills for effective review of and engagement with scholarship in their chosen areas of research. They are helped to discover and apply methodologies necessary to carry out original research through a variety of sources with a view to evolving interdisciplinary and connected engagement with Urban Studies. Research scholars will actively contribute to the intellectual life of the University through regular communication about research work with faculty and fellow students. The main output of Urban Studies research scholars' efforts will be a thesis.

List of Supervisors for Ph.D Admission 2026-27

S. No.	Name of Supervisor/Faculty	Email Id	Area of Specialization
1	Dr. Shekhar Tokas	shekhar@aud.ac.in	Urban Economy and Human Capital; Migration and Urban Development; Urban Villages and Socio-Spatial Transformation; Tangible and Intangible Heritage of Delhi Villages.
2	Dr. Pritpal Singh Randhawa	pritpal@aud.ac.in	Urban Political Economy, Urban Infrastructures, Poverty, Rural-urban linkages, Satellite Towns, Urban Social Movement
3	Dr. Soma Sarkar	ssarkar@aud.ac.in	Urban Environment; Disaster Management; Public Health; Climate Studies; Remote Sensing & GIS; Regional Planning.

4	Dr. M. M. Anees	mmanees@aud.ac.in	Remote sensing and GIS applications for urban management; Urban green space planning; Urbanization dynamics; Urban vulnerability assessment; Spatial inequalities and patterns of urbanization; Nature-based solutions planning; Urban transport.
5	Dr. Rachna Mehra	rmehra@aud.ac.in	Urban history, planning small towns, cities in transition, sensorial urbanism
6	Dr. Bhawna Bali	bbali@aud.ac.in	Urban governance, infrastructure and livelihoods; rural-urban linkages/peri-urbanisation; urban heritage and cultural norms; sustainable urban development
7	Dr. Nidhi Tewathia	ntewathia@aud.ac.in	Role & Impact of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Urban Economy, Rural-Urban Digital Divide, ICT & Urban marginalised groups (unorganised women workforce, gig workers etc)
8	Dr. Tanya Chaudhary	tchaudhary@aud.ac.in	Urban Livelihoods/Labour and Informality, Displacement and Migration, Urban Space and Planning
9	Dr. Parvendra Kumar	pkumar5@aud.ac.in	Climate Change, Water Resources, Remote Sensing and GIS, Geospatial Analysis, Smart cities and Urbanisation in the Himalayas, Disasters and environmental changes in the Himalayas.

IMPORTANT

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