Even as we celebrate our rapid urbanization we also confront the reality of our unsustainable, water-poor, disaster-prone and energy-guzzling urban areas. Indeed the variety of issues, both in their sector-specificity as well in their systemic intersections leads us to suggest that we need to search for multi-functional and comprehensive solutions. Cities need to be ecologically sustainable (green), water-efficient (blue), energy-neutral (red), peaceful (white) and so on…. Hence multi-hued, “rainbow” cities. And our efforts to build them need to be equally multi-dimensional and systemic.

But we are yet to build adequate knowledge about how to achieve such urban areas in the country, or build robust city management systems, or develop programs to prepare people with the technical and managerial capacities required to manage urban challenges. The ARC Summit is an initiative to extend current efforts by -

- Bringing together concerned policy-makers, professionals, academics, media-persons and researchers for structured deliberation on specific urban challenges
- Identifying possible solutions through systematic exchange of ideas, insights and experiences
- Encouraging students and researchers to examine urban issues and build deeper understanding, by recognizing exceptional knowledge contributions

We invite professionals, industry leaders, students, faculty, policy makers and administrators to join us at the ARC Summit to listen to domain leaders and discuss the following –

- Building knowledge systems for rainbow urbanization
  - Managing water and waste systems
  - Developing affordable housing

Participants may register by sending an email to umgprograms@xub.edu.in by September 30th 2016. Details of the event, program, speakers and schedule may be accessed at http://umg.xub.edu.in/umg-summit2016