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## POST-OIL CITY: LANDSCAPE OF SURPRISE

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Goethe-Zentrum, as part of 'Germany and India 2011-2012: Infinite Opportunities', in collaboration with Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations, Vidyaranya High School, Landscape of Surprise & Arch inaugurated the two parallel exhibitions 'Post Oil City: The History of the City's Future' and 'Cyberabad - Landscape of Surprise -Opportunities for India's Emerging Urbanisms' at Vidyaranya High School.

The two exhibitions come together with the aim of initiating a dialogue to stimulate a new type of urban planning, where the environmental sustainability of a city becomes the core value. With a truly international delegation of experts of the field, urban planners and architects, the ideas on urbanisation in the light of technology, sociology, environment and history have been discussed.



The public, consisting of architects, urban planners, students, environmentalists and people from the field of politics amongst others, gathered at Vidyaranya High School. Amita Desai, executive director, Goethe-Zentrum said, "It is with immense pleasure that we have this wonderful gathering of experts from many countries to brainstorm around themes that, as Hyderabadis, and as citizens of the world, are very close to our hearts". Amita Desai asked Shanta Rameshwar Rao, Founder-Principal of Vidyaranya High School, to enlighten the lamp and thus officially inaugurating "Post Oil City" and "Landscape of Surprise".

The travelling exhibition "Post Oil City" is not focused on a single

geographical context but tries to initiate a global discourse. The symposium will be an avenue for experts, scholars, and critical thinkers of urbanism from various contexts to come together and address various questions. Experts from their respective fields, the likes of Peter Voit (Transsolar), Jyoti Hosagrahar, Founder-Director of Sustainable Urbanism International at Columbia University, New York City, Professor Utpal Sharma, Director at School of Planning CEPT Ahmedabad Stefan Gruber (Academy of Fine Arts, Vienna/Austria), Tobias Kuttler (Nexus), Anh Linh Ngo, Susanne Kohte, Peter Gotsch and various other urban experts from the public, private and university spheres will present their ideas for dialogue and exchange.

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