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Achieving Urban Sustainability Through Safe City

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ABSTRACT A safe and secure urban space produces a conducive environment for the sustained growth of the city. This paper examines the role of crime in threatening the development of a smart city, and it attempts to probe whether the 'Crime Prevention through Environment Design' (CPTED) model applies to the reduction of crime in Delhi. Criminologist, C. Ray Jeffery introduced the term CPTED in 1971 and architect Oscar Newman gave CPTED a new meaning with the development of the concept of 'Defensible Space'. This study adopts the case study method and narratives have been placed theoretically for reaching a conclusion. The bank colony of northeast district of Delhi has been taken for the case study because the Government of Delhi has recently focused on infrastructural development in this area. This paper finds that crime in Delhi is increasing due to unplanned development. Crime in Delhi is place-specific, which can be checked through proper planning. Substantial investment by the Government of India should be scrutinized properly, and its focus should be brought towards efficient implementation of CPTED.