



## PANEL DISCUSSION

# Masterplanning Floods & Water Scarcity

Can Chennai Grow without Harming Itself?

### Panelists

#### Dunu Roy

Scholar-activist, Hazards Center, Delhi.

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### Respondents

**Shanta Sheila Nair**, IAS (Retd).

**Charu Govinda**, Voices of People.

**Karen Coelho**, Associate Professor, MIDS.

### Moderator

**Nityanand Jayaraman**, Writer and Social Activist.

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# Saturday

# 5:00 p.m.

### Adiseshiah Auditorium

Madras Institute of Development Studies,

#79, 2nd Main Road, Gandhi Nagar

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*First come, first served*

**Only up to 50 participants allowed  
to maintain social distancing.**

This discussion, co-organised by Madras Institute of Development Studies and the Chennai Climate Action Group, is triggered by the recent floods and talks of a Third Master Plan that will entail an 8-fold expansion of the metropolitan area. The discussion aims to provoke a debate about the city's vulnerabilities, centering on land-use change, climate change and the limits to growth. The expanded masterplan area is justified by arguing that planned growth is better than unplanned growth. The question that remains unasked is: what are the limits to growth beyond which the costs of growing begin to outweigh its benefits? How does this unshaken commitment to growth contribute to the predicaments that the city finds itself in? What are the other ways of thinking that take account of the environmental predicament and growing ecological injustices within the city? What could be a different way of imagining not just the urban, but also the rural as mutual co-producers of vulnerability or sustainability?