Sri Lanka, one of South Asia’s rapidly urbanizing countries generates an interest among people and urban managers for maintaining “clean and green” urban areas and for taking on multiple programs with citizen’s participation. The country, which has grappled with issues of civil unrest for a long period is exploring new opportunities of reform and development.

The course is designed to build an exposure to the urban governance and urban management practices adopted in a neighboring country, which has many social and cultural similarities to India. The study tour will enable participants to learn about the urban governance set-up and service delivery provisions in different urban settlements of Sri Lanka.

Site visits will include tours to Municipal Council of Colombo, Balangoda, Nuwara Eliya and Kandy (to be confirmed). Students will interact with officials and get first hand understanding about urban management processes and institutional linkages. Practices related to community participation, slum up-gradation, tourism based local economic development and public private participation will be the focus. The course will also enable participants to expand their documentation skill.