EXPERTS DISCUSS BILBAO MODEL OF URBAN REJUVENATION

New Delhi, 10 March: A Spanish delegation today held a discussion with Indian experts on the subject of urban rejuvenation. The Spanish team was represented by Miguel Burzako, Cabinet Member, IboneBengoetxe, Deputy Mayor, and Gemma Rojo, Assistant Mayor, while the Indian delegation comprised Professor Dipankar Gupta, Professor Shubhashis Gangopadhyay, Dr Sreedeep Bhattacharya, Dr A K Krishna Menon, Dr Jagan Shah, General S Mehta (Retd), and Mr. Gautam Bhatia.

According to a Delhi government official, the two delegations met Mr Ashish Khetan, vice-chairperson of Delhi Dialogue Commission (DDC) and apprised him of the initiatives taken by Bilbao vity regarding urban rejuvenation and governance. Their discussions focused on river front management, waste management, preservation of culture, air and water pollution among other issues.

The DDC formed by the Aam Aadmi Party government in Delhi has drawn up a 15-point agenda on developing the Capital on various fronts. The Centre for Public Affairs and Critical Theory (Shiv Nadar University) organised a workshop titled "Urban Experiences: Bilbao & Delhi" today where the representatives of the Basque government from Spain had an interaction. Bilbao city has taken a lead role in zoning, urban planning, environment and pollution, urban governance, public spaces & public aesthetics. DDC was also invited to the workshop and it was represented by Ashish Joshi, member secretary.