

# Impact of Light and Color in Urban Beautification

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## ABSTRACT

*There are many disturbances and abnormalities in some areas of cities nowadays from a visual and general perspective. The result is that the dominant urban centres have been coloured or lighted without purpose and without colouring and lighting has been abandoned, or, in other words, the lighting and the colouring did not follow a specific design that causes confusion and visual disturbances itself and missing a sense of calm, style, and vitality in cities study by the author, this lack of a sense of calm, style, and vitality in cities has led to the rise of grey cities. to identify the needs of city's Chromatic and luminance and by considering the role of light and color in urban beautification and its impact on the perception of citizens and by qualifying of urban areas and visual perception and mental strengthening of citizens, design patterns are laid appropriate to the mood, climate, culture and urban style, so as to be provided in the necessity of date and mental well-being of citizens.*

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

One of the most important components that may quickly produce legibility, a sense of cohesion, and a sense of location while also being less expensive No matter the type or location of the center, the main problems and goals have always been to preserve and enhance intelligibility and identity in the city and all of its centres. This needs to be done through city planning and administration.. Any one of them, according to a variety of tools, can help us achieve this goal and receive the desired result.then, the construction of definite centre is colour and light. Until it is possible to maintain or create a distinctive colour palette for each city, whose component parts are all the same hue or a combination of hues used to define the face colour of metropolitan districts,

the colourful past of the city—or, to be more precise, its colour palette—helps us. Because of the chaos and lack of identification that pervade our cities, we all quickly think of a specific hue when we refer to particular locations inside them. The same standards apply to a city's identity and purpose, and designers must work to uphold them. They should also boost visual perception and give viewers a clear, legible, enjoyable mental image as a result of their presence in a public area. The concept of colour is lost without light because light and colour may give an area integrity, a variety of hue and light to suit and calculate, and make it distinctive, alive, and unmistakable. To put it another way, when cities grow in importance, address variety and readability increase, leading to feelings of identity, belonging, and legibility that can be

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luminance requirements, the role of light and colour in urban beauty, as well as its influence on how the general public views cities. Urban areas also fit the bill.

## 2. Methodology

Therefore, in the current study, we made an effort to determine the chromatic and brightness needs of the city using a descriptive-comparative survey, the use of library studies, and field observations. By categorising urban regions, visual perception, and mental strengthening of inhabitants, design patterns are put out suitably. We also addressed the importance of light and colour in urban beautification and its impact on people' perceptions..

## 3. Theoretical Basics

### 3.1. Color

Thus, in the current study's descriptive-comparative survey, utilising urban living as its primary example, using colour is one of the important characteristics. Color is one of the characteristics that aids in our understanding of an object's volume or space, along with an object's shape, size, gender, and texture. Often, the first thing a viewer observes about a picture is its colour. Any of us would find it difficult to envision a world without colour. In an urban environment, colours can be seen on people's bodies, building facades, roofs, floors, urban furniture, green spaces, automobiles, and even the city sky. A city's colouring can be significantly influenced by the colour of people's clothing. The design field can make extensive use of colour. Color stimulates and relieves eye fatigue. At whatever time of day or night, different colours generated zones (contrast) that provide new lighting and a vibrant, varied space. Additionally, employing colour may offer the space coherence and

unity, as well as make it stand out and be easier to recognise. It's interesting to note that producers and consumers typically do not pay a price for this use. For instance, the colours cyan and blue make us think of mosques and places of worship while the vivid and jovial colours make us think of children. Different hues can conjure up ideas, their meanings, and certain occasions. Dark green and black, for Ashura, and yellow, crimson, and orange, which are symbolic of autumn and the start of school, each give the city a different appearance.



### 3.2. light

The Forton particle stream that makes up light is emitted from a light source at a speed of 300,000 kilometres per second. There are two types of light used in parking lots: natural light, which is necessary for plant growth, provides room lighting during the day and creates varying shades, and artificial light, which is sometimes used to illuminate an area at night in order to emphasise and intensify certain characteristics of a location or to provide shade and lighting elements. The psychological effects of light are typically split into two groups: hot and cold: Fluorescent lights that make you feel cold and depressed are known as "cold light." These are the fluorescent lights that don't tend to be sunny. Warm lights come in a variety of seven different hues. like the sun, fire, burning lights, and the south with their emphasis on the colours red, orange, and yellow. Warm light

causes a face's chrome to reflect more, whereas cool light reflects less. Beauty is only meaningful in the presence of light and brightness; otherwise, it has no value.true Light can be perceived with our most precious sense of vision and is understood through consciousness. Light either causes the eye to create different forms of beauty and colour or causes it in a magical way.. Thus, the topic of light and how to cope with it can be brought up while discussing aesthetics and has a special position in art. The art of architecture, which includes science and the arts that can be related to the function of light, is covered in length in the topic on the use of natural light. The sources of artificial light are also increasing, as are lighting gadgets. Light is one of the aspects in architecture that comes after components and other ideas like structure, space systems, materials, colors, etc., and it must play its part as a separate element in the designing. One of the most crucial aspects of natural light is how it changes and moves throughout the day at different times of the day. The Impressionists' use of light to attract attention to subjects is found throughout their work. when artists were painting outside in direct sunshine with natural light after leaving their studios. This style was characterised by attention to the colour of light at various times of the day, reflections of variously coloured items in one another, the impact of the colours around it, and the use of unique and pure colour. Since ancient times, bright artefacts have always represented a living thing that awakened the human imagination through adoration and respect. And they praised, adored, and rendered them with fervour time, it has also been observed that most human cultures and societies with various rituals and religious beliefs pay undue attention to the fundamental element of light. Some cultures use sunlight in their rituals, and others

believed that lights shined from other worlds were the reason for the enigmatic interactions that allowed them to get there. Even today, luminous materials like lights, the sun, moon, crystal light, and fire are used in the many Eastern schools that teach yoga for mental focus. Getting out of the darkness of ignorance and turning light on soul of knowledge is always the ultimate desire of human. Light is symbolising of the divine wisdom and the source of all purity and goodness in most religions.

Religious buildings frequently use light as a typical element, independent of other elements and concepts used in the building in such a way that its beam is clearly visible within the body and the dark material volume, in effect shining divine light into the body of material, namely the human soul, that man achieve spiritual growth and development as a result of showing this allegory in the architecture. To better be able to communicate a sense of the spiritual, deep and dark portions of mediaeval churches and Islamic mosques have been embellished with light elements. And as a result of this type of hypnosis, he feels as though he is getting closer to the origin of existence.

## 4. Research Findings

### 4.1. Color in ancient cities

Older structures and centres used natural colours for building materials, which gave the city a unified and uniform appearance as well as more compatibility with the mood, climate, and cultural preferences of the populace. As a result, the colour of each city was created and was seen as a component of identity. So, despite variations in scale and effectiveness, the city as a whole was united. Every city has a distinctive colour that defines it. Urban landmarks in these places, particularly religious structures with blue tile decorations that shined on the earth, stood out. Every

observer had a vivid memory of the desert with its blue sky, green trees, and structures made of earth and turquoise domes. Because of its harmony, relaxation, and the variety of its colors, movement in such metropolitan regions was dynamic and varied.



### 4.2. Color in modern Cities

Color usage has become an unresolvable issue in our modern cities, leading builders, architects, designers, and regular people to use colour mindlessly and carelessly. Our cities are a vibrant, nameless, and disorganised canvas that only makes members of society depressed, psychotic, and anxious. In modern civilization, the ability to perceive space has been eliminated, and people lack a comprehensive understanding of how the places seem. Areas were thus reactively behaved and permitted the daily tempo that follows us into events and daily life! We act in response to significant concerns in our domains, such as the Color, using cross-sectional and case studies.

We don't have any established rules for urban regions in cities. Until designers, managers, and even individuals could select acceptable colours for their living spaces, the environment, climate, and our culture were all founded on colour design principles. To address the issue of colour in the city, we now need a complete strategy that includes colour design and organisation. Urban areas consequently experience a colour confusion. Colors don't always go well together or follow



the rules of specific hues. Color is a means of displaying wealth. According to the functional, physical, and psychological benefits of color, independent of size, this increase in colour usage in the environment is the result. In spite of high energy and cost charges, managers employ non-specialists to plan and equip their metropolitan regions, and the outcomes are surprisingly good. In order to distinguish the effects of other nearby buildings and flaunt their skills, non-specialists and occasionally even experts in architecture use colours that are heterogeneous and out of character with the field, function, and character of the surrounding landscape. As time goes on, these poor decisions become more and more obvious.

#### **4.3. Urban design perspective on Color**

A city on the Caspian Sea or a city in the desert with newer sections have little in common with Tehran in terms of color, which is itself a defining characteristic and a factor in improving readability. The cities of congruence and likeness can only be found between each other since this lack of identity, confusion, and disorder are universal. The colour of facades, windows, and doors, street furniture, flooring, and roofing, in other words, all urban features, varies from city to city depending on the climate, local materials, technology, and resources as well as taste and culture. These colours are also somehow used to identify each city's colour. Combining colour samples allows you to create a city's palette. The desirable town's colour scheme is on the predetermined and coordinated periphery, and it focuses largely on colour proportions. Color is one of the factors that, in addition to light color, texture, and form, influences how people perceive their surroundings visually. But possibly more than any other problem in the plan, it was handled carelessly. Light colours

are perceived as lighter than dark hues, which are heavier. In this instance, the black colour stands out and adds to the sense of emptiness. Distancing is induced by different colours. While cool colours depict a wider, distant area, warm colours provide the impression of a tighter, more intimate space. It should be noted that these proportions are also influenced by the way that colours look together and by the colour of the background..

#### **4.4. The effect of color on the perception of city and the citizens**

General colour perception is influenced by three things:

1. The conditions under which colour can be perceived;
2. The features of a reflector surface, such as its texture and capacity to either reflect or absorb light; and
3. The capacity to recognise colours.

Numerous research have been conducted on the psychological effects of colour and light on how we perceive space and time. Everyone is aware of how colour affects size (big and little), distance (far and near), temperature (hot or cold), and weight (light and heavy). Even the time scale sections, which are coloured differently, differ. For instance, those who attend lectures in a blue hall believe them to be long and boring, while those who attend the same lecture in a red hall find it to be thrilling and shorter. Regardless of other ambient and geographical features, the combination of these components results in extremely diverse effects on how people perceive the same place when using alternative colour schemes.

#### **4.5. The effect of color in legibility and identity of the city ..**

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#### 4.7. effect of color in variations and vitality

Colors provide distinct contrast (contrast) at various periods throughout the day and at any time, which results in a new shadow and makes an area look vibrant and varied. Lack of diversity and liveliness prevents people from being in the neighbourhood and engaging in civil life. According to this essay, it is simple to calculate and consider how to create diversity and happiness in a suitable setting. The most noteworthy example is how it has become clear that the various colours used by commercial streets and children's play areas to create joyful centres. Even on special events, people are reminded of different colours at different periods of the year. Everyone associates the various colouring of day and night with celebrations and festivities.

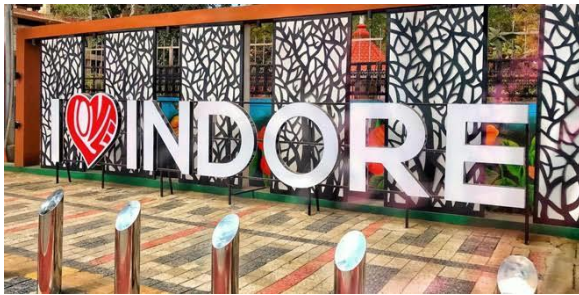


#### 4.7. The use of natural color in urban

Component elements of the city as well as adherence to the rules of colour mixing and matching will create a tranquil and welcoming ambiance for citizens, just as home furnishings and the space of residential environments must be provided harmony and order in the choice of colours. Urban green spaces are the primary source of a wide range of colours and have a significant impact on how a city's colours are perceived. Urban parks and green places' attractiveness is primarily influenced by color, thus choosing complementary hues with awareness will serve the intended purpose. Understanding colour psychology, colour combinations, and plant species providers are some of the responsibilities of landscape designers. In nature, you can find plants like trees, shrubs, and vegetation. This changes hue with the seasons due to the metropolitan landscape's diversity. There are two broad approaches that can be used to combine plant colours in any area:

The first technique involves mixing colours that are close to one another over the entire cycle, such as red, red-purple, and purple. With this colour combination, any size environment is more expansive and there is a wider selection of complementary colours. The colour will be restricted in contrast to the environment being minimised.

Second, the colour scheme is the antithesis of the first approach. In this method, complimentary and contrast colours are employed in opposition to one another. For instance, plant designers may use the complementary colours yellow and violet or red and green next to one another. This approach is typically utilised when the designer wants to draw attention and put the thoughts of the audience into perspective.



#### 4.8. The emotional effect of light on city spatial perception

Our minds construct subjective and objective representations of the world around us, and perceptual space is only made possible by taking in the details of the true image. It is important to emphasise that perceptual space differs from real space, and image space is the product of perception. Having a certain emotional impact on individuals, a location's environmental quality is a result of that area's prospective features being active when light enters the region. Sunlight and skylight are combined to create daylight. Sunlight is the primary or predominate light source in nature. Its vibrant colour produces zones of brightness and darkness. Shadows sound gloomy without skylight function, and subtleties are lost. Light has an impact on the qualitative attributes of the area's constituent parts. However, a space that is illuminated evenly is completely neutral, and darkness rarely exists. Unlike these two, the environment is both literally and aesthetically substantial, full of contrasts,

colors, and visual power. The perceptual context is formed by how light affects the subject's physical characteristics as well as the physical characteristics of space. The quality of the light changes throughout time; in fact, light is perceived as the fourth dimension of the atmosphere.

#### 4.9. Visual management

The development of strategic documents and construction management of protection from a macro perspective and the visual quality of the city, extraction of visual analytical techniques in large-scale of city, identification of potentials and visual issues seem necessary for city since the development of lack of identity, identities, and existing visual quality of cities are collapsing.



#### 5. Conclusions and suggestions

Aesthetic in all of the human condition is an important part of perception and action and human life and combination of elements of man-made and natural is just manifestation of the aspirations and thought of society. The beauty of city is not only affected by buildings but the form their relation to each other, walled city, public centers and visual qualities are also important. Social cohesion is town's main function, so the city should belong to the public, Physical environmental is integrity that I am a part of it, our perceptions followed of this integrity and make a beautiful appearance. Beautiful city induced beauty to human and by understanding the beauty, human moves towards perfection. If the city inspire beauty to citizens, they achieve calmness, happiness and balance. Whatever city physical beauty be

based on residents' culture and worldview its effect becomes more stable and more effective. We live in cities that steeped in light and color and influenced by the psychological effects of it. The colors and lighting are all like a big painting drawn in front of our eyes and each one catch the eye to one side. A large painting that seems to be never complete and new color and design will be added every time but alas, these colors are without the previous plan and instead of conducting color scheme in a purposeful way, it has suffered confusion and Of course, psychological effects of this undesirable confusion should not be ignored because people from morning to night are crossing and working and leisure the city and they are under the influence of these factors and various effects get such as excitement, relaxation, confinement, fear, power, boredom, creative etc. by proper, appropriate and scientific coloring and lighting can create suitable and beautiful visual with a favorable psychological effects. In conclusion, it is suggested that Instead of coloring and lighting tastily, by using the opinion of experts and specialists focused on to the preparation of master plan about color and light. In order to city come out from the chaos of color and light and go purposely. It is also suggested for Hamadan that city's master plan has been prepared for light and colors and by using the city's master plan is targeted to paint and lighting city. On the other hand, according to the climate of Hamedan, combination of deciduous trees can use for natural coloring city or by distributing questionnaires, favorite color of people with expertise opinion used more in the city and for up urban spaces it is suggested that by using this plan should be colored. It is suggested to paint streets wall as drivers can see just a few large color spots and on the eyes of observers who are walking on sidewalk observe the details of painting

beautifully, In this case, the suitable visual is created for drivers and pedestrian's curiosity is aroused. walls and furniture of city and around of Streets can be painted and lighted up with colors of orange, yellow, green, and blue Since the set of different shades of magenta cause muscle relaxation and elimination of their congestion and fatigue. . "Orange" is warm color and joyful radiation emits that would be refreshment and areas painted with yellow tones are energize and causes refreshment in visitors. The brighter colors are yellow family, the lower energy give us. By combining warmth of yellow to the comforting blue, the color "green" gives us energy and life. This relaxing color, get anxiety away us and relax tension and muscle cramps. Green is an ideal color for areas that need concentration and relaxation. "Blue" is the color of peace, power and health, and it can be said that has the proper features unlike red. This color reduces the heart rate and sweating and also decreases blood pressure. The light Blues clearly points out the sky and are colors of peace and entrances 11. of the city can be colored by focusing on blue and green. Because in these places need to be more relaxed. Due to the climate, its mountainous, snowy and foggy climate, it is recommended that Instead of using the fog lights that causes tediousness and lack of encouraging for citizens to present in the places and centers, use the white non-dazzling lamps that addition to inviting citizens into urban areas, lighting of buildings and elements become also more visible. Since, concerns and tensions of urban life cannot be completely eliminated, It is suggested using the seven colors of the rainbow by strengthen the chakra of body and to balance the positive and negative energy on levels of the left and right of body, Considering that all diseases have their roots in the human's unconscious, significantly and



dramatically reduce the tensions and stresses of everyday urban life. And thus to improve the quality of urban areas to promote citizens' perceptions and the final word can be attended to climate and tastes of the people and expert's opinion on master plan of color and light for the city of indore that Painting and lighting updated due to conditions and act Palmystic and generally enhance presence of people in the community, creating lively, vibrant and beautiful city; increase reflection of the city's identity, prevent contamination of color and visual disturbances, increase efficiency performance and activities of the city and urban living, and provide safe and dynamic city.

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