

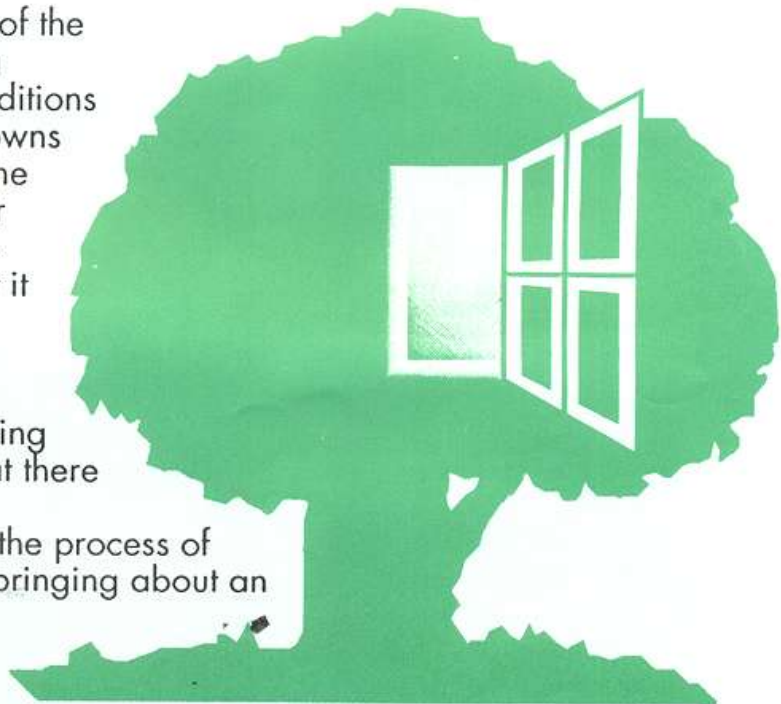
OPENING A WINDOW TO A BETTER URBAN ENVIRONMENT

SHEHRI

CITIZENS FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT

Was formed in 1988 by citizens and professionals to fight the deterioration of the urban environment.

We are all aware of the steadily worsening environmental conditions in our cities and towns and villages and the degradation of our living spaces. We are convinced that it is only through raising public consciousness and effectively articulating public pressure that there can be any hope of stemming the process of deterioration and bringing about an improvement in our environment.



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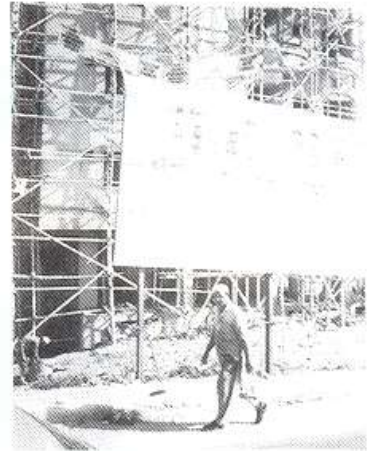
operates as a pressure group and a consciousness raising organisation interfacing with citizens, civic and metropolitan bodies and the government. It acts as a catalyst for generating debates and searching for solutions to the urban problems.

In the highly complex modern day civic life, it is important to understand the various components comprising the environment of our cities and towns.

SHEHRI emphasises that:



The neglect and often willful violation of building laws and city masterplans by civic and metropolitan authorities and vested interest has played havoc with the urban environment. SHEHRI is committed to act as a citizens' watchdog and strive to channelise the activities of the agencies in the public interest.



Local government and Local Bodies are responsible for smooth functioning of civic life including adequate provision of civic utilities and services and upkeep of recreational facilities for citizens. SHEHRI investigates

the efficiency of these bodies and since we are extremely under-legislated in this important area, SHEHRI also campaigns for better legislation to remove ambiguities and clearly define the role of each and every organ of the local government.





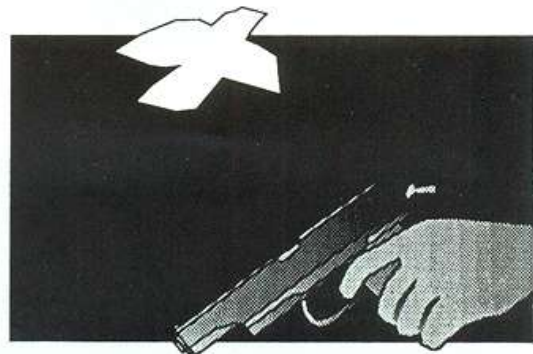
The beautiful period architecture of our cities, reflecting several eras of history are endangered by the greed of construction companies trying to pull them down and build highrises and commercial centres in their place. SHEHRI forcefully campaigns to preserve architectural heritage and retain the aesthetic character of our cities.






The runaway population growth in Pakistan has become especially unbearable in the urban areas. In our opinion it is not only threatening a complete breakdown of civic utilities and services, but the desperation resulting from overcrowding is largely responsible for the rise in crime and violence in our cities. It is therefore of prime importance for SHEHRI to raise the consciousness of common citizens towards the gravity of this problem and popularise the idea of family planning in Pakistan.



Urban environment in the final analysis depends on peace and harmony amongst the citizens. The growing trend of violence in our cities has acquired alarming proportions. SHEHRI is pledged to contribute towards a gunfree environment in Pakistan where diverse ethnic, linguistic and religious entities may co-exist in peace and harmony. In this context SHEHRI supports the rights of women and minority communities in all areas of life.



SHEHRI aims at:

-  Focussing on all pressing issues related to the above aspects of urban environment.
-  Providing a forum to citizens and professionals to search for solution of the urban problem
-  Highlighting the plight of the urban citizens, and encouraging and guiding citizens to campaign for their rights effectively

SHEHRI's membership is open to all concerned individuals who wish to make our environment better and our cities responsive to human needs and dignity.

SHEHRI is a registered organisation* with a general body of members and a core group that forms its Managing Committee.



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