Strategizing urban infrastructure specific to women, children & senior citizens.

Ajalaa meaning the `mother earth' in Sanskrit, is an urban social infrastructure proposal specific to inclusion of vulnerable groups ie. women, children, senior citizens for care and to be productive. Conceptualized in the background of the rising crime and violence in our cities and to lessen domestic violence, the concept went on to weave in a number aspects, which ended in an integrated, highly visible one window approach to issues pertaining to the target group.

Envisaged as **multifacilitation single umbrella structures** in a city& its suburbs which combine a plethora of facilities classified as: Crisis intervention & short stay support, Residential, Recreational, Informational, Health & Commercial services.

All state capitals including major cities, would have a Ajalaa Complexes within each electoral constituency connected to a central Ajalaa district as part of a cohesive countrywide network, under the brand Ajalaa.

<u>Viability:</u> But for the initial support in terms of funding, land, Ajalaa with its' wide range of quality, affordable services will be self sustaining, income generating. Catering to different economic capacities, additional funds generated by high end users will support / facilitate those from the lower income group.

<u>Implementation</u>: The Ajalaa projects are proposed to be implemented by a **consortium**, which would draw in the very best from the **N.G.O** and the **Corporate** sector. The **Nodal umbrella agency** would act as an interface between the government and the consortium.

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