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THE NEED FOR TRAINING OF PLANNING PROFESSIONALS

On the occasion of Annual General Meeting, Delhi Regional Chapter (DRC) of ITPI organized a seminar on 'The Need for Training of Planning Professionals' on 29th September 2005. The seminar was chaired by Professor A. K. Maitra, co-chaired by Professor Subir Saha, Director, SPA, New Delhi and presided over by Dr. A. N. Sachithanandan, President, ITPI. While introducing the theme of the seminar, Dr. Ashok Kumar, Assistant Professor of Planning, SPA New Delhi explained the basic purpose of perusing training programme for professionals. He noted that the planners should be equipped with new techniques for value addition to professional activities. Planners should be aware of innovative solutions and sensitive to caste, religion, gender and large social changes. He pointed out that planning education has been changing fast, particularly, planning theories and planning techniques due to enormous changes that are taking place

in urban governance, state of urbanization and management of settlements and influences of globalization. Planning practice has been changing too in respect of policies and political rights, funding patterns and globalization. So training is required to face these changes and improve skills, knowledge and values of the professionals. Planning schools and universities, ITPI, practicing and retired senior planners, NGOs and CBOs, activists and combinations of these should impart the skills, knowledge and values through training. All these groups also require training.

Presentations made by the key speakers namely Dr. S.P. Bansal, Director (Planning), Dwaraka DDA; Dr. N. Raghubabu, Senior Environment Specialist (GTZ); and Shri M. L. Chotani, TCP, TCPO and interactions among the delegates resulted in the following suggestions and recommendations.

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- Capacity building of planning professionals through in-service training programmes and refresher courses on regular basis is essential for effective planning and implementation of urban development plans, programmes, schemes, projects etc.
- As training is necessary for the planners, schools and universities should start developing training packages.
- Successful innovative projects and research work should be shared by the professionals to update their knowledge. This can be done by imparting information through training programmes.
- Training will improve the efficiency level of planners in terms of use of new technologies and equipments in the planning field.
- Planners should be responding to the paradigm shift in the profession. The paradigm shift is being observed in development plan preparation versus development planning, land use plans versus integrated spatial and economic plans, urban plan



Present on the dias are Dr. Ashok Kumar, Dr. S.P. Bansal, Shri R.M. Lal, Prof. Subir Saha, Dr. A. N. Sachithanandan, Prof. A. K. Maitra and Prof. Neerja Tikku (from left to right)

versus urban investment plans, city development plans versus sustainable and viable projects and schemes, urban extensions versus urban renewal and redevelopment, development control versus development promotion. Understanding of these changes should be imparted to the professional planners through properly developed training programmes.

- Planners should develop skills for the preparation and implementation of projects, schemes, preparation of budgets, and monitoring of projects by attending related training programmes.
- Training should emphasis on the issue of urban infrastructure, methodology of planning and development of projects.
- Toolkits propagating particular planning solutions should be developed.
- Plans should be sensitive to the environmental issues and planners

should be trained for the same. Development plans should ensure protection of environmental resource areas and comply with environmental laws.

- Training programs also should be developed to impart knowledge on changing needs of society, participatory processes of plan preparation, understanding and use of new technologies, sharing of knowledge and information on best practices, exchange and documentation of ideas.
- Training should be extended to all level of planning professionals as well as to the decision makers.
- Planning institutions including planning schools, universities and the ITPI should develop training, research and development cells to achieve above results.

The welcome address was given by Shri R.M. Lal, Chairman DRC. Prof. Neerja Tikku anchored the programme while a vote of thanks was extended by Prof. Mayank Mathur, Secretary, DRC.

theme of 'Plan Implementation and Enforcement: Innovative Mechanisms and Techniques' at Indore from 27th December 2004 to 29th December 2004 on the invitation of Government of Madhya Pradesh. While plenary session of the Congress was organized around the main theme, four technical sessions focused on the subjects of 'Public Participation and Partnership', 'Regulations that Promote Development', 'Governance and Capacity Building' and 'Experience of Mixed Land Uses in Madhya Pradesh'. The Congress was inaugurated by Shri Jayant Kumar Malayia, Honourable Minister of Urban Administration and Development, Government of Madhya Pradesh on 27th December 2004 at Hotel Sayaji, Indore. More than 250 delegates from various organizations, government and semi government departments, NGOs, and CBOs participated in the Congress. Besides senior members of the ITPI, heads of local bodies including Shri Madhu Verma, Chairman, IDA; Ms. Uma Shashi Sharma, Mayor IMC; Shri Satya Prakash, Principal Secretary, Housing and Environment, Government of Madhya Pradesh were amongst the other dignitaries present.

ITPI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2005

The Annual General Meeting, of ITPI was held on 29th September 2005 at the ITPI Conference Hall, 4-A Ring Road, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi at 1400 hours. Agenda of this meeting included the report of the Council of 2004-2005, accounts, balance sheet and auditor's report for 2004-2005, appointment of auditors and their remuneration, and presentation of scrutinizers' report on Council Elections 2005-2006. Shri B.C. Datta, Secretary General, while presenting the report of the Council 2004-2005 reiterated that ITPI, the apex body of town and country planning profession was established in 1951 to promote planned, economic, scientific and artistic development of towns, cities and rural areas besides fostering town and country planning education and research. Professional activities of the ITPI are being continuously promoted through Professional Standing Committee (PSC), and for promoting planning education, the Institute has constituted the Educational Standing Committee (ESC). Associateship Examination of ITPI is in operation since

1955, and has been recognized by Government of India for recruitment to superior planning positions. Research and training activities are being taken up through the Centre for Research, Documentation and Training (CRDT), which was set up in 1986.

While elaborating on the activities of the Council for 2004-2005, the Secretary General further noted that the Institute organized the 53rd National Town and Country Planners' Congress on the main

Dr. A.N. Sachithanandan, President, ITPI in his Presidential Address touched upon various important issues on the theme of implementation and felt that urban planners need to focus not only on plan making but also on urban management including urban governance. Good response was received by the contributors of the seminar papers. In all, sixty six technical papers were received from all over the country. Along with the publication of technical papers, a nicely



Annual General Meeting (2005), in Progress

designed Souvenir was also published which was released by the Honourable Minister of Urban Administration during the Congress. The Valedictory Address was delivered by Shri Rajinder Shukla, Honourable Minister of State for Housing and Environment, Government of Madhya Pradesh. The Congress emphasized on the need of planned development of urban centers and the countryside for improving the living environment, besides stressed on the speedy implementation of Development Plans and requested the planners to work on improving mechanisms of plan implementation keeping in mind the people in the forefront.

During the year 2004-2005 the Council organized seven meetings which were held not only in Delhi but also in different parts of the country for better interaction with various chapters and members. Organizing seminars during the period of the Council helped in highlighting planning and development problems and issues of the regions.

One Zonal Conference was also held in February 2005 at Bhubaneswar, Orissa on the theme 'Plan Implementation and Monitoring: Interface between Development Authorities and Government Departments of Urban Development'. This Conference was inaugurated by Shri K.B. Singh Deo, Minister of Urban Affairs, Government of Orissa. Delegates in the Conference highlighted the need for better interaction and co-ordination with various agencies for implementation of urban development programmes in the best possible manner so that living environment of urban centers in Orissa could be improved. The Conference was attended by government officials and officials of the public, semi-public agencies and the NGOs.

The Council has also taken up a number of issues with various state government departments. Because of the intervention of the ITPI, the University Grants Commission dropped their earlier decision of discontinuance of Physical Planning course of various academic institutions. However, the UGC has categorically noted that academic institutions should follow standard nomenclatures such as B. Tech. (Planning) and M. Tech. (Planning).

A proposal was sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs on Disaster Risk Management and Sensitization Programme for Town Planners on their invitation. A revised proposal was sent to the Ministry of Urban Affairs for Prime Minister's National Award for Excellence in Planning and Design at their invitation.

In response to the public notice given by the DDA in the newspapers ITPI has submitted a number of suggestions for improving the quality of 2021 Master Plan for Delhi. The suggestions covered the aspects of population, environment, utilities and services, traffic and transportation, mechanisms of implementation, etc. All the suggestions were prepared on the basis of discussions held during the meetings of the ITPI's High Powered Committee comprising of reputed town planners from industry as well as academia.

In a bid to assemble expert opinions for assisting the Institute to take up appropriate positions on important planning issues with a view to influencing central and state government policies, the institute constituted six Expert Groups. These Groups are required to focus on the issues of Urban Management and Governance, Environmental Planning, Traffic and Transportation, Urban Heritage and Conservation, Infrastructure, Urban Services and Housing, and Disaster Management. They will initially act as think tanks of the ITPI, and will work in conjunction with PSC and ESC. Some of these Groups have already met once or twice to chalk out priorities for research. In case, it is felt that certain other areas are also required to be identified, the ITPI may constitute more expert groups in future.

On the recommendation of Town Planning Examination Board (TPEB), a three member committee was constituted for reviewing the Thesis Manual and Curriculum for Associateship Examination of ITPI. A draft report has been submitted by this Committee. This three member committee was also given the task of preparing the standardized format for publication of Newsletters by Regional Chapters. The Committee has already submitted the guidelines and

format for implementation by the Regional Chapters.

Several dignitaries visited the ITPI and discussed various issues involving professional matters with the office bearers like the team of planners from the SAARC countries namely Bangladesh, Shri Lanka, etc. On the request of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, an interactive meeting was organized by the ITPI with the distinguished guest of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Dr. Nagy Imre, the honourable Mayor of Eger Town and Country Rank, Hungary.

The activities of the various standing committees for the year 2004-2005 are given below.

Professional Standing Committee (PSC)

The PSC took up a issue related to furthering the interest of the professional town planners' working in public and semi-public departments, and practicing besides educationists and researchers. The Committee also took up the matter related to the appointment of qualified town planners in government and semi-government departments in various parts of the country. The PSC recommended to the Council 124 nominations for awarding Associates and 14 as Fellow.

Educational Standing Committee (ESC)

The Committee deliberated on the Model Scheme for postgraduate education in planning and also considered various documents sent by the Arvind Bhai Patel Institute of Environmental Design, Vallabh Vidyanagar in Gujarat and the Sardar Vallabhabhai National Institute of Technology, Surat for reviewing of recognition and recommended that an expert team may be sent to the above institutions for reviewing the courses and other related matters before granting ITPI recognition for registration of students passing out from these institutions for Associate Member.

During the year 2004-2005, 106 applications were received for the Associateship Examination of the ITPI out of which 89 were admitted. In addition

92 students appeared in the Associateship Examination in different subjects.

Editorial Board (EB)

In 2004-2005, all the four issues of the ITPI Journal and that of the ITPI Newsletter were published. The souvenir and a seminar volume containing 66 technical papers presented at the 53rd NTCP held at Indore were also edited and published.

Finance Committee (FC)

The Committee looks into financial management of the Institute. It examined and recommended the budget submitted by the various chapters for approval of the Council. The ITPI prepared the budget for the year 2004-2005 keeping in view the requirements of various chapters and the headquarter.

Regional Chapters Building Committee (RCBC)

The RCBC reviewed the status and progress of work undertaken for construction of chapter buildings. On its recommendations, a grant of Rs.1.54 crore was released to the various Regional Chapters including Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, North-East, Orissa and West Bengal for and purchase of land, and construction of buildings, etc. The release of funds has been linked with the submission of utilization certificates for approved construction activities. Regional Chapters are also required to furnish details of amount raised by them as their contributions and details of expenditure on various items and payments made to contractors.

Headquarter Building Committee (HQBC)

During the year 2004-2005, the Committee members made inspection and gave suggestions for bringing about improvements in the Hostel and other guest rooms, which have been duly implemented. The Committee continuously monitors Hostel accommodation for members through inspections, interactions and feedback from the guests.

Library Committee (LC)

Library Committee recommended purchase of planning books and also suggested modernization of the headquarters' library by taking assistance of a qualified librarian. In addition, one of the staff members has been trained to look after the work of library. Some of the suggestions such as obtaining membership of DELNET, etc., are being taken up for implementation. A few books as approved by the LC are being added to the library.

Evaluation Committee (EC)

The Evaluation Committee scrutinized applications for associate and fellow membership, and recommended names of 124 persons for the award of Associates and 14 Fellow.

Information Technology Committee (ITC)

IT Committee discussed issues regarding development of website www.itpiindia.org with TRPI site, Library, Literature Information System, and also had some Interaction with IT industry, remote sensing and the Journal on GIS, etc. Existing website is being improved and updated with the help of experts.

REGIONAL CHAPTERS ACTIVITIES

Andhra Pradesh Regional Chapter, Hyderabad

During the year 2004-2005, Andhra Pradesh Regional Chapter organised several lectures, seminar and workshops. The following important seminars were held.

- 'Drivers of urban Planning-2004' on 3rd July 2004
- 'Action Plan for Traffic Problems of Hyderabad' on 28th August 2004
- 'Planning of Urban Infrastructure' on 8th October 2004
- 'Traffic and Transportation Systems' on 24th November 2004
- 'Disaster caused by Tsunami' on 6th January 2005 and
- 'Emerging Trends in Urban Management with emphasis on Implementation of Traffic and

Transportation Plan' on 11th June 2005

Construction of the Regional Chapter building is in the final stages having guest rooms and offices on the first floor, second floor and the third floor. The building is being made ready for use.

Bihar Regional Chapter, Patna

Workshop on 'Planning Aspects of New Bihar: A Vision for 2100' was organised in February 2005.

Delhi Regional Chapter, New Delhi

Delhi Regional Chapter organized the following important seminars, events and talks during the year 2004-2005.

- Brain storming session on 'Information Technology in Spatial Planning and Governance' on 30th April 2004
- Presentation on 'The Role of Trees for Abatement of Vehicular Pollution: A Case Study of Delhi' on 9th July 2004
- Workshop on 'Emerging Needs of Planning Education: Institution-Industry Interface' on 27th September 2004
- Seminar on 'Cities as Engines of Rural Development: Implications for the National Capital Region' on 4th November 2004
- Presentation on 'Donors International (India)' on 15th February 2005
- Lecture on 'Shifting paradigms towards an Ecological Structure of Governance' on 1st April 2005
- Seminar on 'Synergy between MPD - 2021 and RP-2021' on 8th April 2005
- Presentation on 'Planning for Permanent Settlements in Tsunami Affected Areas of Andaman and Nicobar Islands' followed by a brain storming session on 'Transportation Problems and Issues in NCT Delhi'.

During the year 2004-2005, DRC also published two issues of chapter newsletter in October 2004 and April 2005.

Haryana Regional Chapter, Panchkula

The HRC (Panchkula) organised a workshop on the subject of 'Urban and Regional Plan Formulation and Implementation' on 5th March 2005 at SITA Holiday Resort, Manesar, Gurgaon. The chapter also published two issues of its newsletter. Construction of the chapter building is going on in full swing. The Chapter has been able to raise considerable amount of funds as donations for its professional activities.

Karnataka Regional Chapter, Bangalore

The Chapter organised ITPI Council meeting held on 30th July 2005 at Bangalore. It also organized a talk on the World Habitat Day on 4th October 2004 and a workshop on 'Guidelines for Use of Glass in Buildings' on 7th July 2004. The Chapter published four issues of the chapter newsletter.

Kerala Regional Chapter, Thiruvananthapuram

Kerala Regional Chapter organised a workshop on 'Conservation of Heritage Buildings' on 22nd April 2005. Legal problems about land for the construction of chapter building have been sorted out and construction work would start shortly.

Madhya Pradesh Regional Chapter, Bhopal

The Chapter assisted ITPI in successfully organising the 53rd NTCP Congress held at Indore from 27th to 29th December 2004 on 'Plan Implementation and Enforcement: Innovative Mechanisms and Techniques'. Besides, the Chapter organised seminar on 'Strategy for New Housing Policy' on 1st October 2004, and a talk on 'Globalisation and Rural Development' by Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi on 7th July 2004.

Three issues of the chapter newsletter were also published. The Chapter in collaboration with IZA organised a presentation on 'Preservation of Historical Buildings' on 16th February 2005.

Maharashtra Regional Chapter, Mumbai

During the year 2004-2005, the Chapter organised seminars on 'Innovative Implementation of Development Plans' and 'Proposed Modifications to the Development Plans and Regional Plans for permitting Special Townships in Maharashtra' on 9th October 2004.

The Chapter building is now ready for use by the ITPI members. In front of the building, open space under the high tension line have been landscaped with the permission of CIDCO for improving the environment.

Maharashtra Regional Chapter, Nagpur

Maharashtra Regional Chapter, Nagpur organised a seminar on the 'Impact of International Cargo Hub (MIHAN)' on 9th December 2004. The Chapter building is now functional.

North-East Regional Chapter, Guwahati

North-East Regional Chapter, Guwahati organised a seminar on 'River Front Development of Guwahati' on 4th October 2004, besides publication of two issues of the Chapter newsletter, one day workshop on 'Urban Governance in the North-East' was also organised on 26th February 2005 at Dimapur, Assam.

Orissa Regional Chapter, Bhubaneswar

Orissa Regional Chapter, Bhubaneswar organised the East Zone Conference on 'Plan Implementation and Monitoring: Interface between Planning Authority and ULBs' on 6 February 2005 at Hotel Triumph Residency, Bhubaneswar. Single storey well planned Chapter building is ready for occupation now.

Rajasthan Regional Chapter, Jaipur

During the year 2004-2005, two seminars were organised on 'Formulating Five Year Action Plans for Chapter Activities' on 18th January 2005 and 'GIS Application in Preparation of Master Plan' on 7th March 2005. The President of the Bangladesh Institute of Town Planners, Dhaka paid a visit to the Chapter. The construction work of building at Udaipur

is well underway. The Chapter has sent a proposal to State Government to undertake a training programme of 'Capacity Building for Officials of Urban Local Bodies of the State' at the Chapter level.

Tamil Nadu Regional Chapter, Chennai

The Chapter completed construction of compound wall on the land allocated for the construction of building, and is ready with the preparatory work for the construction of chapter building.

West Bengal Regional Chapter, Kolkata

The Chapter organised a seminar on 'Metropolitan Planning Committees: Engines of Metropolitan Planning and Development' jointly with KMDA in September 2004. Besides the Chapter also organized workshops on 'KMC Building Rules and LUDCP' on 22nd May 2004 and 'Implementation of Infrastructure Services in Urban and Rural Areas' on 26th February 2005.

The Chapter also organised lectures and talks on the occasion of the World Environment Day on 11th June 2004, World Habitat Day on 4th October 2004 and also on World Town Planning Day on 19th November 2004. The Chapter published two issues of the chapter newsletter. Construction of the second floor and third floor at Salt Lake City, Kolkata has been completed to have more space for chapter activities, guestrooms, etc.

ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL REPORT AND APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

The Report of the Council for the year 2004-2005 besides Accounts, Balance Sheet and Auditor's Report 2005-2005 was adopted by the AGM. The appointment of M/s Sarkar and Associates Chartered Accountants was also approved on same remuneration as decided by the AGM last year. The Scrutinizer's Report for the Council Election 2005-2006 was also presented in the AGM and the following Council members were declared elected.

Council 2005-2006

- Shri A.N. Sachithanandan
- Shri Aniyam Mathew
- Shri B.C. Datta
- Shri Dalim Kumar Gogoi
- Shri Dharam Singh
- Shri D.S. Meshram
- Shri Jagadish Chandra Datta
- Shri Kuldip Singh Dhaliwal
- Shri M.Sivashanmugam
- Shri M.S. Khan
- Shri Minaketan Das
- Shri N.K. Patel

- Shri P.V. Deshmukh
- Shri Pradeep Kapoor
- Shri Raj Vir Singh
- Shri S. Satyanarayana
- Shri Shrirang Landge
- Shri Smaran Kumar Das
- Shri V.M.Hegde
- Shri V.P. Kulashrestha
- Shri Vishnu Khare

In addition Dr. A.N. Sachithanandan, Shri V.P. Kulshrestha and Shri B.C. Datta would be ex-officio members of the Council 2005 - 2006.

- Website of the ITPI to be updated regularly through experts
- To check commencement of courses awarding degrees like Bachelor of Architecture (Planning) and Master of Architecture (Planning)
- To check commencement of courses awarding Diploma in Town Planning
- Making Bachelor of Planning eligible for various positions in different departments and organizations
- Best Thesis Award for Bachelor of Planning students
- Strengthening of the CRDT

ITPI COUNCIL 2005-2006

In the first meeting of the Council 2005-2006 held on 30th September, 2005; the following office bearers were elected.

President

Shri D.S. Meshram

Vice President

Shri Aniyam Mathew

Secretary General

Shri Pradeep Kapoor

The members of the Council discussed and identified the following issues to be taken up on priority during the year 2005–2006.

- Issue related to the General Agreement on Trade and Services (GATS)

- Common nomenclature for planning degrees offered by various planning schools and institutions.
- Preparation of Town planner's working manual
- Revision of rates for professional planning practice
- Common designation of urban and regional planners working in various departments / organizations
- Qualifications for practicing urban and regional planners to be clearly specified
- Appointment of only qualified planners on the posts of urban and regional planners - matter to be taken up with the state governments departments / organizations concerned

The following committees have also been constituted in the first meeting of the council:

Executive Committee

President:

Shri D.S. Meshram

Vice President:

Shri Aniyam Mathew

Secretary General:

Shri Pradeep Kapoor

Members:

Dr. A.N. Sachithanandan

Shri Dharam Singh

Shri Minaketan Das

Dr. Ashok Kumar (Secretary Publication)

Shri R. Biswas (Secretary Examination)

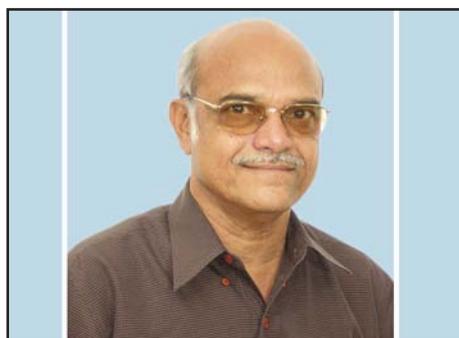
CHAIRMEN, CO-CHARMEN AND SECRETARIES OF COMMITTEES, 2005-2006

Name of Committee	Chairman	Co-Chairman	Secretary
Professional Standing Committee	Shri H. K. Yadav	Shri S.C. Mahagaonkar	Shri Jibesh Paul
Educational Standing Committee	Prof. Subir Saha	Dr. Krishna Gowda	Prof. Ashawani Luthra
Information Technology Committee	Shri B.Mahendra	Shri P.K. Rajkhowa	Shri P.S. Uttarwar
Finance Committee	Shri S.B. Verma	Eapen Verghese	Shri Pradeep Kapoor
Regional Chapters Building Committee	Shri S.P.Pendharkar	Shri H.S. Sancheti	Shri Ranjan Chattopadhyay
Library Committee	Shri S.Santhanam	Shri N.R. Verma	Shri N.S. Periyaswamy
Head Quarter Building Committee	Dr. S.P. Bansal	Shri Rajeev Malhotra	Shri S.B. Khodankar
Congress Technical Committee	Prof. E.F.N. Ribeiro	Shri S. Muzaffer Hussain	Prof. Sarup Singh Minhas
Evaluation Committee	Shri S.S. Mathur	Shri S.L. Kalyan	Prof. Mayank Mathur



First Council Meeting (2005-2006) is in progress Presided by Shri D.S. Meshram, President ITPI; Shri Aniyam Mathew, Vice-President ITPI; (on his left) and Shri Pradeep Kapoor, Secretary General ITPI (on his right)

ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS (2005-06) OF ITPI



Diwakar S. Meshram, President

Shri D.S. Meshram has the unique distinction of being the President of the Institute for nine terms. Due to his initiatives, the Institute was awarded a study on 'Urban Development Plan Formulation and Implementation (UDPFI)' by the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation in 1996, which culminated as the UDPFI Guidelines being followed by various departments / organizations. The Development Plan for the Universal Township of Auroville was prepared by him adopting the UDPFI Guidelines to demonstrate its practical applicability. The Institute under his Presidency acquired land for construction of a majority of the Regional Chapter buildings. It was due to his efforts that annual ITPI Conference was regularly sponsored by the parent Ministry. He initiated the idea of organizing Annual Zonal Conferences by the ITPI on the themes of regional interests and ensured that such conferences are held in different zones regularly.

Shri D.S. Meshram was the Chief Planner, Town and Country Planning Organization, Government of India for over 12 years and was responsible for elevating the status of Chief Planner to Jt. Secretary in Government of India. Initially he was in charge of a very important scheme of the Five Year Plan that is Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT). He pushed through modernization schemes such as Urban Mapping and Urban Information System (URIS). These were given practical demonstration as part of successive Five Year Plans. The process of functioning with the help of modern tools and technologies was carried forward by him. Use of computer software and hardware was given fillip and its use was impressed upon the State Town Planning Departments. The Regional Plan of Bharatpur based on GIS, was initiated by him as a demonstration project. Software with an automated system was developed in the TCPO to replace the manual scheme of monitoring Town Planning Schemes. The Model Town and Country Planning Law was revised while he was the Chief Planner to bring it in conformity with the 73rd and 74th Constitution Amendments.

Shri Meshram represented India at several international meets including the Commonwealth Association of Planners in Canada, UNDP Conference on Population at Barcelona in Spain, Barrier Free Environment in Indonesia, Thailand and China, and Congress on Environmental Pollution in New York and

Washington. He delivered lectures at prominent academic institutions including the University College of London and Lal Bahadur Shastri Academy, Massauri on urban development and management. He has undergone training in disaster mitigation and risk management in Sweden and visited England, Norway, Germany, the Netherlands, France, Luxemburg, etc.

Shri Meshram was born on 16th May 1941 at Nagpur. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Arts and Bachelor's Degree in Architecture from Nagpur University. He got his Master's Degree in Town and Country Planning from the School of Architecture and Planning, Chennai and LLB from the Punjab University, Chandigarh. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Town Planners, India.



Aniyam Mathew, Vice President

Shri Aniyam Mathew graduated in civil engineering from the University of Kerala in 1963. He has been a consultant to many NGOs involved in development activities. He also played pivotal role in poverty alleviation programmes organized in south India by agencies such as USAID, CIDA and the Government of Belgium. During late 1960s, he associated himself with the pioneering work of world-renowned architect Laurie Baker.

His vast experience with the aid agencies prompted him to learn town planning as a specialization and accordingly he did his postgraduate degree from the School of Architecture and Planning, Chennai. In 1975, a German aid agency invited Shri Aniyam Mathew to join them as a planner. His task was to design medium sized development projects in different parts of the third World. WHO has adopted some of his designs as type-

plans for primary health centres for various climate zones.

Since his return to India, Shri Mathew has been working as a freelance planner. He devotes considerable time for the Regional Chapter of the ITPI as well as for the ITPI Council. Shri Aniyam Mathew has traveled extensively in Europe and India. He is currently honorary consultant to the Governor of Meghalaya.



Pradeep Kapoor, Secretary General

Shri Pradeep Kapoor is working as Deputy Town Planner with the Government of Rajasthan. Presently he is the Nodal Officer for Rajasthan Urban Spatial Data Centre established by the

Government of Rajasthan in the State Town Planning Department. In the capacity of Deputy Town Planner, he has been involved in the preparation of the Model Building Regulations for urban areas of the state. Draft Rajasthan (Conservation of Heritage Buildings, Heritage Areas and Heritage Precincts) Bill was prepared by Shri Kapoor as Deputy Town Planner (Projects). He completed his postgraduate degree in Regional Planning from IIT Kharagpur in 1981. In 1992, he completed a postgraduate diploma in Management from IGNOU. He has been actively involved in the various activities of Rajasthan Regional Chapter including that of the Treasurer, Secretary and Chairman. Shri Kapoor was instrumental in procuring land for the chapter building in Rajasthan and for construction thereon. He was Council member of ITPI in 1988–1999 and Chairman RCBC in 2001- 2002. He has been elected as Secretary General for two terms during 2002-2004. During 2004-2005, he was the Chairman, Finance Committee of ITPI. Shri Pradeep Kapoor has been elected Secretary General for the third term (2005-2006).

- Urban transport planning and management;
- Road and parking pricing;
- Public transport systems;
- Environmental and ecological considerations;
- Transport sustainability;
- Infrastructure and maintenance;
- Information systems and GPS applications;
- Transport security and safety;
- Transport technology;
- Energy and transport fuels; Land use and transport integration

Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, covers an area of 496 sq km and has a population of 1.21 million. The city sits amid the gentle landscapes of the Bohemian plateau, straddling the Vltava River, which is the longest river in the Czech Republic. Prague consists of five historical towns and within these historical districts are most of the city's attractions. Prague has been relatively untouched by the wars of the twentieth century and is now one of Europe's most popular tourist destinations. It boasts beautiful architecture including cathedrals and palaces. It is a city of European culture offering various galleries and nature preserves. The city's historical centre was added in 1993 to the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List.

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Third International Conference on Waste Management and the Environment

Third International Conference on 'Waste Management and the Environment' is being organized from 21st to 23rd June 2006 in Malta, following the success of conferences held in Cádiz in 2002 and Rhodes in 2004. The conference will address the need for the exchange of

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS / CONGRESS

International Conference on Urban Transport and Environment

Twelfth International Conference on 'Urban Transport and the Environment in the 21st Century' is scheduled from 12th July 2006 to 14th July 2006 at Prague, Czech Republic. Transportation in cities, with its related environmental and social concerns continues to be a topic of the utmost priority for urban authorities and central governments around the world. Frequently, the concern is not orderly but driven by the safety crises, which take place regularly, and even the best-planned urban transport systems require considerable studies to safeguard their safety, maintenance and operational use. On a broader front, the continuing need for better urban transport systems in general and the need for a healthier environment has led to an increased level of research around the world. All these topics continue to be of importance for analyzing the complex inter-relation of the urban transport environment and for establishing action strategies for

transport and traffic problems. The conference series has always attracted a wide international spread of delegates and is now well established as the premier annual event. It first started in Southampton (1995); continuing in Barcelona (1996); Acquasparta, Italy (1997); Lisbon (1998); Rhodes (1999); Cambridge, UK (2000); Lemnos, Greece (2001); Seville (2002); Crete (2003); Dresden (2004) and Algarve (2005).

The conference will be of interest to engineers, scientists and managers working in industry, universities, research organizations and government; involved in the planning and management of urban transportation systems and policy.

Papers are invited on following topics

- Transport logistics and operations research;
- Transport modeling and simulation;
- Intelligent transport systems;

scientific information among experts in this rapidly growing area of research and applications. Waste management is becoming one of the key problems of the modern world, an international issue that is intensified by the volume and complexity of waste discarded by society's domestic and industrial waste. Unfortunately, many of the practices adopted in the past were aimed at short-term solutions without sufficient regard or knowledge for long-term implications on health, the environment or sustainability and this, in many cases, is leading to the need to take difficult and expensive remedial action.

With our growing awareness of the detrimental environmental effects of current waste disposal, there is a significant onus of accountability for effective waste management. Better practice and safer solutions are required. Is there a need for more research on current disposal methods such as landfill, incineration, chemical and effluent treatment, but also on recycling, waste minimization, clean technologies, waste monitoring, public and corporate awareness, and general education.

The conference will be of interest to environmental engineers, local authority representatives, waste disposal experts, research scientists in the area of waste management, civil engineers and chemical engineers.

Papers are invited on following topics

- Landfills, design, construction and monitoring;
- Hazardous waste, disposal and incineration;
- Air pollution control;
- Waste pre-treatment, separation and transformation;
- Waste reduction and recycling;
- Use of natural resources;
- Material flow analysis;
- Metal and ceramic recycling;
- Advanced waste treatment technology;
- Methodologies and practices;
- Clean technologies;

- Bio-solids, composting and agricultural issues;
- Biological treatment of waste; Toxicity evaluation;
- Packaging and packaging waste;
- Construction and demolition waste;
- Environmental health effects;
- Waste management, strategies and planning;
- Costs and benefits of waste management options;
- Waste collection, transportation and logistics;
- Water and wastewater treatment; Groundwater cleanup and control.
- Community involvement and education

The Maltese Islands lie virtually at the centre of the Mediterranean, with Malta 93 km south of Sicily and 288km north

of Africa. These Islands have sometimes been described as one big open-air museum. Attractions include various museums of architecture and art, palaces, churches and gardens, as well as the local towns and villages and the sister islands of Gozo and Comino. Carnivals take place throughout the summer, which are occasions not to be missed. Throughout its history, Malta has acted as a safe harbor for refuge, an important trading point, a staging post for rest and replenishment and a vital military and naval base.

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NATIONAL WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

Regional Science Conference on 'Globalization, Reforms and Regional Development'

Thirty Seventh Annual Regional Science Conference will be held at Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore from 6th to 8th January 2006, with a special focus on developing countries with particular reference to India. The Conference will address the problems of 'globalization, reforms and regional development strategies'. The themes and sub-themes will enable the participants to discuss the specific spatial problems of development at urban and regional level and analyze the impact of globalization, liberalization and privatization on the regional economies.

The International Regional Science Symposium and the 37th Regional Science Conference will provide a forum to discuss the above problems at national and regional level to arrive at suitable development strategies for reducing spatial disparities in development, etc. Researchers, government and non-government officials and institutions will deliberate upon the following sub-themes:

- Economic liberalization, and their impact on Urban and Regional Economies
- Recent Trends in Regional Science Research and Training
- Application of GIS and Remote Sensing in Urban and Regional Planning and Development.

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Sustainable Development Summit: DSDS 2006

Energy was not identified and specified as an MDG (Millennium Development Goal) during the Johannesburg Summit. Yet the provision of energy is critical to meeting all the MDGs. The challenge of providing energy to over two billion people in the world, who have no access to modern forms of energy supply, is daunting. With oil prices around 60 dollars per barrel, and with little prospect of a decline, this challenge assumes larger dimensions. At the same time, the

problem of climate change, on which the scientific evidence is now overwhelming, receives widespread attention among policy makers, such as in the Gleneagles Summit of the G-8 leaders in July 2005. Similarly, problems with water and sanitation, which have energy implications and are essential for health and human welfare, are reaching crisis proportions in some parts of the world. Energy, climate change, and the challenges of providing safe drinking water and proper sanitation facilities are issues linking all the MDGs accepted by the global community.

Sustainable Development Summit 2006 will be held from 2nd to 4th February 2006 at New Delhi. The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) invites attention to the sixth edition of the Delhi Sustainable Development Summit - DSDS 2006. As with every year since 2001, the Summit will seek involvement, advice, and ideas to challenge significant socio-economic and environmental barriers to worldwide sustainable development of all stakeholders and share forum with respected leaders, thinkers, and the best corporate brains to share their experiences and ideas on the Summit's theme. The deliberations of DSDS 2006 will culminate in a 'Delhi Declaration on Sustainable Development', which will be tabled at major international forums. Themes include

- Involving diverse stakeholders: partnering for change;
- Ensuring people's participation: governance issues for meeting sustainability challenges;
- Applying science and technology for sustainable development;
- Health and sanitation: a crucial determinant
- Agricultural threats: coping and adaptation strategies

TERI has proposed to build on its thought leadership in the sustainable development sphere by constituting World Sustainable Development Forum (WSDF). The Forum will aim to collate, analyze, and disseminate concepts and ideas that emerge in the DSDS and similar events. Thus, the WSDF is envisaged as the conduit that will

translate the intellectual output of the DSDS and similar regional events into effective, workable interventions to alleviate poverty, promote environmental sustainability, and create conditions for a sustainable future.

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National Conference on Urban Transport Planning and Management

With rapid urban growth and migration of population from rural areas to urban centers, provision of adequate urban transport services has become an important issue. Inadequacy of these services in terms of quality and quantity has led to unprecedented growth in numbers and usage of personalized modes of transport. On the other hand, the road space available in all urban centers has shown a minor growth leading to problems of environmental pollution, road congestion, fuel wastages and road safety. These problems can be effectively dealt with if commuters are encouraged to shift to public transport services for their work related trips and restrict the usage of personalized modes to non-work trips. The prerequisite for bringing about this change would be provision of adequate, cost-effective and dependable public transport system.

To discuss the above issues, the Central Institute of Road Transport (CIRT) in collaboration with the Association for Transport Development in India, New Delhi is organizing a three day National Conference on 'Urban Transport Planning and Management' from 20th to 22nd October 2005 at CIRT, Pune.

The Conference will provide a platform for exchange of ideas and information from a large cross section of stakeholders associated with urban transportation. Broadly the National Conference aims at the following themes:

- Urban Transport Policy and planning perspective

- Emerging Issues in urban Transportation
- Role of State Transport Undertakings in Urban Transportation
- Role of Railways in Urban Transportation-MRTS and Sub-urban Railways
- Inter-modal Transportation
- Logistic Management in Urban Transportation
- Traffic management in urban Transportation
- Institutional Framework in urban transportation
- Integrated urban land-use transport planning
- Commercialization of urban transport infrastructure
- Urban roads and urban transportation
- Emerging urban bus technologies including enhanced accessibility for the disabled
- Alternate fuel technologies and pollution control
- Financing of urban transport-subsidies, taxation and other related fiscal issues.

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World Expo 2005

What is your city going to be like in the year 2020? What are we going to do in order to cope with a changing environment? What can local governments do in order to favor sustainability? Which policies have proven to be effective? What new policies need to be devised, to meet the new challenges of Sustainability? The importance of leadership, social and political support, and a correct analysis of spatial economic conditions are important factors in sustainable development planning.

World Expo 2005 to address all these issues will be structured and a delivery mechanism so formed, which will enable the State level officers / decision makers to carry forward the projects and new ideas that would have been identified,

during the World Expo, for fruitful follow up and implementation. India faces a huge challenge in Sustainable Development, especially in the area of Environment Management, with growing Urbanization and Industrialization. This leads to environment degradation like Water Shortage / Pollution, Waste, Hazardous Waste, Bio-Medical Waste, Municipal Solid Waste, Plastic Waste, Health Issues, Transport Bottle Necks, Landfill Sites Shortages, etc.

To address these issues, we need cost effective technologies, funding and working of Government-Private partnerships.

A three day exhibition and eight days seminar / workshops will bring together the Central Government, and all the 34 State Governments, Union Territories, Business and Civil society to pursue sustainable development strategies and solve socio-economic problems jointly. A forum where State Governments, Mayors, city planners, civil society organizations, academicians and other related officials will together discuss strategies, present case studies and suggest solutions to reduce urban complexity by creating an environment for sustainable development.

A platform where exhibitions / participants from all over the world, Indian private sector, PSUs and Government bodies will meet and showcase products, innovations, technologies and services with its impact on local prosperity and the quality of life.

The conference is being organized from 2nd to 5th November 2005 in collaboration with Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology : BSNL Ltd; Planning Commission, Ministry of HRD: All IITs; IICs Bangalore; School of Planning and Architecture Delhi; IIM Ahmedabad and Bangalore; Ministry of Commerce and Industry: National Productivity Council; APEDA, Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation, Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. and Building and Material Technology Promotion Council, Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of

Science and Technology: National Atlas and Thematic Mapping Organization, Kolkata; Survey of India, Dehradun, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Ministry of Environment and Forests: Central Pollution Control Board. Ministry of Power : Bureau of Energy Efficiency; NTPC, Ministry of Agriculture: ICAR; Central Institute for Subtropical Horticulture, Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources,, Ministry of Water Resources: Central Ground Water Board.

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Bangalore (1962-63); was member Secretary of State Town Planning Board and member of the Bangalore City Improvement Trust Board; Karnataka Housing Board and the State Slum Clearance Board (1964-1976). He was also teaching architecture and town planning in the B.M.S.College of Engineering, Bangalore for degree course from 1961 to 1965 on part time basis and delivered special lectures in the University College of Engineering, Bangalore (1965-1977); was teaching town planning law and administration for the short term training course (eight months a year) organized by the Department of Town Planning for the in-service personnel (1968-76).

Dr. Rame Gowda guided and supervised the the preparation of development plans for the cities, towns and potential villages; preparation of development plans for new towns, hill stations, pilgrimage centres and tourist centres; preparation of town extensions / improvement schemes, slum improvement schemes, urban renewal and redevelopment schemes, rehabilitation schemes for towns and village; guided the planning authorities and development authorities in the plan preparation and plan implementation and plan enforcement under the Karnataka Town Planning Act, 1961; provided technical assistance to urban development agencies; furnished technical opinion in all matters relating to development of urban and rural lands.

Dr. Rame Gownda published a large number of technical papers and presented at national and international forum relating to urban and regional

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planning and housing. A gold medal was awarded by the Institute of Engineers (India), Kolkatta in 1994 for one of the technical papers.

He has also authored a book entitled "Urban and Regional Planning" in English and another on the same subject in Kannada; both these books were published by the University of Mysore in 1972. He has also co-authored a book on "Indian Urbanization and Planning" published by the University of Akrol, USA in 1977.

Dr. Rame Gowda has traveled widely to America, Africa, Europe and Asia for attending international seminars and conferences; led a delegation from India for the international seminars on town planning in West Berlin in October 1970; participated in the International Conference held at Kaduna (Nigeria) and at Nagao (Japan) in 1980.

Dr. Rame Gowda in now 84. He is still actively participating in the activities of the Institute of Town Planners, India and the Institution of Engineers, India. He is well known for his contributions to town and country planning. As far as his personal qualities, Dr. Rame Gowda is a man of positive and helping attitude. It is a pleasure to be face to face with him: a smiling face, cool tempered, gentle in manner and words. Looking at his long life - his past 84 - he is valuable asset to the town planning and engineering professions. He has every reason to be satisfied with his professional career.

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KNOW YOUR FORMER PRESIDENTS



**Dr. Kanchugarara Koppalu
Some Gowda Rame Gowda**

Dr. K.S. Rame Gowda, a fellow of the Institute of Town Planners, India, has the honour of being its President during 1973-74. He served as member of the ITPI Council for 10 years (1968-78); was Chairman Professional Standing Committee of the Institute during 1978-79. He was the Founder Chairman of the Bangalore Regional Chapter of the Institute of Town Planners, India (1968-74). Dr. Rame Gowda was the Director of Town Planning, Government of Karnataka for a long period (1964-76), during which he organized the Department of Town Planning on a firm footing and drafted the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act - 1961, which came into force with effect from 15th January 1965; and was responsible for setting up City Planning Authorities under the Act. The Act has adequate provisions for preparation and enforcement of statutory development plans for the urban areas. During his tenure, the Department played a key role in setting up of city planning authorities and development authorities. Dr. Rame Gowda was associated with the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi and the University of Roorkee. He had the privilege of serving as a member of a number of technical and academic bodies. He was the U.N. Chief Technical Advisor (Project Manager) in Oyo State of Nigeria (1979-1982).

Dr. Rame Gowda was born on 18th October 1921; hails from an agricultural family at Kanchugarara Koppalu, a

village in Mysore district of the then Mysore State (now Karnataka). He graduated in Civil Engineering from the University College of Engineering, Bangalore in 1946. He did his Master Degree (M.S.) in City and Regional Planning from Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, U.S.A. In 1974, did practical training as City Planner in the Department of City Planning, City of Chicago (U.S.A.) for six months after completing the Master Degree. He received his doctoral degree in Engineering (Urban and Regional Planning) from Mysore University in 1974.

Dr. Rame Gowda is the Fellow and Professional / Chartered Engineer of the Institution of Engineers (India); Registered Architect of the Council of Architecture, New Delhi. He has been a member of the American Planning Association; Member of the Council of the Institution of Engineers, Calcutta (1990-92); Member of the Executive Committee, Institution of Engineers, Karnataka State Centre (1976-1978 and 1984-1994); Member Convenor State Environment Committee in Karnataka; member Bangalore Urban Arts Commission; Director, Karnataka Urban Development Corporation Limited, Bangalore; Chairman, Institution of Engineers, Karnataka State Centre (1990-1992); Member, State Town Planning Board, constituted under Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act 1961 (1991-94 and 1996 to date); Founder Director of Centre for Symbiosis of Technology Environment and Management (STEM), Bangalore, a registered professional society, committed to organizational research, development and planning.

He has been Member, Board of Convenors, School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi; Chairman of the Governing Council, College of Education and member of Managing Committee, Bharath Education Society, Bangalore; (1972-74) and President of the Society

(1979); President of Vokhaligara Sangh (1983-87) which runs many educational institutions including an engineering college and a medical college; member of the Works Committee of Bangalore University (1965-1976), designed the university Campus; member of Board of Studies (Architecture) of Bangalore University and of Development Studies (MURP) of Mysore University (1965-1975); drafted the curricula for B.Arch and MURP courses respectively; also prepared the revised course of study for MRUP; Chairman, Board of Studies and Board of Examiners for MRUP in Mysore University (1982-1988); member of the Academic Council of the University of Roorkee (1992-1995). He acted as examiner and as member, Board of Examiners in the Universities of Mysore, Bangalore, Karnataka, Madras and School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi, and also delivered special lectures on urban and regional planning in these universities for a very long period for over 25 years.

Dr. Rame Gowda started his professional career as an engineer in the Department of Public Works, Government of Mysore in 1946, and worked as such for about eight years (1946-54). He joined the erstwhile Department of Architecture and Town Planning, Government of Mysore and worked for seven years on this post (1954-61). He was appointed as the Deputy Director of Town Planning, Government of Karnataka in 1961 and became the Director of Town Planning in April 1964, the post which he held for a long period of twelve and a half years, till his superannuation in October, 1976.

During his long spell of working in the government, Dr. Rame Gowda was involved in many development activities. He worked as Secretary, Dandili Town Committee, constituted by the state Government for the preparation of Master Plan for new industrial town of Dandili (1957-58); worked as Secretary, Bangalore Planning Board, which was entrusted with the preparation of Master Plan for the Metropolitan City of

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