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## NATIONAL NOSPLAN CONVENTION – CONCORD, 2006

The 8th annual National NOSPLAN Convention was organized by Guru Ramdas School of Planning of the Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab. Shri Ashwani Sekhri, Parliamentary Secretary, Local Self Government, Government of Punjab in his inaugural address stated that he is proud to belong to Batala town because this is the place where Guru Nanak Dev was married. That is why this town has assumed cultural and religious importance. For keeping the sanctity of the place he invited the students and teaching community of the GNDU to prepare a Redevelopment and Beautification Scheme and assured that he would arrange funds for implementation of the project. For

energizing planning and development activities in the vicinity of Amritsar, the holy town, he declared that he would be happy to arrange a piece of land for the Regional Centre of ITPI at Amritsar. On this occasion the Souvenir titled 'Solstice' was also released by him.

Dr. S.P. Singh, Vice Chancellor of GNDU, on the occasion of inauguration of the NOSPLAN noted that in the age of globalization it is the time for planning community to accept the challenge of corporate sector, which is also throwing open a number of job opportunities for planners and invited the community of teachers and students of the G.R. School of Planning to accept these challenges. On the proposal of Shri Ashwani Sekhri,

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who requested for speedy preparation of the Redevelopment and Beautification Plan of Batala town, Dr. Singh mentioned that he would be happy to support this project financially in respect of the preparation of plan. He assured the students and faculty that he will be able to provide all technical as well as administrative facilities for taking up this project. He also added that he would be happy to enter into an MoU with the ITPI for starting Amritsar Centre of ITPI at GNDU complex in case it is acceptable to the ITPI.

Shri D.S. Meshram in his Presidential Address stated that he is happy to visit Amritsar again after the 54th National Town and Country Planners' Congress held at Amritsar during 14th-16th January 2006 on the theme of 'Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission: Spatial Planning Implications'. He noted that this visit to Amritsar is special because this is on the invitation of planning students that too on the occasion of the Inaugural of the 8th National Annual NOSPLAN Convention. The idea of NOSPLAN, in fact, was initiated by the ITPI with the intention of bringing the students' community from various schools closer



Present on the dias during Inaugural Session are Prof. Sarup Singh, HoD G.R. School of Planning; Dr. S.P. Singh, Vice-Chancellor GNDU; Ashwani Sekhri, Parliamentary Secretary, Government of Punjab; Shri D.S. Meshram, President ITPI; Shri Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal, Chairman PRC; and Shri Dharam Singh Dhillon, Chief Town Planner, Government of Punjab (from left to right)



Participants of CONCORD 2006

to each other with a view to learning from mutual interaction among students and the faculty.

Shri D.S. Meshram was involved very intimately with Guru Ramdas School of Planning from the start. He was one of the first few teachers who started this School. Tracing the history of commencement of the Bachelor of Planning course with the then Ministry of Education he stated, in fact the credit must go to the ITPI. He also stated that the ITPI has also taken the lead in requesting the state governments, development authorities and other agencies to change the recruitment rules for the placement of B. Planning students. He has also underlined that today we hardly have 2.5 planners per million persons, while there are 32 architects per million population of the country. Therefore, he requested Shri Ashwani Sekhri and Dr. S.P. Singh, to take steps for starting more Schools of Planning. Welcoming the suggestion of providing assistance for procuring land for Amritsar Centre of the ITPI, he stated that the ITPI would prefer to get exclusive piece of land for professional activities

related with planning at the institutional rates. He also assured Dr. S.P. Singh, Vice Chancellor, GNDU that the students and teaching community of GNDU would also be actively involved in this endeavor. On the proposal of NOSPLAN that the President of Association of Planning Students be involved in the ITPI activities, Shri Meshram noted that efforts will be made to induct him in the Educational Standing Committee at appropriate level.

Shri Pradeep Kapoor, Secretary General, ITPI mentioned that quality improvement and curriculum improvement of planning education is on the top of the current agenda of the ITPI and efforts are on to encourage the corporate sector for placements of planning students.

On this occasion Shri Dharam Singh Dhillon, Chief Town Planner, Government of Punjab; Prof. Sarup Singh, HoD, G.R. School of Planning; and Shri B.S. Sekhon, Lecturer and Faculty Advisor, G.R. School of Planning also addressed the gathering. Vote of thanks was extended by Shri Gaurav Mehra, President Concord, 2006

people living in poverty in rural and urban areas, is an investment in sustainable human settlements development that can enhance the quality of life, reduce negative impacts on the environment, improve the overall health of a population, and reduce the burden of investment in curative health and poverty alleviation.

The Congress will focus on the creation and management of Sustainable Human Settlements to provide a better quality of life for its citizens. In an era of rapid population growth and depleting natural resources, the theme is all the more vital in looking for answers to generate the symbiosis of the 3Es: Economic Prosperity, Equity and Environmental Quality. To many these may seem elusive, but there are success stories that can be shared with all. The Congress has therefore developed 5 sub-themes, which are all important in finding the balance for further growth and development of human settlements. The Eastern Regional organization for Planning and Housing (EAROPH) is organizing the World Congress and Mayors Cucus on 14th-15th August 2006 at Miri Sarawak, Malaysia on 'Sustainable Human Settlements for a Better quality of life'.

The sub-themes of the Congress are:

- Sustainable City Planning, Management and Governance
- Sustainable Building and Infrastructure
- Sustainable Communication and Transportation Systems
- Sustainable Resources and Waster Management
- Policies, Programs Finance and Implementation towards Sustainability

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#### INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS / CONGRESS

#### EAROPH World Congress on 'Sustainable Human Settlements for Better Quality of Life'

Sustainable human settlements depend on the creation of a better environment for human health and well-being, which

will improve the living conditions of people and decrease disparities in the quality of their lives.

An integrated approach to the provision of environmentally sound infrastructure in human settlements, particularly for

## **International Conference on Sustainable Tourism, 2006**

The conference is being organized by Wessex Institute of Technology, UK and the Complutense University, Spain on 6th-8th September 2006 at Bologna, Italy. Tourism has become a major international industry with many countries all over the world relying on the income it produces. Its economic advantages as a major source of foreign exchange and employment lead to its active promotion by governments and other institutions independent on the consequences of the environment.

The demands of tourism can, however, contribute to the destruction of the natural and cultural environment upon which it depends. It is essential to find ways to protect those environments for the present and future generations.

Sustainable Tourism, 2006, aims to achieve these objectives through the development of new solutions, which minimize the adverse effects of tourism, either on the environment, or outside its boundaries. This can be achieved through the development of new strategies for managing the environment, involving the active collaboration of society as a whole. The continuous growth of tourism gives substantial urgency to finding solutions to cope with its impact on the environment, including culture and society.

This Conference will explore issues concerned with achieving environmental, social and economic sustainability of tourism alongside the governance mechanisms needed to support sustainable tourism. In particular, it will focus on empirical work and case studies from around the world, which can offer new insights and best practice guidance.

Sustainable Tourism, 2006 will adopt a multi disciplinary approach and will specifically aim to foster greater understanding and collaboration between scientists and social science experts, practitioners and policy makers. It will take a broad view of this sophisticated and complex industry, and will examine the practice of sustainable tourism from global travel trends through to destination and site management.

The sub-themes of the conference are:

- Tourism impact
- Tourism strategies
- Sustainable tourism
- Eco-tourism
- Cultural tourism
- Coastal issues
- Tourism and protected areas
- Tourism, infrastructure and hotels
- IT in tourism
- Tourism and protected nature areas
- Tourism and transportation
- Environmental risk and impact
- Tourism as a factor of development

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## **International Conference on Waste Management and Environment**

The Wessex Institute of Technology, UK is organizing 'International Conference on Waste Management and Environment' on 21th-23th June 2006 at Malta which will address the need for the exchange of 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 actions.

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. Not only 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 sub-themes of the Conference are:

- 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
- Advanced waste treatment technology
- Methodologies and practices
- Clean technologies
- Bio-solids, composting and agricultural issues
- Biological treatment of waste
- Packaging and packaging waste
- Construction and demolition waste
- Environmental health effects
- Waste management, strategies and planning
- Waste collection, transportation and logistics
- Water and wastewater treatment
- Groundwater cleanup and control
- Community involvement and education

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## **International Congress on Environmental Problems in Coastal Regions**

Wessex Institute of Technology, UK is organizing the International Congress on

'Environmental Problems in Coastal Regions including Oil and Chemical Spill Studies' during 5th-7th June 2006.

The Congress will deal with problems related to monitoring, analysis and modeling of coastal regions, including sea, land and air phenomena. An important part of the meeting is the discussion of ecological and environmental problems and the issues of water quality.

Coastal zones are particularly affected by problems related to population growth and industrial and tourism activities. These developments tend to generate ecological, social and economic pressures, which bring different parts into conflict. Effective strategies for management of coastal areas should therefore be considered as dynamic and integrated systems in order to control their environmental quality.

One of the most serious problems affecting coastal areas is the damage resulting from oil and chemical spills. Numerous and frequent spills demonstrate the extent of the damage inflicted on the environment when a large volume of oil is released and in particular, the susceptibility of the coastal region ecology to these spills. The Conference will also address topics related to soil and land spills.

The sub-themes of the conference are:

- Remote sensing
- Ecology and coastal environment
- Water quality issues
- Wetlands
- Sediment problems
- Coastal restoration
- Atmospheric aspects
- Sea states forecasting
- Modelling of trajectory and fate of spills
- Bioremediation
- Detection, prevention and clean-up measures
- Erosion problems
- Management of risk
- Preservation of pristine coastal areas

- Estuarial problems
- Floods
- Climate change and the coastal environment

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### **The International Conference on Ecocities, 6**

The Bangalore Foundation, a not-for-profit organization in association with several organizations (Indian and International) is organizing an International Conference on sustainable EcoCity Development (EcoCity 6) as a part of the International Convention of the Cities of the future at Bangalore during 5th – 12th July / August 2006.

The international Conference of Sustainable EcoCity Envelopment (EcoCity 6) follows five pioneering conferences, the first held in Berkeley, USA (1990); Adelaide, Australia (1992); Yoff/Dakar, Senegal (1996), Curitiba, Brazil (2000) and Shenzhen, China (2002).

The sub-themes of the Conference are:

- City Planning and Management
- Urban Settlement and Ecological Environments
- Urban Climate and Climate Change
- Efficient and Sustainable Urban Utilities Management
- Urban Stakeholders
- Cultural and Social Environment

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### **International Conference on 'The Changing Role of Cities in the Global Economy'**

There is growing evidence that cities are once again becoming the primary driver

of economic growth and development, in both the developed and the emerging economies. The economic base and rationale for cities in the post-industrial West is changing rapidly as globalization gathers pace, while rapid economic development in Asia is concentrated in cities whose history has leapfrogged the West's experience of the 19th and 20th centuries.

In the case of the global city, competitive advantage based on innovation and specialization is reinforcing the gains deriving from co-location with others engaged in similar activities. Such advantages are not quickly acquired by other cities, but rapid technological change is once again opening up new opportunities. This development provides a major role for government in bringing intelligent design to cities.

The Conference is being held during 4th-5th July 2006 at Cambridge, UK in association with Jones Lang LaSalle and will bring together practitioners in government and commerce together with leading academics in the area to explore a series of practical questions for advisers and policy makers, informed by the latest evidence and analysis of urban change in the UK and the EU and around the world.

The sub-themes of the Conference are:

- How a city's offer affects its success, including the quality, proximity and accessibility of its build structures and its cultural, social and physical infrastructure
- How advances in information technology are influencing the competitive advantage of particular city locations
- How policies of generation linked to major sporting and cultural events can reshape a city's future
- How city governance can shape a response to the global forces of economic, social and environmental pressure
- Whether the fast growing urban area of China and India can achieve a step change towards a future as sustainable cities

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### **Planning Research Conference 2006 on 'Global Places, Local Spaces'**

The annual Planning Research Conference will be held on 5th-7th April 2006 at London to be hosted by the Bartlett School of Planning, UCL. The theme of the Conference will be Global Places, Local Spaces. The theme picks up on one of the key dilemmas facing planners across the world. In a context where ever more powerful global forces are coming to bear on local contexts for planning, what role can sustainable local spaces that planning agencies increasingly aspire to deliver? In England, for example, sustainable development is now the legally defined rationale for the new system of spatial planning, yet a laissez-faire approach to regional development is increasingly funneling investment towards the over heated South East with profound economic, social and environmental effects across the country. In much of main land Europe, globally uncompetitive labor markets are leading to endemic high unemployment effects across the country. In much of mainland unemployment rates and a breakdown in social cohesion, undermining local

planning policies predicated on social stability and continued strong economic growth. For its part, the US is now a divided nation, where the majority continues to live massively unsustainable lives in a context of little or no serious planning, whilst a minority argues for new smarter approaches to urbanization and for the US to play its part in reducing global pollution and energy consumption. In the developing world, large parts of Africa continue to face endemic problems of under investment and corruption, whilst China and India are dealing with massive and unprecedented urbanization, bringing its own problems locally and leading to a re-balancing of global economic power. Is planning up to the challenge?

The sub-themes of the Congress are:

- Livability and quality of life
- Growth management
- Sustainable communities
- Spatial futures
- Beyond the urban boundary
- Government and reform
- Urban cultures

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The Conference aims to create a viable and sustainable public private partnership in the development of urban infrastructure and proactive role to involve private sector participation in infrastructure development. The Conference aims to raise the awareness and discuss issues related to urban and inter-city infrastructure, urban planning, urban governance, existing and alternative governance models for Indian cities, civic service delivery systems and financial management. Serious efforts are to be made to devise a time bound plan to accelerate the development process by focusing on areas concerning the financial management and developing strategies to involve key stakeholders.

The sub-themes of the Conference are:

- City Planning and Development
- Existing and Alternative Governance Model for India
- Financial Management

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### **Conference on 'Cross National Transfer of Planning Ideas and Local Identity'**

International Planning History Society (IPHS) was inaugurated in 1993 as a successor body to the Planning History Group, founded in 1974 at London. The Society is aimed at promoting open, interdisciplinary, internationally – flavored, 'town-and-down' dialogue between all interested in past, present and future of urban and regional planning. Its membership is drawn from several disciplines: planning, architecture, economic and social history, geography, sociology, environment, politics and allied fields. The Society for American City and Regional Planning History (SACRPH) and the Urban History Association (UHA) and American affiliates of IPHS will be organizing this event.

The 12th International Conference of the International Planning History Society

## **NATIONAL WORKSHOPS / SEMINARS**

### **'Urban Infrastructure 2006: The Future of Indian Cities'**

The process of urbanization in India will necessitate the provision of enabling economic and social environment for millions of people who will migrate to cities in the decades to come. This, it is believed, may be better achievable through the development of satellite cities while simultaneously making existing cities more economically and socially sustainable. Of late, there has been debate all over the world about

cities being engines of economic growth. Cities drive much of the economic forces in our country. There is a consensus that effective organization and administration of a city depends on the quality of Urban Management and Administration.

Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in association with International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Ministry of Urban Development (GOI) is organizing an International Conference on 'Urban infrastructure 2006: The Future of Indian Cities', on 8th-9th May, 2006 at Mumbai.

will be held at New Delhi on 11th-14th December, 2006. Delhi has witnessed the rise and fall of several empires as their seat of Government, hence, it was often been compared to a phoenix that resurrects itself from its ashes. 3,450 years of history have made it one of the greatest capitals of the world. Delhi has been the Indian city that has been the changing face of India over the last century in terms of political, economic, cultural and industrial activities. It has been the epicenter of India's political life with more than 13.5 million inhabitants. A rich culture and heritage on one side as also the evils of industrialization associated with rapid urbanization make it one of the most unique capitals in the world. It is also unique among all the capital cities of the world in the sense that other than New Delhi there are seven locations within Delhi (i.e. comprising of seven cities), which were the seats of different governments. However, the Conference will focus on planning and development aspects of Delhi in the 20th century in terms of political and administrative developments, population growth trends, industrial and commercial activities, overall planning aspects,

infrastructure development and financial aspects (the resource generation as well as spending)

The sub-themes of the conference are:

- Global and Traditional Contemporary Local Planning Styles
- Colonial Planning
- Society Culture and Politics
- National and International heritage Policy
- Sustainability and Environmental Approaches
- Technology and infrastructure
- Multilateral Negotiations and Strategic Partnerships and
- India's heritage Policy and Regulations both Past and Present

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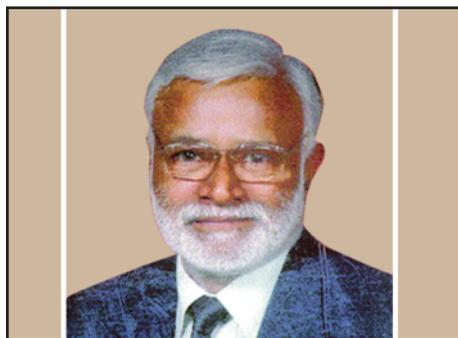
**Prof. Manohar G. Deshmukh**

Prof. Manohar G. Deshmukh, former Head of the Department of Architecture and Planning, Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (VNIT), Nagpur and senior member of Institute of Town Planners, India expired on 29th March 2005. Shri Deshmukh completed his G.D. Arch. from Bombay in 1964 and B. Arch in 1967 from IIT Kharagpur before completing his Masters course in City Planning from the same institution in 1972. He served as Research Assistant, Assistant Architect and Lecturer in the Department of Architecture, IIT Kharagpur from 1964 to 1974.

Shri M.G. Deshmukh worked as a faculty member of VNIT (Formerly Visvesvaraya Regional College of Engineering) on the position of Assistant Professor, specializing in Aesthetics and Visual aspects of Architectural Design. As Professor of Architecture he taught undergraduate and postgraduate students and participated actively in Planning and Research Cell of the Department and academic development and administrative work at the institute level. He was Dean of Students Counseling of VNIT from 1991 to 1994 and has held the honorary positions of Chairman, IIA, Regional Centre, Nagpur. He was also Chairman of Maharashtra Regional Chapter (Nagpur) of ITPI; Chairman, Board of Studies in Architecture at Nagpur University, Amravati University and JNTU, Hyderabad.

His devotion and dedication to the field of architecture and planning education shall always remain an important landmark for his professional colleagues and his students who interacted with him in the past three decades.

**MADHAV ACHWAL GOLD MEDAL, 2005 OF IIA**



**Prof. Jitendra Singh**

Professor Jitendra Singh, a Fellow of the Indian Institute of Architects and Fellow of Institute of Town Planners, India has been awarded IIA (Indian Institute of Architects), Madhava Achwal Gold Medal, 2005 for his life time contributions in the field of architectural education, on 23rd December 2005 at the Inaugural Function of the IIA National Convention 2005 at Bhopal. In fact Prof. Jitendra Singh presents an excellent combination of an educationist, a professional Planner, an architect and able

administrator, who sitting in the remote corners of Bihar could rise to become the first and the only architect Vice Chancellor as on date and could be known not only in India but very well known within architects of Asian countries.

Professor Jitendra Singh, born at Allahabad in 1946, is 1970 B. Arch. from the then University of Roorkee (now IIT) standing fourth in the class. He did his Masters in Urban and Rural Planning from the same Institute in 1978 and stood second in the class.

In 1989 he joined Patna University as Professor and became Head of Architecture Department and in 2001 he was appointed as Pro-Vice-Chancellor. He was appointed Vice-Chancellor of Jai Prakash Vishwavidyalaya on 1st August 2004.

The community of planners congratulates Prof. Jitendra Singh for this achievement.

### Award for Life time Achievements

The Institute of Town Planners, India would be instituting the life time achievements award for planners for their contribution to Town and Country Planning profession, education and research and development. The award will be open to its members only.

The members are therefore requested to send their views and suggestions to work out details of the award, i.e. criteria for assessing the contributors' achievements in (i) Profession, (ii) Education, and (iii) Research and development in terms of quality and quantity along with periodicity, amount and citation of the Award. Send your thoughts and ideas to Shri Pradeep Kapoor, Secretary General, ITPI.

### Sponsorship for Instituting Gold Medal for Best Thesis for Bachelor of Planning

On the request of students, the Institute of Town Planners, India is desirous of instituting the Gold Medal for the Best Thesis for Bachelor of Planning on the pattern of Prof. V.N. Prasad, Best Thesis award in planning for postgraduate students.

Accordingly Institute invites from all the ITPI Members, the sponsorship. Interested members are request to send their willingness and the amount of sponsorship, they are willing to offer.

Please send willingness along with amount to the Secretary General ITPI within one month from the publication of this notice.

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Institute of Town Planners, India the apex body of professional Town and Country Planners desires to fill up the following positions.

- 1. Director (R&D) in Planning:** With 20 years of professional experience at a senior level on consolidated salary, which is negotiable.
- 2. Research Fellow in Planning:** Fresh graduate/postgraduate on consolidated salary of Rs.10, 000 per month.
- 3. Office Secretary (GA):** Persons retired from Government / Semi-Government service at the level of Desk Officer/Under Secretary on a fixed salary of 7,000 per month.

Interested persons need to apply to the Secretary General, ITPI along with their CVs by 24th May 2006.

Pradeep Kapoor  
Secretary General, ITPI

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groups. Shri Fernandez was a leader of the Indian delegation for the international seminar on 'Habitat' at Manila, Philippines in 1974.

Shri Fernandezs' services were seconded to the United Nations' Department of Technical Cooperation for development by the Government of India, as an Urban and Regional Planning Advisor to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (1978-1983). Shri Fernandez retired as Chief Planner voluntarily from TCPO while with the United Nations. On his return to Delhi, he worked as a planning consultant with the Consulting Engineering Services, India (1984-1991), advising on projects related to urban and regional planning and urban renewal.

Shri Fernandez was a member of the National Commission on Urbanisation, set up by the Government of India (1985-1986) to examine the state of urbanization in the country; to identify priority action areas; to formulate and recommend basic guidelines for the specific action plan in each of the identified priority action areas; to evolve and recommend policy frames and suggest basic approaches for the encouragement of manageable urbanization; and to recommend an institutional framework for monitoring the effective implementation of the Commission's recommendations, etc. The Commission submitted its Interim Report to the Government in January

1987 and a two-volume Final Report in August 1988.

Shri Fernandez has been closely associated with the School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), New Delhi. He was a member of the Board of Governors, representing the Institute of Town Planners, India - prior to SPA was made deemed to be University – later he was made member of the Academic Council and was visiting Professor in the faculty of Urban Design of SPA for two academic years.

Shri Fernandez has authored books on: 'Planning in India', 'Making of Delhi a Better Place' and co-authored book on 'Design for Living'. He has, over the years, contributed articles on urban and regional planning, urban design and on traffic and transportation in the ITPI Journal, SDR (Spatio-Economic Development Record), local newspapers and magazines. He is now spending his retirement days in traveling and writing.

Shri Fernandez is soft spoken and gentle in manners and exhibits a feeling of warmness in talk with old colleagues in his informal hours, keeps fresh and alive old emotional and socialites and remembrances. He is hale and hearty at the age of 78. May he remain so in future.

*Contributed by Shri Abdul Qaiyum, Former Town and Country Planner, TCPO, New Delhi.*

## KNOW YOUR FORMER PRESIDENTS



**B.G. Fernandes**

Shri Boniface Gregory Fernandez is an eminent urban, regional and transport planner of post independent India. He served on various national expert groups and international bodies related to transportation and human settlements' planning; and the United Nations' Department of Technical Cooperation for Development for five years.

He is the Fellow of the Institute of Town Planners, India (ITPI). He has been member of its Council for a number of years; Chairman, Editorial Board (1971-72); Secretary General, twice (1964-66); Vice President and President for 1971-1972. He is an Associate Member of the Indian Institute of Architects and Registered Architect of the Council of Architecture. Shri Fernandez was the founder President of Delhi Chapter LAMBDA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL, Land Economic Society.

Shri Fernandez was born on 14th May 1928 in the city of Bombay (Mumbai); had his early education at St. Stanislaw's High School in Bandra, a suburb of Mumbai and St. Xavier's College in Mumbai. He graduated in architecture from the University of California, at Berkeley, California, USA in 1952 and did his Master in City and Regional Planning in 1954 from the same University.

Shri Fernandez joined the erstwhile Town Planning Organisation (TPO) as Associate Planner in late 1955, set up

by the Central Government at the initiative of the first Prime Minister of the country, Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru, to prepare the Master Plan for Delhi. As a member of the planning team, he was the head of Traffic and Transportation Section of the Organization. His task as an urban transport planner was to prepare a transportation plan for fast growing metropolis, for the next 20 years that would make the arteries of the capital clog-free, to make the movement of goods and people as smooth as possible, to rid the city of traffic jams and snarls.

He was Town and Country Planner in the Town and Country Planning Organisation after the merger of TPO with CRUPO (Central Regional and Urban Planning Organization) in 1962. As Town and Country Planner in the Town and Country planning Organisation (TCPO), Shri Fernandez was in-charge of monitoring and advising central government assisted urban planning programmes of state governments of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh and the union territories of Goa (now state) and Pondicherry. He also headed the South East Resource Planning Division (1966-1967) and was responsible for the preparation of the Preliminary Report for the South East Resource Development Plan. During his tenure in TCPO, a number of studies on traffic and transportation problems of metropolitan cities of India were done. Shri Fernandez was a member of study team on Metropolitan Transport set up by the Planning Commission in 1965 to assess the adequacy and deficiency of existing transport facilities in relation to the then needs of the cities of Calcutta, Bombay, Madras and Delhi including roads, road transport and rail transport to determine the long term requirements of cities, having due regard to the overall plans of metropolitan development and location of industrial, commercial and other activities; to study the feasibility of various proposals for meeting the

requirements for different modes of transport, to propose appropriate administrative and other arrangements for the operation of metropolitan transport services. The Team came out with an Interim Report with the objective of helping the formulation of the Fourth Five Year Plan which was in its final stages.

He was also a member of the Committee set up by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs for selection of site for the capital of the newly formed state of Arunachal Pradesh. He was a member of Education Committee set up by the Union Ministry of Education to review the workings of the Schools of Architecture and Planning throughout India.

Shri Fernandez served as the Member Secretary of the New Delhi Re-development Advisory Committee (NDRAC), a technical cell, set up by the Government of India in 1971, and was Chief Town Planner of the Design Group of NDRAC (1971-1977). This high-powered committee was to make recommendations for the metropolitan City Centre of Delhi (Connaught Place and its environs and Lutyens Bungalow Zone). The committee was to review the development plans for the various zones of New Delhi within the jurisdiction of New Delhi Municipal Committee as set out in the Master Plan (1962-1981) and the zonal plans, and prepare comprehensive and detailed plans for each zone. On completion of the assignment with NDRAC, Shri Fernandez served the Delhi Urban Art Commission as its Secretary.

As an officer of the Government of India (TCPO), Shri Fernandez spent seven months in Japan, under the Colombo Plan to study Japan's approach to housing, urban and regional planning; visited Holland as a member of the delegation at the invitation of Dutch Government to gain knowledge of their urban and regional processes and their housing schemes for various income

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