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## SYMPOSIUM ON URBAN STRATEGY FOR WEST BENGAL

West Bengal Regional Chapter, Institute of Town Planners, India; organized a Symposium on 'Urban Strategy for West Bengal' at Town Hall, Kolkata on 18th September, 2010, in collaboration with Changed Management Unit, Municipal Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal.

While welcoming the delegates Shri Ranjan Chattopadhyay, Chairman, West Bengal Regional Chapter, ITPI, stated that Government of West Bengal is in the process of preparation of 'An Urban Strategy for West Bengal State'. A Consortium of the Center for Good Governance, Hyderabad and Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad has been identified as consultant for the purpose. In the steering committee, the State Government has included a representative from ITPI, WBRC, for providing necessary inputs in preparation of the Urban Strategy.

While giving inaugural speech Shri Debasis Sen, IAS, Principal Secretary, Urban Development Department, Government of West Bengal stated that - Prime Minister of India, in his address at a national Conference on 3rd December, 2009 suggested that government officers, city officials, planners and other stakeholders may

study key issues concerning urban development and provide imaginative solutions. This was in the background of India's increasing urbanization that many believe would soon lead to an urban crisis unless conscious efforts are taken to avert it. He further added that although West Bengal / India's urban population is roughly around 28%, there is a school of thought that says that an alternative interpretation is possible, considering the population of development authorities. In any case, urbanization is rising at an accelerating rate is beyond doubt.

Where will this tide of migrating population go? There are three ways how they can be accommodated. One, is through densification of existing towns and cities. Two, is through expansion of urbanization to the peri-urban areas adjoining cities. And three, is through creation of new towns. The third option is not only because it throws up creative space: getting a blank canvas to paint is always the ultimate delight but also the fact that designing decentralized miniature cities is a very good way of dispersing the additional urban population. A series of networked spaces can save our mega cities from crumbling under their own weights.

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With our present day concerns on green issues, carbon trading, inclusiveness and sustainability the question arises if Kolkata were to be redesigned today, how would we have done it? Much much later, Salt Lake was designed; are we satisfied about the way it was designed? Why is Kalyani another planned city, still not economically vibrant but Durgapur is? Is there still time to intervene in New Town, Rajarhat? Incidentally, today's Telegraph mentions that New Town has been recognized to be a Satellite Town under JnNURM. A unique pilot project on near Zero Energy Satellite Township may be implemented here in collaboration with the Department of Power and the Brooklyn National Laboratory, USA. An energy audit will be conducted within December this year as a part of this project.

In fact, the State Government has just commissioned a study instituted regarding "Strategy for Green Urban Spaces" with assistance from DFID. In its inception meeting held recently it was indicated that the way building



Present on the dias are Shri Ranjan Chattopadhyay, Chairman WBRC; Shri J.B. Kshirsagar, Chief Planner, TCPO; Shri D.S. Meshram, President ITPI; Shri Debasis Sen, IAS, Principal Secretary, Urban Development Department, Government of West Bengal; Shri Bharat Chandra Saha, IAS, Project Director, CMU, MA department, Government of West Bengal; Shri Pradeep Kapoor, Secretary General ITPI; and Prof. Souvanic Roy, Secretary, WBRC (from left to right).

rules these days encourage energy efficient designs, could we think of green town plan rules that could be much more specific and detailed. How can we plan for the Raniganj resettlement project? What would be the considerations for converting a tea garden near Jaigaon into New Jaigaon? Do specialized towns perform better? In fact the McKinsey report has conclusively shown that specialized towns – for example steel township of Durgapur – have done better economically. Can Burdwan be posed as a Health city? Will a Financial Hub in New Town speed up its growth.

It appears that the urban strategies have not involved the key stakeholders in a strategic manner. The Civil Society should be engaged as a partner in all planning exercises so that the plans made are in tune with the needs of a rapidly evolving urban scenario. Earlier this week, a stakeholders' consultation was held by the State Government on framing a policy for street vendors. It was argued that there is a street economy in all cities of the world and therefore footpaths always have vendors. There must be recognition of this fact and provision made after balancing conflicting demands. One suggestion was that informal vending zones must

be provided for 2.5% of a town's population.

While the Government of India has been advocating for a total slum free approach through JnNURM and RAY (Rajiv Abas Yojana) that is expected to be launched nationally in early October, the fact remain that slums are not static but dynamic, acting as a stepping stone for the rural urban migrants that there must be a conscious policy of providing affordable housing for the poor. And in doing so, there must be active and meaningful consultation with the key stakeholders and like an EIA. There may be a PIA (Planning Impact Assessment) with a public hearing for bigger projects, in partnership with the civil society.

It is not enough that urban service is available to a city dweller but that there should be a minimum guaranteed service level: the Government of India has recently published certain Service Level Benchmarks (e.g. 135 lpcd and 24 x 7 water for all, segregated solid waste management, etc;). Based on this, plans should be made that culminate into a shelf of bankable projects, where the private sector may also participate in partnership with the public sector. While concluding Shri

Sen, stated that planning for the urban zone must transform itself from conventional approaches of LUDCP to the broader issues of economy, governance and projectisation.

Shri J. B. Kshirsagar, Chief Planner, TCPO, Government of India, gave examples of Urban Development initiatives of various States and Central Government and pointed out that West Bengal also needs to address the urban development planning in sustainable and holistic manner. Town and Country Planning Orgnaization (TCPO), Government of India would provide all the possible technical assistance to the state government in all its urban development initiatives, he stated.

Shri Pradeep Kapoor, Secretary, ITPI, New Delhi shared his experience of preparing Housing Strategy as a part of Urban Strategy in Rajasthan.

Shri Bharat Chandra Saha, IAS, Project Director, CMU, MA department, Goernment of West Bengal, commended the efforts of the WBRC, ITPI, for organizing the Symposium and expected that it would come out with specific recommendation that would help in formulating Urban Strategy for West Bengal. He also

briefed how CMU, KUSP is trying to change the system in Urban Local Bodies from its inception of 2004 and assisting in preparing Draft Development Plans, Annual Development Plans in ULBs and strengthening urban governance.

Shri D.S. Meshram, President, ITPI, New Delhi; in his address pointed out that West Bengal State, which once was the most urbanized state, has over the last few decades, have been experiencing low rate of urbanization than the national average. Slow rate of urbanization during 1981-2001 is a cause of concern to the West Bengal State. The decadal growth rate in per cent by size of towns / cities in 1991-2001 is quite glaring in West Bengal, if compared to national figures. For class-I towns the all India urban growth rate is 45.73% while for West Bengal it recorded 11.14%. In the category of class-II, IV, V and VI towns of West Bengal there is a tremendous increase in growth for example in class-II towns, all India figures are 19.62% and for West Bengal it is 69.19%. For class-IV towns all India figures are 7.08% and for West Bengal it is 121.86%, that for class-V towns, national figures are 6.62% and for West Bengal, it is 255.04% at the same time for class-VI, which is -6.45% at all India level, for West Bengal it is 525.51%. These examples brings in to focus that the towns in categories of class-VI, V and IV are showing much higher growth rate than class-III and I towns. Which is definitely a cause of concern for the state and calls for in-depth study. Because it has both positive and negative effects. Positive side may be attributed to the fact that primacy of class-I towns is decreasing as other towns are growing at faster rate. This cause of concerns also raises certain questions like – from where the migration is originating to class-VI towns i.e. whether from rural areas of West Bengal or from neighboring states or from upper category towns of West Bengal. And the most important question is, Why? He has

further raised the question as to why the urban growth rate of class-III towns is not peaking up, when category-II and category-IV, V and VI towns are showing remarkable increase. Beside, class-I towns has shown the growth rate of 11.14% i.e. much lower than national figure of 45.73%. All these issues needs to be corroborated by in-depth study; specifically, because urban growth rate would play the major role in prescribing Urban strategy for West Bengal.

Shri Meshram, yet brought into focus the issue of level of urbanization which as per 2001 census was 27.78% (all India figures) and for West Bengal it was slightly higher i.e. 27.97%, but it needs no emphasis to state that most of the urban population live in Kolkata Metropolitan Areas i.e. about 59.88% (excluding rural population of KMA). If this population is excluded, the level of urbanization would fall down drastically. This fact attributes to the reality that outside Kolkata Metropolitan Area the level of Urbanizations is considerably low. He further lamented that this emerging trends of urbanization will have the spatial implications on Demography, Economics, Infrastructure, Environment, of course on spatial development itself.

He further pointed out that the National Commission on Urbanization – 1988, identified Kolkata as a National Priority City besides Darjeeling and Bolpur-Shantinikatan as potential cities for generating economic momentum at National Level. In addition National Commission on Urbanization has also identified Asansol, Siliguri and Krishnanagar as State Priority Cities for priority development. The State Government needs to take cognition of these towns while framing the 'Urban Strategy for West Bengal'.

In conformity with 74th Constitution Amendment Act, Kolkata Metropolitan Planning Committee (KMPC) and different District Planning Committees (DPCs) have been created by the

State Government and more power has been devolved to the Municipalities by amending their acts. To enable these agencies to perform the new functions / responsibilities assigned to them, it is necessary to provide adequate professional inputs in these local bodies for preparation and implementation of Plans prepared by MPCs and DPCs. In addition the tasks of the State and Local Government and the relationship between the Local Government, Planning and Development Authorities created under Town and Country Planning Act needs to be clearly specified, to avoid over lapping jurisdiction of these agencies.

While concluding his address Shri Meshram stated that all the above issues needs the attention of the policy makers responsible for drafting the 'Urban Strategy for West Bengal' so that it can channelize the urbanization for the sustainable development of settlements of West Bengal.

Shri Rupayan Dutta, convener, workshop sub-committee, ITPI, WBRC gave the vote of thanks to the distinguished guests, speakers, main collaborators and the event partners, for making the Symposium, a success.

The Technical Sessions-I focused on the theme 'Metropolis, Other Urban Centers and Peri Urban Development'. The key-speakers were Shri S. Srinivasan, Dr. Biman Bandopadhyay, Shri Sudip Dutta (Managing Director, BUIDL), Dr. Anis Mukherjee, Ms. Mousumi Ghosh, Prof. Uttam Roy, Prof. Arup Sarkar and Shri Sourav Sen. Shri J. B. Kshirsagar, Chief Planner, TCPO was the Chairman and Shri Vivek Bharadwaz, IAS, Chief Executive Officer, KMDA was the Chief Guest of the sessions.

The parallel Sessions were organized after Technical Session-I. In the Technical Session-II on the theme, 'Urban Scenerio and Outline of Urban Strategy', the distinguished speakers were Prof. Souvanic Roy, Prof

Annapurna Shaw, Prof. Mahalaya Chatterjee, Shri Abhijit Sen, and Prof. Shibabrata Halder. Prof. Monideep Chatterjee Chaired this technical session.

The key-speakers of the Technical Session-III, were Prof. Santosh Ghosh, Prof. Sanghamitra Basu, Prof. Nisit Som, Prof. Somnath Sen, and Shri

Anjan Mitra. Prof. Biplab Sengupta Chaired this technical session.

In the Technical Session-IV, focused on the theme "Urban Infrastructure, Environment and Finance", the key speakers were Shri Arunava Majumdar, Prof. Sudip Roy, Shri T.K.Mitra, Prof. Manas Sanyal, Dr. T.K.Gupta, and Shri Kalyan Roy. This session was Chaired by Shri Basistha Sengupta.

### ITPI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2010

The Annual General Meeting of the ITPI was held on 24th September 2010 at the ITPI, Headquarters at 4-A Ring Road, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi at 1400 hours. The notice for the same was issued on 28th August, 2010 for transacting the Ordinary Business. Accordingly, in the Annual General Meeting, the following business was transacted.

#### Ordinary Business

1. To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Statements of Accounts together with Report of the Council and the Auditors for the year ended on 31 March, 2010.

The Report of the Council 2009-2010 along with Audited Statements of Accounts were considered and approved.

2. To present the Scrutinizers' Report on the Council Election for the year 2010-2011.

The Scrutinizers Report was presented in AGM, which was approved by the members. The Scrutinizers Report declared the following as elected members of Council 2010-2011.

#### General Constituency

Dr. A.N. Sachithanandan  
Shri B. Mahendra  
Shri Jibesh Paul  
Shri K. Devrajan  
Shri Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal  
Dr. Najammuddin  
Shri N.K. Patel  
Shri P.A.S.M. Lakshman Rao  
Shri R.P. Sachan

Shri S. Behra  
Shri S.D. Landge  
Shri Sham Dass Saini  
Dr. S.P. Bansal

#### Special Constituency

Ms. Anjali Goswami  
Shri Rajan Chattopadhyay  
Shri Rajinder Sharma  
Shri S.H. Sancheti  
Prof. Vijay S. Kapse

Shri D.S. Meshram, Shri Aniyam Mathew and Shri Pradeep Kapoor would be ex-officio members as immediate past President, Vice-President and Secretary General, respectively.

3. To appoint Auditor and to fix their remuneration.

The Members noted the change of name of M/S Sarkar and Associates to M/S B.N. Sinha Ltd. And accordingly M/S B.N. Sinha Ltd. was appointed as Auditors for the year 2010 – 2011 on the annual remuneration as decided in the last year i.e. ₹1,00,000 per annum.

### ITPI COUNCIL 2010 – 2011

In the first meeting of the Council held on 25th September, 2010 at ITPI Headquarters, following office bearers were elected unanimously:

#### President

Dr. A.N. Sachithanandan

#### Vice-President

Shri B. Mahendra

#### Secretary General

Dr. Najammuddin

#### Council Members

Ms. Aniyam Mathew  
Ms. Anjali Goswami  
Shri D.S. Meshram  
Shri Jibesh Paul  
Shri K. Devrajan  
Shri Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal  
Shri N.K. Patel

Shri P.A.S.M. Lakshman Rao

Shri Pradeep Kapoor

Shri Rajan Chattopadhyay

Shri Rajinder Sharma

Shri R.P. Sachan

Shri S. Behra

Shri S.D. Landge

Shri Sham Dass Saini

Shri S.H. Sancheti

Dr. S.P. Bansal

Prof. Vijay S. Kapse

#### Secretary Publication

Prof. Dr. Ashok Kumar

#### Secretary Examinations

Dr. R. Biswas

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

#### ASEAN Conference on Energy, Innovation and Sustainable Development 2010

ASEAN Conference on Energy, Innovation and Sustainable Development 2010, is being held during 4th-5th October, 2010 at Putrajaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Innovation and Sustainable

Development is a felt need for a regional approach to energy and the need for countries to work in tandem with each other. In the ensuing years, nations will be compelled to work together to ensure an environment that promises to be healthy. To this end the ASEAN Conference on Energy, Innovation and Sustainable Development will see the participation

of 15 nations - Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Brunei, Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos and Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, Japan and India.

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### **3rd International Conference on Infrastructure Systems and Services 2010 - Next Generation Infrastructure Systems for Eco-Cities**

The third annual conference on 'Next Generation Infrastructures' will deal with infrastructures for eco-cities and will be held in Shenzhen, China on 11th-13th November, 2010. The conference is sponsored by Harbin Institute of Technology (Harbin, China) and the Next Generation Infrastructures Foundation (Delft, Netherlands). Co-sponsors are HIT Shenzhen Graduate School, Delft University of Technology, the City of Shenzhen and IEEE Systems, Man and Cybernetics Society.

For further information please contact  
Website: www.infrastructuresforecocities.com

### **8th Annual Green Roof and Green Wall Conference, Vancouver, BC, Canada**

The 8th Annual Green Roof and Green Wall Conference on 'CitiesAlive 2010' is being organized by Green Roofs for Healthy Cities and BCIT during 30th November-3rd December, 2010, at Vancouver, BC, Canada.

The conference would provide opportunity to learn from a wide

variety of experts the latest in research, policy, design, and product development for green roofs, walls and other forms of green infrastructure. The conference would also facilitate business opportunities, develop new policy approaches, discover new design techniques and tools, share and develop new research opportunities.

For further information please contact  
Website: www.citiesalive.org

### **International Conference on Geospatial Technologies for Sustainable Planet, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh, India**

International Conference on Geospatial Technologies for Sustainable Planet is being organized during 7th-9th October, 2010 at Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh, India

The geospatial technological tools, i.e., Geographical Information System (GIS), Remote Sensing, Global Positioning System (GPS) and Photogrammetry have evolved constantly in last few decades. Now-a-days, geospatial technologies have achieved a matured and operational status. These modern technological tools are being increasingly used in a variety of application areas such as Civil Engineering, Geography, Environmental Sciences, Agriculture, Developmental Planning, Archaeology, Forestry, Business and Journalism, Meteorology, Event mapping (Accident, Crime, Fire and Facility), Utility / Facility Mapping and Management, Land Use Planning and Management, Urban and Regional Planning, Natural Resources Inventorying and Management, Infrastructural Planning Geospatial Web Applications, Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI), Sustainable Development, among others.

This Conference aims to provide an invigorating environment to all the researchers, academicians and field engineers working in the field of Geo-

Information Science and Technology around the world to discuss the emerging technological trends, share their experiences, voice their concerns, empowering the peoples with geospatial information and generate synergy between different interrelated disciplines to come up with acceptable and viable solutions for the challenges to achieve spatially enabled sustainable development in the new millennium.

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### **International Conference on Emerging Technologies for Sustainable Environment, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh**

International Conference on Emerging Technologies for Sustainable Environment is being organized during 29th-30th October, 2010 at Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh.

Major current environmental issues are climate change, pollution, environmental degradation and resource depletion. Sustainability is the key to preventing or reducing the effect of environmental issues. Environmental sustainability is the process of making sure current processes of interaction with the environment are pursued with the idea of keeping the environment as pristine as naturally possible based on ideal-seeking behavior. The key theme for the conference will be 'Emerging Technologies for Sustainable Environment'. We firmly believe we can move beyond talk and ideas to implementing practical solutions. The Conference is designed with an emphasis on engineers and scientists from both India and overseas, practicing across Government, industry, community and academic sectors.

This Conference will be a forum to reflect on the increasing role that engineers and scientists play in delivering sustainable solutions in engineering projects and across a wide range of activities. It will also highlight the processes and techniques to simplify the complex nature of implementing sustainability. These issues are highly topical and as such have already attracted strong support

from government, community and industry. Both theoretical and practical aspects of sustainability will be discussed.

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submit their applications through proper channel.

(Refer Letter No. F.3-10/2010-TS.VI  
 Dated: 19th October, 2010)

## PLACEMENT

**Ministry of Human Resource Development, (Government of India), New Delhi**

**Director for School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), New Delhi**

Applications are invited from suitable candidates for appointment to the post of Director in the School of Planning & Architecture (SPA) at New Delhi in the pay scale of ₹75000/- plus Special Allowance of ₹5000/- plus other allowances as admissible under the rules of the School. The appointment will be made on contract basis for a period of five years. The Director will be governed by the service conditions and rules and regulations of the School.

### 1. Educational Qualifications:

- i) Master's degree or equivalent qualification in the appropriate branch of Architecture / Planning; and
- ii) Ph.D. degree in an appropriate branch of Architecture / Planning OR  
 Published works in referred journals equivalent to Ph.D. In addition to (i), (ii) the candidate should be an eminent person in the field.

### 2. Experience:

15 years experience in Teaching / Industry / Research out of which 5 years must be at the level of Professor or above in Architecture / Planning.  
 Desirable: Administrative experience in responsible position.

### 3 Qualification and Experience for candidates from Industry and Profession:

Candidates from Industry / Profession with first class Bachelor's / Master's degree in the appropriate branch of Architecture / Planning

AND

Professional work which is significant and can be recognized as equivalent to Ph.D. degree and with 15 years experience of which at least 5 years should be at a Senior Level comparable to that of a Professor would also be eligible.  
 Desirable: Administrative experience in a responsible position.

4. **Age:** The candidate should be preferably below the age of 60 years.
5. The applications in the following format, typed on plain paper furnishing complete Curriculum Vitae with detailed educational and professional qualification and experience should be sent by registered / speed post to Dr. Harvinder Singh, Director (PAE) Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Room No. 215, 'D' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110015, so as to reach him within 6 weeks of the publication of the advertisement. Persons employed in Government Department / Autonomous Organizations and Public Sector Undertakings should

### PROFORMA

1. Name (in full in block letters):
2. Father's /Husband's Name:
3. Postal Address (in block letters):  
 (Official):  
 (Residential):
4. Email ID:
5. Nationality:
6. Date of Birth:  
 Age:
7. Educational Qualification (from Matriculation onwards) with percentage of marks, year of passing and the Board / University from where passed in tabular form along with attested copies of testimonials:
8. Field of specialization:
9. Details of previous employment in chronological order (starting with the most recent first) together with details of duties and salary drawn and Experience:
10. Details of administrative experience:
11. Details of publications:
12. Name and Address of two referees (not related to the candidate):
13. Any other relevant information, if any:

**Declaration:** I hereby certify that the foregoing information is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed/ distorted.

Date:

Place:

(Signature of the Candidate)

**Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Office of the Chief Engineer, Andaman Public Works Department, Nirman Bhawan**

Applications are invited from the officers under the Central / State

Government / Undertaking / Universities / Recognized Research Institutions / Semi Government / Autonomous and Statutory Organizations including departmental candidates of APWD, A&N Administration for filling up one post of Associate Town and Country Planner, Group 'A' (Gazetted) the pay scale of ₹10,000-325-15, 2007- (Pre-revised) in the Andaman Public Works Department on deputation basis.

The application in the prescribed proforma alongwith (a) Vigilance Clearance Certificate (b) Integrity Certificate, (c) Statement of penalty (Major / Minor) imposed, if any and (d) ACRs Dossier or ACRs for the last five years shall be forwarded by the employer to reach the Office of the Chief Engineer, APWD, latest by 17th January 2011 .

The application form can also be downloaded from the APWD's website: <http://apwd.and.nic.in/>

#### **The Eligibility Criteria:**

- (a) The applicant should hold analogues post on regular basis; Or (ii) with six years regular service in the scale of pay of ₹7500-1 2000 (pre-revised) ; Or (iii) With seven years regular service in the scale of pay of ₹7450-1 1500 (pre-revised); Or (iv) With eight years regular service in the scale of pay of ₹6500-1 0500 (pre-revised) ; and
- (b) Possessing Degree in Civil Engineering or Architecture from a recognized university or equivalent, (ii) Post Graduate degree or Post Graduate Diploma (2 years) in Urban Planning or Regional Planning or Town Planning or Housing or Environmental Planning of a recognized University or Institution or (iii) Five years' experience in Town and Country Planning.

#### **Desirable:**

- (i) Post Graduate degree in Sociology or Economics or Geography.
- (ii) Associate-ship of the Institute of Town Planners / Architects in India
- (iii) Familiarly with Planning, Administration and Law.

The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation (ISTC) shall not exceed 50 years as on closing date of receipt of application.

The incomplete application and the application received after due date will not be entertained. Those who had applied earlier in response to the Advertisement for filling up of the same post published in the Employment News dated July 11-17, 2009 need not apply again.

(Refer F.NO.IV-28/CE/PW/ES-I/2010)  
EO to Chief Engineer  
APWD, A&N Administration  
Port Blair

#### **MADHYA PRADESH REGIONAL CHAPTER**

Madhya Pradesh Regional Chapter organized a workshop on the World Habitat Day Theme – "Better City, Better Life" on 4th October, 2010 at MPRC in which over 50 participants comprising members of ITPI and students of planning participated

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Planning from the same institute. Later, he had done Postgraduate Diploma in Housing from Holland in the year 1974 and Ph.D. Degree in Architecture from USA in the year 1989.

Prof. Najammuuddin had been working for the preparation of Master Plan with South Yaman Government and associated with various Town Planning projects in Nigeria. Further, he had been working as an expert in teaching in Aden University for three years and the University of Jos, Nigeria, for two years. He had been working as a Professor Department of Architecture and Planning, IIT Roorkee, and also working as Head in the same Department for a long period. During his association in IIT, Roorkee he had guided more than 20 Ph.D. Degree Thesis, more than 50 Postgraduate Thesis and 150 Bachelor in Architecture Thesis. He has authored more than 100 research papers in the field of Architecture and Town Planning, published in various journals and conferences. The important research projects delt by him are: Structure Plan of Tehri Town projects, KHURPA Tall Nainital Uttranchal; Murad Nagar Master Plan in UP, Garhwal Regional Development in Uttarakhand, etc. He

had attended more than 15 international conferences in various countries and presided in few conferences as Chairman. Being an Architect and a Town Planner, he set up laboratories, which include Computer Aided Design, Town Planning Lab, Computer Aided Architecture Studios in the Department of Architecture and Planning, during his tenure as Head of the Department. He has evolved a Vision Plan for IIT Roorkee for the year 2010. He has bagged numerous research awards in India and from across the globe, which include the prestigious National Design Award in Architectural Engineering-2002, which was instituted by the Institution of Engineers - India. He has been working as a consultant to Florida Group of Architects, USA.

Prof. Najammuuddin has been working as a visiting Professor in IIT Roorkee and Director MET group of institutions, Moradabad, UP. He has been working as a member, Board of Governors, School of Planning and Architecture-Bhopal; Town Planning Board, AICTE, New Delhi; and President, Architects Association , UP and Uttarakhand State, India.

## ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS OF ITPI FOR 2010-2011

### DR. A.N. SACHITHANANDAN President



Dr. A.N. Sachithanandan completed Bachelor's Degree in Architecture in the year 1964, and Master's in Town Planning in 1966 from School of Architecture and Planning, Chennai and Ph.D. (Housing) in the year 1987, besides, having undergone advanced practical training in housing in 1984 in University of London, UK. He started his career in Town and Country Planning Department, Government of Pondicherry in 1967, and shifted to School of Architecture and Planning, Anna University, Chennai as lecturer in Planning and since then he has been working in various capacities and retired as Director in the year 2003. After that he has taken over as Dean MEASI Academy of Architecture, Chennai.

Dr. A.N. Sachithanandan guided number of scholars for successfully completing Ph.D. He has authored more than 30 technical papers for national and international conferences. He has visited many countries which includes USA, UK, Singapore, Italy, Japan and France as part of his professional career.

Dr. A.N. Sachithanandan received the Dr. Radhakrishnan Award of Government of Tamil Nadu for the best college teacher in Town Planning Education. He was chairman of Tamil Nadu Regional Chapter for 6 terms. He

was Council Member of ITPI for number of times and also the Vice-President of ITPI in the year 1987-88. Besides, he was also the Chairman of Educational Standing Committee of ITPI and Chairman of Editorial Board of ITPI in the year 1987-88. He had been a member of the Landuse and Environmental Committee, Housing Sub-committee and Heritage Committee, Second Master Plan of Chennai Metropolitan Area. He has been a member of the committee for Revision of Town and Country Planning Act, 1971; constituted by Tamil Nadu Government, 2007-2009. He was also member of Expert Committee of AICTE for preparing undergraduate curriculum and syllabus of B. Planning course in the year 2003. Dr.A.N.Sachithanandan has been elected as President of ITPI for the year 2004-2005 and 2010-2011.

### B. MAHENDRA Vice-President



Shri B. Mahendra was elected as Vice-President of the ITPI. He was born and brought up in a remote village called Bychanahally in Arkalgud Taluk of Hassan District, and graduated from the prestigious College of Engineering U.V.C.E., Bangalore. He completed his postgraduate qualification in Planning from IIT, Kharagpur.

Shri Mahendra joined the Department of Town Planning in 1984 and worked in different offices of the State and has

functioned in various capacities before working with BMRDA and BDA, the two premier organizations as in-charge of planning and development of the city. He also served as Member Secretary of Bangalore International Airport Area Planning Authority (BIAAPA) and prepared Master Plan for the Local Planning Area of Bangalore International Airport on GIS platform for the first time in Karnataka. Land information system for 347 villages was built in, within a record time of two years. Shri Mahendra was instrumental in finalizing the draft master plan prepared for the city of Bangalore and the Regulations appended to it for which he worked hard in comprehending this stupendous task.

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