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## WEST ZONE CONFERENCE ON LAND PROCUREMENT FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The West Zone Conference on 'Land Procurement for Urban Development' was organized by Maharashtra Regional Chapter (Mumbai) on 8th October 2011 at MRC Mumbai.

In his welcome address Shri S.D. Landge, Chairman MRC(M) stated that all of us are aware that the theme of 'Land Procurement for Urban Development' is very topical because our country is witnessing rapid urbanization, which calls for expansion of towns and cities and rural areas to house ever increasing

urban population. However, it is well known fact that land is limited and needs to be utilized optimally and judiciously because land is a limited resource. We are also aware of the fact that land is the most essential factor for urban development and at the same time land is also required for agriculture and food production without which no community can survive. This is the dilemma of town planners i.e. to see that land is not only made available for housing the people but also earmarked for open spaces,

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green areas and forests, which are the lung spaces of our towns and cities.

He further stated that, procuring land for urban development projects through compulsory land acquisition is increasingly becoming difficult. Even as these projects pave the way for new settlements, loss of land through acquisition causes traumatic changes in the lives of landowners and their families. As professionals, we need to look at this issue dispassionately and objectively as it may impact the supply of land for development. Land Acquisition Act, 1894 in force since 117 years is about to be replaced. Land Acquisition and Rehabilitation and Resettlement Bill, 2011 (LARR), which integrates rehabilitation and resettlement process is a step forward because it combines the intertwined elements of land acquisition and rehabilitation and resettlement into a single bill. Thus, the bill strikes a balance between the need to acquire land



Shri Sagar Naik, Hon'ble Mayor, Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation lighting the lamp, present on the dias are Shri Anil Kumar Sule, Chairman, Building Committee, MRC(M); Shri D.S. Meshram, President ITPI; Shri Bhaskar Wankhede, Municipal Commissioner, Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation; Shri Pradeep Kapoor, Secretary General, ITPI; Shri S.D. Landge, Chairman MRC(M) (from left to right)



Souvenir being released, present on the dias are Shri Anil Kumar Sule, Chairman, Building Committee, MRC(M); Shri Pradeep Kapoor, Secretary General, ITPI; Shri D.S. Meshram, President ITPI; Shri Sagar Naik, Hon'ble Mayor, Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation; Shri Bhaskar Wankhede, Municipal Commissioner, Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation; Shri S.D. Landge, Chairman MRC(M); and Shri Jitendra Bhople, Secretary, MRC(M) (from left to right)

for urbanization, and at the same time provide a just, fair and timely compensation to landowners and other affected persons.

Shri Anil Kumar Sule, Chairman, Building Committee, MRC(M) gave highlights of construction work of MRC(M) building, which was done in phases.

Shri Pradeep Kapoor, Secretary General, ITPI, while introducing the subject stated that agriculture contributes only 21 percent to India's GDP but large swathes of India's rural populace still depend upon agriculture for their livelihood. While agriculture demands that fertile and cultivable land be retained, urbanization is in an irreversible process, and cities in India are growing to consume land on their fringes, which may be cultivable. Industrialization and infrastructure building require large parcels of land, and delays in acquiring it, could affect GDP growth as well as investors sentiment. In the wake of this unbridled urban growth and its manifold manifestations, land acquisition and involuntary displacement continue to result in great distress and resistance in many parts of the country.

Shri D. S. Meshram, in his Presidential address noted that urban population of the country, which was 27.75 percent of the total population in 2001 has increased to 30 percent and is likely to surpass 50 percent mark by 2051 i.e. 827 million. As the urban population in 2001 was 363 million, that is to say within another 40 years, urban population would double. Total population of India by 2051 would be more than the population of China but would be settled on a land mass equal to one fourth of China. He also stated that the land man ratio by 2051 would be 0.19 hectare. Quoting statistics he stated that during 1901-2011, total population of the country increased by six times, but urban population increased by 14.5 times while the number of settlements during the same period hardly increased by 4.3 4 times (1,827 to 7,935), which clearly indicates that majority of urban population settled in the existing towns and cities.

For accommodating this urban population it is essential to procure land for urban development. Under prevalent Land Acquisition Act of 1894, land can be acquired for

the public purpose. This issue is now being revisited to broaden the canvas of public purpose. Another issue, which is being debated, is compensation and rehabilitation to the owners of land whose land is likely to be acquired. In this direction Land Acquisition and Rehabilitation and Resettlement Bill, 2011, provides for 80 percent of land to be procured by the promoters and builders by negotiation and 20 percent can be procured by the government. It is also provided in the Bill that if families become landless or loose means of livelihood and become homeless due to acquisition, they are required to be resettled and given jobs or monthly compensation. In urban areas compensation has to be paid at the rate of assessed market value plus 100 percent solatium i.e. two times market value and in rural areas it is more than 4 times. He however brought into focus the other side i.e. in this process the principle of 'eminent domain' would get discarded and also it would become difficult to acquire land even for genuine public purpose as the authorities need to pay more compensation besides resettlement cost and providing jobs. He asked whether it would be possible for local bodies to bear this burden. He flagged whether this situation would discourage acquisition of land for urban development. All such issues have positive and negative impacts, therefore this need to be discussed thread bear.

Shri Meshram was happy to note that this Zonal Congress would be revisiting all the relevant issues like (i) urban development versus agriculture in the wake of the current scenario; (ii) to examine the role of public and private sector towards urban development; (iii) to assess options being worked out by the Centre and various States and UTs for mitigating resistance and

taking up development projects; (iv) to assess available means towards adequate compensation to those affected by development projects; (v) to analyze the current regulatory reforms i.e. the Land Acquisition Act and proposed amendments, the R and R packages, and other Acts being utilized for land procurement; and (vi) to understand the definition of 'public purpose' and justification for the need to procure land.

Shri Bhaskar Wankhede, Municipal Commissioner, Navi Mumbai, Municipal Corporation, in his address stated that large scale acquisition results in encroachments. Almost 163 acres of NMMC land is occupied by slums, which is due to immigration to the NMMC. He called on town planners' community to adopt two prong strategy i.e. to have proactive planning so that immigrants could be adequately settled in a planned manner and steps are taken to control immigration by resorting to rural urbanization. He also brought into focus the issue of urban poverty and suggested that we

should adopt the principle of equal distribution of land resources.

The Chief Guest of the West Zone Conference Shri Sagar Naik, Hon'ble Mayor, Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC), while addressing the conference stated that he himself belongs to the affected people being a farmer whose land has been acquired by CIDCO at a very nominal price. He stated that if land is required for public purpose, then actual price or market value is required to be given to land owners. During acquisition of land there are various other factors which are required to be taken into consideration like settling of families who lose their land. He also brought into focus various other issues like provision of houses to project workers and laborers, solid waste management, etc., and called on town planners' community to take holistic view while planning.

While extending the vote of thanks Shri Jitendra Bhole, Secretary, MRC(M) assured the delegates and Hon'ble Mayor, that issues would be discussed in the Technical Sessions.



Prof. (Dr.) Krishnegowda, Chairman, KRC welcoming the delegates and dignitaries

from urban areas, and are the major source of climate change which results in disasters like floods, drought, shortage of drinking waters, etc. He also said that earlier there used to be wars for territories but there is likelihood that in future there could be wars between countries for water. He brought into focus another aspect that is rising of sea level and quoted the example of Bangladesh, where if two feet sea level increases, 40 percent of Bangladesh would be affected, which is a major cause of concern. He also called on town planners to adopt the use of non-conventional energy sources, and use of non-polluting modes of transport like cycles, rickshaw. He attracted the attention of the delegates towards high rise buildings constructed with reflective materials. He also desired to introduce the principle of consumption of energy per sq ft not only in buildings but in cities as well.

Shri D. S. Meshram, in his Presidential address drew attention of the delegates to the side effects of climate change. He pointed out that he has noticed himself the effects, being present in Puerto Rico, USA, when devastating hurricane recently destroyed life and property. He also shared his experience of visit to Port Blair,

## WORLD HABITAT DAY

### Karnataka Regional Chapter (KRC)

Karnataka Regional Chapter of the ITPI celebrated the World Habitat Day on 22nd October 2011 at KRC Building on the theme 'Cities and Climate Change'. In his welcome address Prof. (Dr.) Krishnegowda, Chairman, KRC, stated that with increase in population, the number of towns and cities is also bound to increase. As towns and cities increase, it would be responsibility of planners, to plan for this ever increasing population at the same time planners need to take into consideration the aspect of climate

change and needs to plan cities and towns, which are climate friendly.

Kumari Priyahasana, Multi-lingual Cinestar, Director and Producer was the Guest of Honor who stated that through media it would be possible to reach the people and impress upon them, the importance of environment and climate change.

Shri Subir Hari Singh, IAS, and Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka was the Chief Guest of the Session. In his address Shri Singh stated that 70% of the greenhouse gases emission come



Inaugural Session is in progress, present on the dias are Shri B. Mahendra, Council Member, ITPI; Kumari Priyahasn, Multi-lingual Cinestar, Director and Producer; and Shri Subir Hari Singh, IAS; Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka (from left to right)

Andaman and Nicobar Islands after the disaster of Tsunami, when sea water entered inside towns destroying not only buildings but entered into tanks which were source of drinking water, polluting them forever. Because, salt water mixed with the source of drinking water, it can no longer be used for drinking purposes. After waiting throughout the summer for evaporation which could not totally get rid of salt water, rain water started pouring in. Such are the devastating effects of climate change. Due to climate change ozone layer is depleting, sea level is rising, and global warming is taking place, resulting in melting of snow in the Himalayas.

Cities are the major cause of concern due to their contribution in climate change. Shri Meshram stated that due to manifold increase in population, a majority of the people will settle in the peripheries of the existing towns and cities. He cautioned the delegates that growth of any thing beyond certain limits will always have bad and side effects, which is also true for our cities. We are planning Delhi for 23 million people by 2021 by almost urbanizing the total area of the NCTD, and stated that beyond

2021 there will be no area left for accommodating growth of Delhi within the NCTD. Therefore, it is high time that we address such issues. He also said that we need to undertake 'green planning' in our towns and cities, which consumes less resources.

A vote of thanks was extended by Shri K. Shanker, Secretary, KRC.

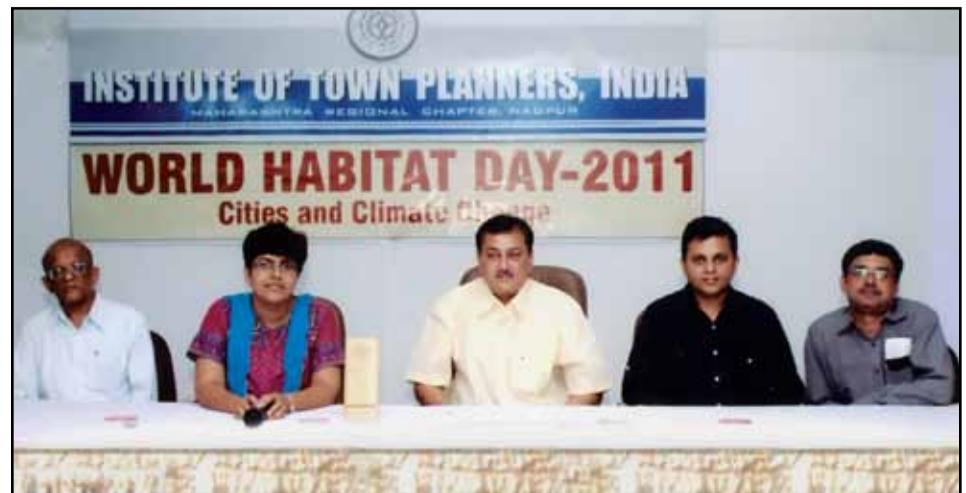
**Maharashtra Regional Chapter (Nagpur)**

Maharashtra Regional Chapter, Nagpur celebrated the World Habitat Day on 15th October 2011 at MRC(N) Building. On this occasion

a workshop on 'Cities and Climate Change' was also organized. In his welcome address Prof. A.M. Deshmukh, Chairman MRC(N) highlighted the importance of the theme and argued that we should focus on sustainable development of towns and cities.

Prof Rajashree Kotharkar, VNIT, Nagpur, in her keynote address underlined the role of cities in modifying the climate at local level, which in turn contributes to global climate change. Due to concentration of population and economic activities in urban areas, these areas are responsible for consumption of the bulk of world's energy. They thus become the single biggest source of global emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>. She also emphasized the vulnerability of cities to various effects of climate change including heat waves, and flooding. She called on town planners' community to take a serious note of the complex and multi-layered urban structures of our cities and accordingly find out ways and means to combat climate change.

Shri Sujit Rodge, Secretary MRC(N) proposed a vote of thanks.



World Habitat Day being celebrated, present on the dias are Shri A.P. Hore, Programme Co-ordinator; Prof (Dr) Rajashree Kotharkar, VNIT, Nagpur; Prof. A.M. Deshmukh, Chairman MRC(N); Shri Sujit Rodge, Secretary MRC(N); and Shri Parag Date, Programme Co-ordinator (from left to right)



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**METROPOLITAN STUDY TOUR TO INDIA, 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011:  
APPRECIATION**

I write to convey my appreciation for the facilitation and hospitality you accorded my delegation during our Metropolitan benchmarking tour of the planning, development and management of the new towns in Mumbai and Delhi respectively, from 26th June 2011 to 3rd July 2011.

The tour was highly resourceful noting the generous wealth of information shared, insightful and high quality of professional discussions held. The best practices and experiences in urban renaissance, infrastructure development and the application of the "leapfrog" concepts in the economy, urban and metropolitan development that we witnessed were both relevant and inspiring.

Kindly convey my appreciation and gratitude to your staff and Board members of ITPI for their dedication in ensuring the success of this mission.

**Hon. Robinson Njeru Githae, MBS; MP.  
Minister for Nairobi Metropolitan Development**

**ITPI COUNCIL 2011-2012**

In his first Meeting of the Council held on 01st October, 2011 at ITPI Headquarters, New Delhi, following office bearers were elected unanimously:

**President**

Shri D.S. Meshram

**Vice President**

Shri Aniyam Mathew

**Secretary General**

Shri Pradeep Kapoor

**Council Members**

Dr. A.N. Sachithanandan  
Shri B. Mahendra  
Dr. Najammuddin  
Dr. S.P. Bansal  
Shri V. Sathyanarayan  
Shri S.T. Puttaraju  
Shri S.D. Saini  
Shri Ranjan Chattopadhyay  
Shri Rajinder Sharma  
Shri Sitanshu Mohan Patnaik  
Shri N. Kantilal Patel  
Shri Smaran Kumar Das  
Shri S. Ram Reddy  
Smt. B. Anjali Goswami  
Shri S.D. Landge  
Shri Jagdish Chandra Gupta  
Shri Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal,  
Shri K.R. Thooyavan

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Shri D.S. Meshram, President  
Shri Aniyam Mathew, Vice-president  
Shri Pradeep Kapoor, Secretary General

**Members**

Dr. S.P. Bansal  
Shri S.D. Saini  
Shri Rajinder Sharma  
Dr. A.N. Sachithanandan  
Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Kumar, Secretary Publication  
Dr. R. Biswas, Secretary Exam

**CHAIRMEN, CO-CHAIRPERSON AND SECRETARIES OF  
COMMITTEES, 2011-12**

Name of Committees	Chairman	Co-Chairman	Secretary
Educational Standing Committee	Dr. Krishnegawda	Prof. K. Kapadia	Dr. Mayank Mathur
Professional Standing Committee	Shri J.C. Gambhir	Shri H.S. Sancheti	Shri Pramod Behra
Library Committee	Prof. Alok Ranjan	Shri Murad Ahmad	Dr. Sandeep Raut
Regional Chapter Building Committee	Shri P.K. Rajkhowa	Shri B.S. Kanawat	Shri Sunil Mehra
Technical Committee	Dr. S.K. Kulshrestha	Shri B. Mahendra	Shri Pradeep Kapoor
Head Quarter Building Committee	Shri V.K. Bugga	Shri M.P. Goel	Shri S.B. Khodankar
Information Technology Committee	Shri B.S. Sokhi	Shri S. Surendra	Shri Jibesh Paul
Town Planning Examination Board	Shri D.S. Meshram	—	Dr. R. Biswas
Editorial Board	Shri Aniyam Mathew	—	Dr. Ashok Kumar
Evaluation Committee	Shri S.S. Mathur	—	Shri R. Srinivas

## CHAIRMEN, SECRETARIES AND TREASURER OF REGIONAL CHAPTERS (2011-2012)

Name of Chapters	Chairmen	Secretaries	Treasurers
Andhra Pradesh	Shri B.Purshothama Reddy	Shri Maheep Singh Thapar	Shri S. Venkata Chary
Bihar	Prof. Jitendra Singh	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Shri S.K. Mandal
Delhi	Shri S.B. Khodankar	Shri Paresh K. Duria	Shri P.K. Behera
Goa	Shri Morad Ahmad	Shri R.K. Pandita	Shri P.P. Bandodkar
Gujarat	Shri K.M. Panchal	Shri R.J. Rawal	Dr. A.Y. Pandya
H.P. & J & K	Shri A.N. Gautam	Shri R. C. Thakur	Shri Shashi Shekar
Haryana	Shri V.K. Goyal	Shri Sudhir Singh Chauhan	Shri Narender Kumar
Karnataka	Prof. Krishnegowda	Shri K.S. Shankar	Shri Padmaraja Pandit
Kerala	Shri B. Prabhakaran	Shri T.N. Rajesh	Shri R. Gopinathan Nair
Madhya Pradesh	Shri B.N. Tripathi	Shri Sunil Nath	Mrs. Vibha Shrivastava
Maharashtra (Mumbai)	Shri S.D. Landge	Shri J.L. Bhopale	Shri Milind B. Patil
Maharashtra (Nagpur)	Prof. Aniket M. Deshmukh	Shri Sujit A. Rodge	Shri Jasgadish N Rahurkar
North East	Smt. Anjali Goswami	Shri J.S. Kakoty	Smt. K. Mahanta
Orissa	Shri P.K. Patnaik	Shri L.P. Patnaik	Shri Raj Kishore Biswal
Punjab	Shri Kuldip Singh Dhaliwal	Shri M.L. Kaushal	Shri Virender Singh
Rajasthan	Shri H.S. Sancheti	Shri J.B. Jhakhar	Shri R.L. Tuklia
Tamil Nadu	Dr. K.R. Thooyavan	Shri R. Shivakumar	Shri S. Balasubramaniam
Uttar Pradesh	Shri Subodh Shankar	Shri Anil Kumar Mishra	Dr. R.K. Udayan
Uttarakhand	Shri J.C. Gupta	Shri Ashok Kumar	Mrs. Geeta Khulbe
West Bengal	Dr. Souvanic Roy	Shri Sourav Sen	Shri Subhrajit Banerjee

### ITPI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2011

The Annual General Meeting of the ITPI was held on 30th September, 2011 at the ITPI Headquarters at 4 – A, Ring Road, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi at 14:00 Hours. The notice for the same was issued on 30th August, 2011 for transacting the Ordinary Business. Accordingly, in the Annual General Meeting, the following business was transacted.

#### ORDINARY BUSINESS

##### **1(a). To consider, and adopt the Audited Statements of Account and the Auditors Report for the year 2010-2011.**

Dr. Najammuuddin, Secretary General, ITPI gave the highlights of the Audited Statement of Accounts and Auditors Report for the year 2010-2011. The members present unanimously adopted the Audited Statement and Auditors Report for the year 2010-2011.

##### **1(b). To consider and adopt the Report of the Council for the year 2010-2011.**

Dr. Najammuuddin, Secretary General, ITPI gave the highlights of the activities of the Council for the year 2010-2011, including important decisions taken by the Council.

Shri J.C. Gupta, however, mentioned that in the last Annual General Meeting held on 24th September, 2010 at ITPI, HQ, New Delhi, a Committee was constituted to examine the issues raised by the members in their representations relating to the Election Procedure and requested the President, ITPI to lay on the table the Report of the Committee in case it has been submitted by the Committee.

Dr. A.N. Sachithanandan, President, ITPI laid on the table the Report of the Committee which was then read by Dr. Najammuuddin, Secretary General, ITPI for consideration of the members. The members present directed the incoming Council to take steps to implement the Committee's Report.

The members present unanimously adopted the Report of the Council for the year 2010-2011 along with the Report of the Committee.

##### **2. To present the Scrutinizers' Report on the Election of the members of the ITPI Council for the year 2011-2012.**

The Scrutinizers' Report of the Council Election for the year 2011-2012 was presented by Shri S.B. Khondkar, Scrutinizer, and declared following members elected for the ITPI Council for the year 2011-2012.

#### **General Constituency**

Shri Meshram, D.S.  
 Shri Kapoor, Pradeep  
 Dr. Bansal, S.P.  
 Shri Sathyanarayan, V.  
 Shri Puttaraju, S.T.  
 Shri Mathew, Aniyan  
 Shri Saini, S.D.  
 Shri Chattopadhyay, Ranjan  
 Shri Sharma, Rajinder  
 Shri Patnaik, Sitanshu Mohan  
 Shri Patel, N. Kantilal

Shri Das, Smaran Kumar  
Shri Reddy, S. Ram

**Special Constituency  
(Chairmen of Regional Chapters)**

Smt. Goswami, B. Anjali  
Shri Landge, S.D.  
Shri Gupta, Jagdish Chandra  
Shri Dhaliwal, S. Kuldeep Singh  
Dr. Thooyavan, K.R.

Dr. A.N. Sachithanandan, Shri B. Mahendra and Dr. Najammuuddin would be ex-officio members being

immediate Past President, Vice-President and Secretary General (as per Bye-Law No.35).

**3. Appointment of, and the fixing of remuneration of the Auditors.**

The members unanimously decided to appoint M/s Sarkar and Associates, Chartered Accountants, which has demerged from M/s B.N. Misra & Company as Auditor for the year 2011-2012 on the same remuneration as decided last year.

Ministry appointed him Chairman of Technical Committee. The UDPFI Guidelines are being followed by various state departments and organizations. The Development Plan for the Universal Township of Auroville was prepared by Shri Meshram adopting the UDPFI Guidelines to demonstrate its practical applicability.

The Institute under his Presidency acquired land for the construction of a majority of the Regional Chapter buildings. It was due to his efforts that the annual ITPI Congress 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 for better interaction among the members of Regional Chapters at Zonal level. He ensured that such conferences are held in different zones regularly. It is due to his untiring efforts that a separate All India Board of Town and Country Planning have been constituted by All India Council of Technical Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, currently Shri D.S. Meshram is the Chairman of this Board.

Shri Meshram was also instrumental in taking up the issue of starting undergraduate planning courses in country with the help of then Ministry of Education, Government of India and recently with Ministry of Human Resource Development to start four new Schools of Planning. Ministry of HRD has already started two new Schools of Planning at Vijaywada and Bhopal.

Shri Meshram was born on 16th May 1941 at Nagpur. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Arts and

**60TH NATIONAL TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNERS CONGRESS**

The ITPI Council (2011-2012), announces, the 60th National Town and Country Planners, Congress to be held on 6th – 8th January, 2012 at Senate Bhavan, University of Mysore, Manasgangotri, Mysore – 570 006 on the theme 'Planning and Development, 2020: Challenges and Reforms' with sub-themes 'Planning Process and Strategies'; 'Planning Education'; 'Regulatory Framework'; and 'Local Sub-theme'.

Members are requested to send Technical papers on the main theme and sub-themes in hard copy, accompanied by soft copy along with brief Bio-data and photograph by 9th December, 2011. Hard copy of paper without soft copy and without brief Bio-data and photograph would not be accepted.

**Pradeep Kapoor**  
Secretary General, ITPI

**ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS (2011-12) OF ITPI**

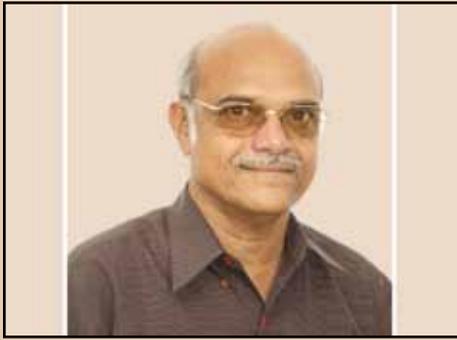
**PRESIDENT**

Shri D.S. Meshram was elected President of the ITPI for the thirteenth time. Prior to this, he held the prestigious position of the Chief Planner, Town and Country Planning Organization, Government of India for over 12 years and was responsible for elevating the status of the Chief Planner to Joint Secretary in Government of India.

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. After his retirement from the TCPO as Chief Planner, the Government of Utrkhand appointed him as Advisor, Urban Development.

Shri D.S. Meshram was a member of Delhi Development Authority and New Delhi Municipal Council. Due to his initiatives, the ITPI was awarded the work of preparation of 'Urban Development Plan Formulation and Implementation (UDPFI) Guidelines' by the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation in 1996, for which



**Shri D.S. Meshram**

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 an LLB from the Punjab University, Chandigarh. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Town Planners, India.

**VICE-PRESIDENT**

Shri Aniyam Mathew, elected as Vice-President, ITPI, 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 southern India by agencies such as the USAID, CIDA and the Government of Belgium. In late 1960s, he was associated with the pioneering works of world renowned architects like Padmasree Laurier Baker OBE. Shri Mathew, former resource person, State Nirmitti Kendra (Low cost building centre), has also made contributions to environment friendly designs and low cost building technologies.

His vast experience with the aid agencies prompted him to pursue town planning education. He passed his postgraduate degree

in Town and Country Planning from the School of Architecture and Planning, Chennai in 1972. In 1975, a German aid agency invited Shri Aniyam Mathew to join them as a planner in their expert team. It was here that he made many environment friendly designs for medium sized projects in different parts of the developing countries. Some of his designs for Health Centers from various climatic zones were adopted by the World Health Organization as type-plans.



**Shri Aniyam Mathew**

Since his return to India, Shri Mathew has been working as a freelance planner. He actively participated in the activities of Kerala Regional Chapter. He encouraged many professionals to enhance their qualifications by joining postgraduate courses in town planning through Associateship Examination of the ITPI. Shri Mathew has traveled extensively in Europe and India learning about land and the people.

Presently Shri Mathew is a member of the State Level Steering Committee for the preparation of IDDP and LDP, a programme which has attracted national attention. Shri Mathew has been elected as Vice-President of the ITPI for the fourth time.

**SECRETARY GENERAL**

Shri Pradeep Kapoor elected as Secretary General is working as Senior Town Planner with the Government of Rajasthan. He was involved in preparation of Model Building Regulations for urban areas of the state, Rajasthan Township Policy 2010 and Draft Policy for Transferable Development Right, while working as Deputy Town Planner in Urban Development and Housing Department, Government Secretariat, Rajasthan. During 2010 Shri Pradeep Kapoor was nominated as member to represent the State Government in Euro-India Mission to Belgium, France and Germany. Shri Kapoor completed his post graduate degree in Regional Planning from IIT Kharagpur in 1981. In 1992, he completed a post graduate diploma in Management from IGNOU. He has been actively involved in the various activities of Rajasthan Regional Chapter



**Shri Pradeep Kapoor**

including that of the Treasurer, Secretary and Chairman. Shri Kapoor was instrumental in procuring land and construction of the Chapter building in Rajasthan. He was the council member of the ITPI in 1998-1999, Chairman RCBC in 2001-2002, and Chairman, Finance Committee in 2004-2005 of the ITPI. Shri Pradeep Kapoor has been elected Secretary General for seventh time in 2011-2012.