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XV Annual NOSPlan Convention

28th December 2013 Crawford Hall, Mysore



Present on dias - His Excellency Dr. Hansraj Bhardwaj, Governor of Karnataka, Chief Guest ( third from left )

## The XV Annual NOSPlan Convention “Anusandhaana”

NOSPlan, an organization of planning students, provides a platform for interactions between planning students and the entire planning fraternity, so that students' voices and ideas about current planning practices get projected onto the future demands of communities, cities and regions. In this direction NOSPlan organizes Annual Convention every year at one of the eligible member colleges. The XV Annual NOSPlan convention, a mega event, was sponsored by the Institute of Development Studies, University of Mysore and Institute of Town Planners, India.

Planning is about making the world a better place to live, a comfortable, fulfilling and safe world, and to create spaces and neighborhoods where citizens can feel safe and secure at all times. But is it actually happening in the actual world? It needs no emphasis that we still have miles to go in providing secure places to live, and safe paths to walk. Everyday we struggle to be spared from the fury of nature: from earthquakes to cyclones to wildfires. The past few years have shown a great amount of disturbing

events from earthquakes, cyclones, wildfires and so on underscoring urgent need for mitigating actions.

Over the years we have learnt that it is better to be prepared than to expose ourselves to dangers and unforeseen events. Planning can contribute greatly to making our cities immune from crimes and disasters. Planning interventions can lead cities towards a safer world. Human surveillance and access control strategies can limit scope for crimes but certainly cannot stop them. Social support provided by communities with reassurance could lead to reduction in crimes. Pre - disaster assessment and planning can enable our cities to recoil or spring back into shape after a tragedy. Accordingly, 'Safe Cities' with a focus on 'Disaster Resilient' and 'Crime Free Cities' was chosen as the theme for the XV Annual NOSPlan Convention.

The Convention was inaugurated by His Excellency Dr. Hansraj Bhardwaj, Governor of Karnataka, on 28 December 2013 at Crawford Hall, University of



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Mysore. On this occasion Prof. Anthony G.O. Yeh, Director, Centre for Urban Planning and Design, University of Hong King; Dr. D.S. Meshram, former President of Institute of Town Planners, India and Chief Planner of TCPO; and Prof. Dr. N. Sridharan, Director, SPA Vijayawada were the Guests of Honour, and Prof. K.S. Rangappa, Vice Chancellor of Mysore University presided over the function.

His Excellency Dr. Hansraj Bhardwaj expressed concern over the fast degrading environments and resultant ecological disturbances that the world has to face major challenges of global warming,

natural disasters, climate change which is not only destroying land and property but human lives as well, and called upon the people not to disturb the nature and ecological systems in the name of development. A natural balance has sustained universe and it is required to be maintained without leaving scope for natural catastrophes. Recalling the natural disaster which recently divested human lives and property in Uttarakhand, he pointed out that obeying nature would be ideal for preserving the environment and maintaining ecological balance. He called upon the planners to plan development which is environmentally and ecologically friendly.

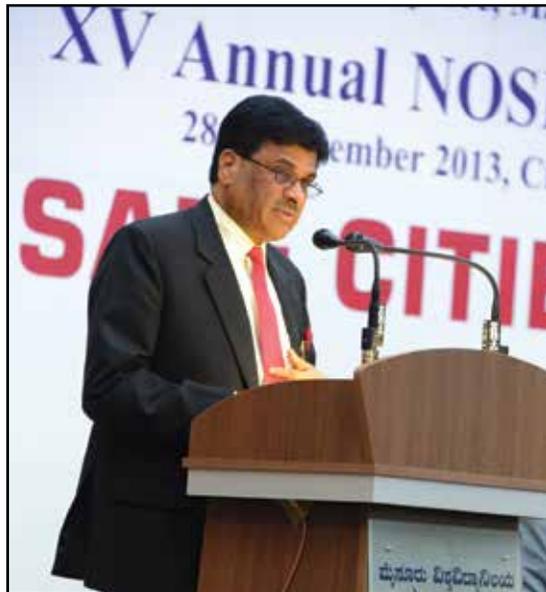
Appreciating the development work and progressive steps taken up by China, which is not harmful to nature, His Excellency further highlighted that any development work which reaches the point of saturation is a disaster. Alarmed about the scarcity of water in future he said Karnataka may suffer a lot in future if no steps are taken to preserve lakes and water bodies. He further called upon the community as a whole to adopt rainwater harvesting by preserving water in houses and farms and store it as a backup for dry season.

On this occasion His Excellency Dr. Hansraj Bhardwaj felicitated Prof. Anthony G.O. Yen, Dr. D.S. Meshram; and Prof. N. Sridharan. Earlier Prof. K.S. Rangappa, Vice Chancellor, University of Mysore welcoming the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, delegates and participants stated that the theme of the NOSPlan convention 'Anusandhaana' is 'safe cities', and would focus on 'Disaster Resilient' and 'Crime Free Cities' which is of topical interest not only to planners but also to every person residing in towns and cities. The topics assume more importance because very recently i.e. in middle of June last year we have experienced a major disaster in Uttarakhand. This disaster destroyed roads, communication structures, water supply and electric lines in addition to loss of life and property. As fallout of this disaster most of the people lost their livelihoods as they were heavily dependent upon incomes from tourism.

Prof. (Dr.) Krishnegowda, Director, I D S Mysore underscored that students from I D S Mysore have been receiving Prof. V.N. Prasad National Best Thesis Award. He pointed out that during 2012 Ms. Zehra Bathool received this national award for her thesis on 'Planning for Natural and Built Urban Aesthetics in Mysore City', and Ms. K. Srivalli for her thesis on 'Canal Front Development in Vijayawada City' for the year 2013.



Prof. Krishnegowda, Director IDS Mysore, presenting bouquet to His Excellency Dr. Hansraj Bhardwaj, Governor of Karnataka



Prof. K. S. Rangappa, Vice - Chancellor of Mysore University addressing the delegates

XV Annual NOSPlan  
Convention

The Inaugural Session of the Convention was followed by a Panel Discussion during which Dr. D. S. Meshram highlighted that major causes of latest catastrophe which occurred in Uttarakhand 'The Devbhumi' are (i) impact of global warming that has changed climatic pattern and resulted in melting of glaciers; (ii) haphazard, uncontrolled and indiscriminate development; and (iii) failure of timely response to manage the situation. Haphazard, uncontrolled and indiscriminate development in and along rivers in Uttarakhand is a common site. To serve 2.5 crore tourists and pilgrims visiting Uttarakhand every year, haphazard and uncontrolled multi - storied buildings have come up with almost no regard for the environment, flood plains of rivers, and ecology of mountains and forests. Trees are cut and mountains are blasted for construction of roads. Several dams of all types for production of hydro - electricity have come up, and there appears to be a proposal to construct more dams. Indiscriminate construction of dams and reservoirs displace people, destroy forests and obstruct natural flow of water in rivers.

Yet another mishap took place on 16th December in 2012 in Delhi which has shaken the country to an extent that immediate measures were taken to make

amendments in the law in the form of Criminal Law Amendment Bill, 2013. In fact, all cities and towns are experiencing crime. However, there is no denying the fact that technological advancements have controlled some aspects of security, but one aspect still affecting lives of average citizens is safety from crime and violence, which is one of the significant causes of fear and insecurity in many cities today. The unchecked, unplanned and unabated growth of cities as well as large floating population is one of the major contributing factors in ever increasing crime and violence in our cities. He further mentioned that violence is a serious problem in cities all over the world including cities within Asia-Pacific region. Urban violence generates a sense of insecurity that threatens social fabric of a city as well as a city's sustainability and economic development. Moreover, urban violence and insecurity erodes quality of life of the most vulnerable sections of our society like the poor, women and children, elderly people, damaging socio - cultural bonds and inhibiting social mobility.

Panel Discussions followed activities like (i) Best thesis presentation of students of participating Schools; (ii) State of cities and master plan provisions; (iii) Informal debates; (iv) Current practices in city planning; (v) Photography competition; and (vi) Movie making besides social and cultural events.

## ITPI Annual General Meeting – 2013

The Annual General Meeting of the Institute of Town Planners, India was held on 27 September 2013 at the ITPI Headquarters, New Delhi at 1400 hours. The notice for the same was issued on 2 September 2013 for transacting the Ordinary Business. Welcoming all members to the AGM, Dr. D. S. Meshram, President ITPI requested Shri Pradeep Kapoor, Secretary General to take up the agenda items. Accordingly in the 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 2012 - 2013**

Secretary General, ITPI gave the highlights of the Audited Statement of Accounts and Auditors' Report for the year 2012 - 2013. After discussions the members present unanimously adopted the Audited Statement and Auditors Report for the year 2012 - 2013.

#### **1(b) To consider and adopt the Report of the Council for the year 2012 - 2013**

Secretary General, ITPI gave the highlights of the activities of the Council for the year 2012 - 2013 including important decisions taken by the Council. After discussions the members present unanimously adopted the Report of the Council for the year 2012 - 2013.

#### **2. To present the Scrutinizers' Report on the Election of the members of the ITPI Council for the year 2013 - 2014**

The Scrutinizers' Report for the Council Elections for the year 2013 - 2014 was presented by Shri Sunil Mehra, Scrutinizer, and declared the following members elected for the ITPI Council for the year 2013 - 2014.

#### **General Constituency**

Shri Sathyanarayan, V.

Dr. Sachithanandan, A.N.

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Shri J.B. Kshirsagar  
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Shri Milind Patil

### Special Constituency (Chairmen of Regional Chapters)

Shri S.B. Khodankar  
Shri Chattopadhyay, Ranjan  
Shri Gurpreet Singh

Shri Jakhar, J.B.  
Shri Babu Anand K.

Dr. D. S. Meshram, Shri Aniyam Mathew, and Shri Pradeep Kapoor 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 as Auditors for the year 2013 - 2014 on the same remuneration as drawn during the last year.

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## Colloquium on “Reflections on Local Area Plan - Delhi”

Delhi Regional Chapter (DRC) of ITPI in collaboration with Department of Urban Planning, School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), New Delhi organized a colloquium on ‘Reflections on Local Area Plans of Delhi’ at the ITPI Headquarters, New Delhi on 27 September 2013. The Colloquium was chaired by Shri Parmod Behera, Chairman DRC. Prof. Chetan Vaidya, Director, SPA, was the Chief Guest, and Shri J. B. Kshirsagar, Chief Planner, TCPO was Guest of Honour on this occasion. The

encouraging seeing that LAPs have been initiated by several local bodies and planning authorities across the country.

Prof. Sanjukta Bhaduri gave a background of LAPs and explained the scope of LAPs, which is divided into four phases and nine objectives. She highlighted a need to address the question as to how local is local? In the participatory process adopted while plan preparation, stakeholders from Ward Councillors to local communities were involved. First stage of LAP preparation is mapping a Ward and the second stage is translation of Master Plan provisions into Local Area Plan. The void between a layout plan and a zonal plan was filled by a Local Area Plan. She then presented Local Area Plan of Mangolpuri.

The representative of INTACH, Delhi Chapter, presented the plan of Ward Number 154 (Nizamuddin) in three zones, which INTACH was assigned to prepare. These wards were mainly the heritage wards under Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

Shri M. L. Chotani, former Director, AMDA, New Delhi presented the LAP prepared for Wards 97, 98, and 100. He briefly described the mission objectives of Local Area Plans as given in the MPD - 2021 and compared it with the accomplishments or ground realities. On ground, violations were found, which were not shown in land use maps, and this has resulted in the LAP being a mere blow up exercise of existing Master Plan. He then highlighted the issue of lack of synchronization of ward boundaries from different authorities.

Faculty from the Jamia Millia Islamia presented Local Area Planning approach for Khichripur, Ward 214 which falls in South Shahdara Zone. The Area selected for the presentation was an example of problems arising out of top down planning approach and unsustainable development practices. Indraprastha University under the supervision of Shri Ashok B. Lal made a presentation on Timarpur Local Area Plan which falls under Zone 7 and Ward 10.

Workshop concluded with a Panel Discussion Chaired by Shri J. B. Kshirsagar, Commissioner Planning, DDA and Chief Planner, TCPO. Discussions



Prof. Chetan Vaidya, Director, SPA, New Delhi delivering inaugural address

key speakers were Prof. Dr. Sanjukta Bhaduri, Head of Department of Urban Planning, SPA; Shri M. L. Chotani, former Director, AMDA, New Delhi; Shri Ashok B. Lal, I. P. University and representative of INTACH.

Shri P. K. Behera, Chairman DRC, welcoming the participants expressed the need for preparing Local Area Plans (LAPs) as per the provisions of MPD - 2021 and highlighted the role of LAPs which could be instrumental in bridging a gap between the Land Use Plan and affected community.

Prof. Chetan Vaidya, Director, SPA Delhi, the Chief Guest of the Colloquium further substantiated the role of LAPs in the planning process and recommended that a Chapter in UDPFI guidelines could incorporate methods and processes to be followed for the preparation of Local Area Plans. He also noted that in spite of some limitations, it is

Colloquium on ‘Reflections  
on Local Area Plan - Delhi’

revolved around challenges, issues and problems, content, processes and outcomes of Local Area Plans.

Prof. A.G.K. Menon gave a presentation of his experience in respect of preparation of LAPs, calling these plans as a beginning, process of learning at all levels, top to bottom, with some shortcomings being inevitable. On a positive note he mentioned that in plan preparation process, it is for the first time communities and Ward Councillors are being made aware about what the Master Plan states about their

area. He mentioned that LAP serves as a platform where conflicts between planners and people, which have existed for over 40 years, can be resolved to reach feasible and acceptable solutions. Prof. A. K. Moitra shared his experiences of plan preparation at various levels laying emphasis on the importance of roles and responsibilities of planners in the process.

After further discussions and deliberations, the Workshop on LAPs was concluded with Dr. Sandeep Kumar Raut, Secretary, DRC extending a vote of thanks.

## World Habitat Day - 2013

Tamil Nadu Regional Chapter (TNRC) of Institute of Town Planners, India organised discussions on 'Urban Mobility' on the occasion of the World Habitat Day on 7 October 2013 in collaboration with School of Architecture, Meenakshi College of Engineering, Chennai. During celebrations on the occasion of the World Habitat Day, it was highlighted that the United Nations has designated the first Monday of October every year as World Habitat Day. This year, it will be celebrated on 7 October 2013. The purpose of World Habitat Day is to reflect on the state of our towns and cities and the basic right of all to have adequate shelter. It is also intended to remind the world that we all have responsibility to shape the future of our cities and towns.

This year, the United Nations chose the theme of 'Urban Mobility' because mobility and access

to goods and services is essential to efficient functioning of our cities and towns as they expand. Accessible cities encourage a shift towards more sustainable modes of transportation and draw more travellers out of cars onto trains, buses, side paths, and sidewalks.

But mobility is more than just the mode of transport we use. Urban planning and design should focus on how to bring people and places together by creating cities that focus on accessibility, and optimal urban densities rather than simply increasing the length of urban transport infrastructure. The Inaugural Address was delivered by Dr. K. R. Thooyavan, former Chief Urban Planner, CMDA and a vote of thanks was extended by Shri R. Shivakumar, Secretary, ITPI - TNRC.

## National Symposium on Managing Lands in Urban Fringes : Controlling Urban Sprawl

West Bengal Regional Chapter of ITPI organized an event to discuss the issue of managing lands adjacent to semi - urban and rural areas, where urban area is slated to expand unplanned in a national symposium titled 'Managing Lands in Urban Fringes: Controlling Urban Sprawl' at Rabindra Tirtha, New Town, Kolkata on 7 December 2013.

Shri Ranjan Chattopadhyay, Chairman, WBRC initiated discussions by highlighting various dimensions of current urban development practices and the need to have better planning. Cities are hard pressed due to explosive urban growth, which ignite



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thinkers around the world to think how cities could be made sustainable in terms of city sizes, city forms, designs, development and management strategies of land and infrastructure, etc. Most of these issues, call for an appropriate process of managing land for controlling unsustainable urban growth beyond the city periphery.

The Symposium was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Shri Debashis Sen, Principal Secretary, Urban Development Department, Government of West Bengal. In his inaugural address Shri Sen affirmed the need of urbanization as a crucial means for the country to develop. He highlighted the fact that 'urban growth is driven by future' and emphasized the need to political and executive wings of society in the planning process. He further noted that planning processes need to be more practice oriented and that it should transform itself from regulatory to 'motivational'. In the end, he referred to the efforts of WBHIDCO to implement Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and higher Floor Area Ratio (FAR) as good practices of planning to develop New Town, Kolkata as a sustainable city.

In his address President ITPI, Prof. Dr. A. N. Sachithanandan highlighted the importance of regional plans and also the need to embrace social and cultural aspects of planning. He also called upon the planners to search ways and means of dynamic planning rather than static long term plans, and making plans transparent so that the fruits of planning become pragmatic.

Technical Session - I was chaired by Prof. Dr. A. N. Sachithanandan in which presentations were

made by Dr. Souvanic Roy, Professor BESU on the theme 'Urban Sprawl, Social Polarization and Governance in Metropolitan and Megacities'. Prof. B. K. Sengupta, formerly from IIT Kharagpur, made a presentation on 'Dynamics in Metropolitan Fringes in the Context of Urban Sprawl'. Prof Dr. Sanjukta Bhaduri from SPA, New Delhi made a presentation on 'Peri Urban Areas Issues and Challenges'.

Technical Session - II was chaired by Shri T. K. Mitra, former DGO, KMDA, in which the presentations were made by The Source Force Company of USA which illustrated the stimulating concept of structured land systems. Sharpoorji Palonji and Company Ltd. affirmed that his company is already addressing the issues by means of investing in MIG and LIG housing and they are also making every effort to save land. Eastern Energy Solutions presented pilot projects and described resource and space saving techniques being adopted by them.

Technical Session - III was chaired by Prof. Dr. C. R. Pathak, former Professor, IIT Kharagpur, in which presentations were made by Dr. Sibabrata Halder from DESU, Shibpur, on 'Land Management Legislations in Urban India: Prevailing Distortions and Key Issues'. Shri H. Mondal, Consultant at Bolpur Municipality of West Bengal made a presentation on 'Accommodative Fringes: Vibrant city'. Dr. Mahalaya Chatterjee, Director, Centre for Urban Economic Studies made a presentation on 'Economy at the Fringe: Kolkata Metropolitan Area'.

Dr. Gautam Banerjee, Secretary WBRC, extended a vote of thanks.

## Shri D. Devaraj Urs Chair

Shri D. Devaraj Urs, born on 20 August 1915, was the Chief Minister of Karnataka from 1972 - 1977 and 1978 - 1980. He was one of the longest serving Chief Ministers of Karnataka. A great silent social reformer, he was elected as member of Legislative Assembly of Karnataka from 1952 -1980 and served for 28 years. Born in a microscopic minority community, he became Chief Minister of Karnataka by mobilizing all backward classes in Karnataka. He was the proponent of equality for all. Realizing the position of the deprived sections of the society, he decided to pave the way for their uplift. Two important historical and revolutionary acts related to land reforms and reservations to backward classes in education and employment were passed by him. The Land Tribunals were constituted by D. Devaraj Urs to settle disputes between tenants

and landlords and these were very powerful bodies and the decisions given by these Tribunals could not be appealed in the court of law except in some special circumstances these could be appealed in the Supreme Court. As a result of these Tribunals, thousands of tenants became owners of land.

Karnataka Government has established a Chair in his name at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Mysore. On the Ninety Eighth Birth Anniversary of Shri D. Devaraj Urs, celebrated on 9 October 2013; Dr. D. S. Meshram, former Chief Planner, Town and Country Planning Organization, Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India, former President of Institute of Town Planner of India, former Chairman, All India Board of Town



Dr. D.S. Meshram being installed as Visiting Professor by Prof. Rangappa, Vice Chancellor, University of Mysore

and Country Planning, and former Advisor Urban Development to Government of Uttarakhand was installed ceremoniously as Visiting Professor on Shri D. Devaraj Urs Chair by Prof. K. S. Rangappa, Vice Chancellor of University of Mysore.

On this occasion Shri V. Srinivas Prasad, Hon'ble Revenue Minister, Government of Karnataka and District In - Charge Minister, Mysore District and Shri Adugur H. Vishwanath, Member of Parliament, were present and addressed the gathering.

Prof. Dr. Krishnegowda, Director IDS, Mysore in his welcome address stated that in the history of University of Mysore it is for the first time that Dr.

D. S. Meshram and his daughter Dr. Swati Meshram has done their Ph. D. in the same discipline of Town and Country Planning, under the same guide and were awarded degree of doctorate in the same convocation. He appreciated zeal and enthusiasm shown by both of them as Ph. D. scholars.

Dr. D. S. Meshram thanked the University of Mysore, particularly Honourable Vice Chancellor Prof. Rangappa and the faculty of IDS Mysore for their full cooperation. He mentioned that he would like to devote the honorarium which he is going to get as Visiting Professor of Shri D. Devaraj Urs Chair for the cause of planning students of IDS Mysore.

## International Conference on 'Urban Development with Climate Co-benefits : Aligning Climate, Environmental and other Development Goals in Cities'

The United Nations University - Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS), Japan, TERI and School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal organized a one day 'International Conference on Urban Development with Climate Co-Benefits: Aligning Climate, Environmental and Other Development Goals in Cities' on 9 December 2013 at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

In the Conference welcome note was given by Prof. Binayak Chaudhury, SPA, Bhopal while the subject was introduced by Prof. Dr. Parayil, Director United

Nations University, Institute of Advance Studies. The welcome address was given by Dr. Leena Srivastava, Vice-Chancellor, TERI.

Dr. Sudhir Krishna, Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India delivered the Keynote Address in which he emphasized that towns and cities pose unique challenges but at the same time provide huge opportunities, which need to be harnessed. Further he added that future sustainable development is closely related to future development processes of our cities and towns



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and role of professional organizations in spatial development and planning in generating urban co - benefits at global and local levels is crucial.

The Conference was organized in four technical sessions i. e. linking global and local environmental issues to generate co - benefits in Energy and Waste Sector; Transportation and Clear Air; and Promoting Co - benefits in the Urban context.

Dr. D. S. Meshram was invited to speak on 'The Role of Professional Institutes' in the fourth technical session. In his presentation Dr. Meshram reiterated the objectives of the Conference and said that we should reinforce institutional mechanisms to facilitate dynamic exchange of knowledge and resources at local and global levels to generate and diffuse innovative solutions to achieve co - benefits. It is imperative to create mechanisms that facilitate development of local innovation capacities in cities in order to scale up development. Since many solutions to global concerns emerge at the local level, it is necessary to create capacity to innovate locally and scale up these innovations to those who need them. Local groups must be able to adopt best technologies for their local needs, absorb new technologies and create institutional mechanisms to increase their benefits.

Collaborative approaches between global, national and local institutions are the key to creating local and global institutions to generate co - benefits. However, there is a need to have more institutional capacity to transform the broad concepts into practical results for the implementation of such commitments. Dr. Meshram then noted that at present organizations involved in spatial planning at national level are – Town and Country Planning Organization, besides Institute of Town Planners, India. While at state level, there are Town and Country Planning Departments who are responsible for planning and at local level the task is performed by Municipal Councils, Corporations, Development Authorities, Improvements Trusts (in some states) and private corporate sector consultants. But

then the question arises - are these agencies fully equipped qualitatively and quantitatively to perform these jobs effectively?

At present trained manpower for spatial planning is supplied by 18 academic institutions including three SPAs and two I I Ts. At present there are hardly 4,000 qualified town and country planners, while requirement is about 300,000 trained planners as per the Seven Member Expert Committee constituted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, which calls for encouraging the establishment of more Schools of Planning both in private and public sector.

With reference to global concerns, Dr. D. S. Meshram raised the issue of mobility of professional planners to practice anywhere in the World by issuing international licenses. This calls for equating the Institute of Town Planners, India at par with Institutions of all the countries on reciprocal basis. Common syllabus could be evolved by these institutes which could be adopted by all Schools of Planning with certain changes to suit to local conditions. Accordingly, it needs to be ensured that skills imparted are common, methodologies of teaching and practice should also be in tandem, duration of courses and nomenclature of degrees both at undergraduate and postgraduate level should also be common. He also stated that in the curriculum of Town and Country Planning education imparted in India, aspects of climate, and environmental concerns are lopsided and need to be adequately taken care of. In this direction he mentioned that ITPI would make efforts to enter into MoUs with various Town Planning Institutions of other countries, encourage joint students programmes of different schools and different countries, organize national and international seminars and workshops to disseminate a message of 'climate change' towards generating co - benefits to all stakeholders. He also invited Prof. Dr. Parayil, Director, UNU - IAS to address delegates at the 62nd National Town and Country Planners Congress to bring into focus the issue of climate change.

## World Town Planning Day - 2013

### Tamil Nadu Regional Chapter

Tamil Nadu Regional Chapter of ITPI celebrated World Town Planning Day 2013 by organizing discussions on the theme 'Water and Planning: The Fluid Challenge' in conjunction with Local Sub - theme 'Role of Town Planners in the Conservation of Urban Water Resources'. During the celebrations Prof. Dr. A. N. Sachithanandan, President ITPI was

given spectacular felicitation by the TNRC. Besides, the Best Student and Best Thesis awards were given away on 30 November 2013. Keynote Address was delivered by Dr. K. R. Thooyavan. On this occasion, Welcome Address was delivered by Shri K. M. Sadhanandh, Chairman TNRC, and a vote of thanks was extended by Shri R. Shivakumar, Secretary TNRC.



Celebration of World Town Planning Day - 2013 is in progress, at WBRC

### West Bengal Regional Chapter

West Bengal Regional Chapter of Institute of Town Planners, India celebrated the 'World Town Planning Day' on 8 November 2013 at WBRC Building. In his address on this occasion Shri Ranjan Chattopadhyay, Chairman WBRC stated that World Town Planning Day was first initiated by Prof. Carlos Maria Della Paolera of the University of Buenos Aires in 1949 and gave reasons as to why celebrate the World Town Planning Day:

- To draw attention to the aims, objectives, and progress of urban and regional planning around the globe.
- To highlight the valuable contributions sound

planning has made to the quality of global human settlements and their environment.

- To give worldwide coverage to the ideals of urban and regional planning not only within the profession but also among the general public.

On this occasion town planning teachers and senior town planning professionals were also felicitated. Notable among them were Dr. Sanghamitra Basu, Ms. Shikha Datta, Dr. Banhi Datta, Dr. Shelly Sarkar, Prof. A. K. Sethi, and Ms. Sumita Gupta Gangopadhyay. Beside Prof. Kamal Krishna Pal Chaudhuri Award was also presented to the best student. In addition Shri Satyanath Halder Best Thesis Award was also presented to a student.

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Prof. Najammuuddin worked for the preparation of Master Plan with South Yemen Government and was associated with various town planning projects in Nigeria. Further, he worked as a faculty in Aden University for three years and the University of Jos, Nigeria for two years. He worked as a Professor in the Department of Architecture and Planning, I I T Roorkee, and also looked after the responsibility of the Head of the same Department for a long period. During his association with I I T Roorkee he guided more than 20 Ph. D. students, more than 50 postgraduate students and 150 Bachelor in Architecture students. He has authored more than 100 research papers in the field of architecture and town planning, and has published in various journals and conference proceedings. During his tenure as Head of the Department, he evolved a Vision Plan for I I T Roorkee for the year 2010. He 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.

At present Prof. Najammuuddin is working as a visiting Professor in I I T Roorkee and Director MET group of institutions, Moradabad, U. P. He is a member, Board of Governors, School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal; Town Planning Board of the All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi, and President, Architects Association, U. P. and Uttarakhand State, India.

Prof. Najammuuddin was elected as Secretary General of ITPI for the year 2010 - 2011 and again for the year 2013 - 2014. He is a soft spoken and kind hearted human being.



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**Shri K.S. Akode**



**Prof. Najammuuddin**

## Elected Office Bearers (2013-14) of ITPI

### President : Dr. A. N. Sachithanandan

Prof. Dr. A. N. Sachithanandan completed his bachelor's degree in Architecture in 1964, and Master's in Town Planning in 1966 from School of Architecture and Planning, Chennai and Ph. D. in Housing in the year 1987, besides having undergone advanced practical training in housing in 1984 in University of London, U. K. 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. Since then he has been working in various capacities and retired as Director, SAP Chennai in the year 2003. After retirement he took over as Dean MEASI Academy of Architecture, Chennai.

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

Dr. A. N. Sachithanandan received Dr. Radhakrishnan Award from Government of Tamil Nadu for the best college teacher in town planning education. He was chairman of Tamil Nadu Regional Chapter for six terms. He was Council Member of ITPI for number of times and also the Vice President of ITPI in the year 1987 - 1988. Besides, he was also the Chairman of Educational Standing Committee of ITPI and Chairman of Editorial Board of ITPI in the year 1987 - 1988. He was a member of the Land Use and Environmental Committee, Housing Sub-committee and Heritage Committee, Second Master Plan of Chennai Metropolitan Area. He was a member of the committee for Revision of Town and Country Planning Act, 1971 constituted by Tamil Nadu Government, 2007 - 2009. Prof. Dr. A. N. Sachithanandan was elected President of ITPI for the year 2004 - 2005 and 2010 - 2011, and again for the year 2013 - 2014.

### Vice President : Kamalakar Sakharam Akode

Shri Kamalakar Sakharam Akode, elected as Vice President, graduated in Civil Engineering

from Nagpur University in 1983 and passed his postgraduate degree in Town and Country Planning from University of Pune in 1996.

He started his career in Government of Maharashtra in 1983 as Planning Assistant and was elevated to Assistant Town Planner in 1986 followed by Town Planner in 1992 and became Assistant Director in Town Planning and Valuation Department of Maharashtra. He was promoted as Deputy Director in the same Department in 2003 and as Joint Director in 2004.

He also served as Under Secretary in Revenue and Forest Department of Government of Maharashtra during 2000 - 2003. He also got the opportunity to work as Chief Planner of Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation, Mumbai during 2009 - 2012.

Recently, Government of India nominated Shri Akode as a member of Indian Delegation who visited Brazil in the month of October 2012 for sharing experiences of urban planning and development of Brazil.

Presently Shri Akode is working as Director, Town Planning and Valuation Department, and is responsible for advising Government of Maharashtra in matters of urban planning, guiding preparation of development plans of various towns and cities in the state, guiding preparation of regional plans for various districts in the state, area planning schemes, valuation of immovable properties, monitoring and control on emerging special townships, etc.

### Secretary General : Prof. (Dr.) Najammuuddin

Prof. Najammuuddin completed his graduation in architecture from the I I T Roorkee in the year 1964. Subsequently, he took a postgraduate degree in Architecture and also in Urban and Rural Planning from the same institute. Later, he did his Postgraduate Diploma in Housing from Holland in the year 1974 and a Ph. D. Degree in Architecture from USA in the year 1989.

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