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Shri Durga Shankar Mishra, IAS; Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, lighting the ceremonial lamp

WORLD TOWN PLANNING DAY 2018

Delhi Regional Chapter, Institute of Town Planners, India celebrated World Town Planning Day 2018 on 28 November 2018 at ITPI Auditorium, New Delhi by organizing Panel Discussions on "Contemporary Town Planning in India".

Shri Durga Shankar Mishra, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India was the Chief Guest on this occasion. After lighting the ceremonial lamp Shri Mishra, in his inaugural address, highlighted the point that town planning is not new to India. Ancient towns like Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa, Takshila, Nalanda in Bihar, Shravasti in UP are the examples which demonstrate that planning was at its zenith in India. He also underlined the "five *tatwas*" comprising *akash* (sky), water, fire, earth and air, which constitute the whole universe and when these five *tatwas* meet in harmony, they result in sustainable development of towns and cities. In the early days town planning in India provided

harmonious life to citizens. He went to underscore the examples of Meenakshi, Rameshwaram, and Khajurao temples, which are standing example and remain intact in spite of so many earthquakes and other upheavals. This also clearly exemplify that construction technology was also very rich in India. He admired the precision and knowledge about construction and planning the planners possessed, when there were no computers. He wondered perhaps their minds were faster and precise than today's computers. He hoped that the recent initiatives of the present government like Smart Cities, AMRUT, and HRIDAY will create the new India, in which younger generations will have a great future. In conclusions, he highlighted the need for adopting Town and Country Planners Act. He also pointed out that the country needs efforts for building capacity of town planners in local bodies and called upon the planners' community to be partners in development and for building cities of future. On this occasion Shri



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Durga Shankar Mishra, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs planted a tree in the lawns of the ITPI.

Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President, Institute of Town Planners, India, in his address gave a brief about the ITPI. He mentioned that when the ITPI was established in 1951, there were hardly 10 town planners and most of them were qualified from abroad. It is in this context, the ITPI tirelessly made efforts for the establishment planning institutions, starting with the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi and Department of Town Planning in IIT Kharagpur. He noted that today



Shri Durga Shankar Mishra, IAS; Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, planting the sapling

we have 26 planning institutions in the country imparting town and country planning education accredited by the ITPI and more than 5,000 planners mostly qualified from these institutions. He also stated that the ITPI conducts Associateship Examinations for the candidates who are interested in upgrading their knowledge and skills. The ITPI took an initiative for starting schools of planning in Bhopal and Vijayawada for which DPR was prepared by the ITPI. He also mentioned that in 1950s, the ITPI in collaboration with TCPO prepared draft Town and Country Planning Bill, which was adopted by majority of states with minor changes to suit to their local conditions. The UDPFI Guidelines were also prepared by the ITPI for the then Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India. For encouraging the students of planning, the ITPI gives

a grant every year to the National Organization of Students of Planning, the NOSPlan. With reference to the World Town Planning Day, Prof. Dr. Meshram mentioned that it provides excellent opportunity to show case the achievements in the field of planning and development of our cities and towns and the emerging challenges which the cities of future are likely to face. While concluding his address, he volunteered the services of the ITPI to assist the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India.

Prof. P. S. N. Rao, Chairman, Delhi Regional Chapter of Institute of Town Planners, India, in his welcome address stated that the main goal of the observance of the World Town Planning Day 2018 is to recognize and promote the role of town planning in creating liveable communities. Urban planning is a technical process concerned with the use of land and design of urban environment for ensuring orderly development of human settlements and communities. He added that the importance of urban planning is increasing as modern society faces challenges of unsustainable development, climate change, and high population growth. With particular reference to India, he stated that Government of India, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has introduced several new programs, which would help improve the urban condition in Indian cities. He said way back in 1949, Professor Carlos Maria della Paolera of the University of Buenos Aires founded the international organization for the World Town Planning Day, through which he wanted to advance professional and public interest in planning, both locally and internationally. Currently, the event is celebrated in thirty countries in four continents across the world. He added that the World Town Planning Day events are typically organized by national and local planning associations and focus on drawing attention to the progress in urban and regional planning, highlighting the contributions made by planning to the quality of human settlements, promoting the ideals of urban and regional planning across the globe.

The Inaugural Session was followed by panel discussions on "Contemporary Town Planning in India" which was chaired by Prof. Dr. P. S. N. Rao, Chairman, DRC in which panellists were namely Prof. Dr. Ashok Kumar, Head, Department of Housing, SPA, Delhi and Ms. Manju Paul, Additional Commissioner (Planning), DDA who made the presentations followed by open house discussions. Dr. Pawan Kumar, Secretary, DRC, ITPI extended the vote of Thanks.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF SMART VILLAGES: A STRATEGY TO MANAGE RAPID URBANIZATION

Institute of Town Planners, India, Haryana Regional Chapter, Panchkula organized a seminar on 15 December 2018 on the theme “Planning and Development of Smart Villages: A Strategy to Manage Rapid Urbanization”. The seminar was inaugurated by Shri R. P. Singh, former Vice President, ITPI, New Delhi, and was attended by town planners, architects, engineers and educationists.

Shri Sudhir Singh Chauhan, Chairman, HRC-ITPI welcomed the participants and discussed context and objectives of the seminar, and underlined the fact that India still lives in villages because according to 2011 Census, rural population comprises of 68.84 per cent as compared to 31.16 per cent in urban areas. Therefore, the overall development of the country needs to focus at grass roots level that is on the development of rural areas. It is well known fact that large scale migration of people is taking place from rural areas to urban areas due to which accommodating them in urban areas creates problems as urban areas are already short of infrastructure, and to provide quality life to these migrated population again opens up new challenges. Therefore, the main objectives of various schemes should be to provide basic facilities including education, employment generation, and technology and skill development so that these villages can be transformed in smart villages.

Shri S. D. Saini, former Vice President, ITPI in his address highlighted that as per United Nations, 55 per cent of the world’s population lives in urban



Inaugural Session of Seminar is in progress

areas and is expected to increase 68 per cent by 2050. This gradual shift of population from rural to urban areas will add another 2.5 billion people by 2050 to the overall growth of world’s population. He added that we depend on rural areas to fulfil our basic need of food on rural areas and therefore, they are required to be made self-sufficient and self-reliant communities on the concept of ‘Adarsh Gram (Model Villages) and Gram Swaraj (self-rule and independence) i.e. the concept of ‘Smart Village’ needs to be implemented.

The Inaugural Session was followed by Technical Session in which presentations were made on the theme “Village Clusters and Block Development Plan Gannaur, District Sonipat” and also on “Smart Village: Managing Urbanization beyond Urban Areas”.


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B – 201, Rajgriha CHS, 4 Bungalows,
Andheri (West), Mumbai – 400053,
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2018 - 68
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2018 - 69
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Gurgaon, Haryana – 122413



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2018 - 70
D – 1309, Sainik Colony, Sector – 49,
Faridabad – 121 001, Haryana



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2018 - 71
Flat No. 711, RachanaSayantara,
Phase – II, A – Wing, Hazaripahad,
Nagpur – 440007, Maharashtra



Kedar Anil Nirgude
2018 - 72
B – 1102, Urban Gram,
KondhweDhavde, Uttam Nagar, NDA
Road, Pune – 411 023, Maharashtra



Kshama Ghosh
2018 - 73
404, Shree Sainath Park CHS, Ram
Mandir Road, Sainagar, Kasarvadavali,
GBRD, Thane (W) – 400615,
Maharashtra



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2018 - 74
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Behind Anand Hotel, Hanuman Mandir
Road, Kali Putli Chowk,
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2018 - 75
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E – 508, Metro Housing Complex
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2018 - 81
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Muriniapalam Medical College P.O.,
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2018 - 82
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Main Road, Banashankari – III State,
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2018 - 83
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Arnab Sen
2018 - 84
05/13, Central Avenue, A – Zone,
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West Bengal



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2018 - 85
H. No. A – 303, South City – 1,
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2018 - 86
F – 31, Vrindavan CHS,
Sector – 4, Sanpada (E),
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2018 - 88
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2018 - 91
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2018 - 92
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2018 - 93
D – 36, Sector – 52, Noida,
Gautam Budha Nagar – 201 301,
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Ramesh Dev
2018 - 94
H. No. 1192, Sector – 16,
Faridabad – 121002, Haryana



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2018 - 95
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2018 - 96
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Laxmikant Ashram Road,
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2018 - 98
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Dehradun – 248 001, Uttarakhand



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Distt. Dungarpur – 314029, Rajasthan



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OBITUARY

Ms. S. Chithra was born on 29 May 1958. She completed her Master's degree in Town Planning from the School of Architecture and Planning, Anna University, Chennai and started her career as a planner from Town and Country Planning Organization, Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India. Later she joined Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA) In 1984 and retired from the organisation in 2016 after 32 years of service. She was the first female Chief Planner and Member of the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority. During her service, she was credited for her contribution in drafting the second Master Plan for the Chennai Metropolitan Area, 2026, particularly with regard to public consultations, which resulted in significant improvement of the master plan. She also contributed

to the expansion proposal for the preparation of the city of Chennai, and played a vital role in the implementation of the Geographical Information system in the CMDA. She completed her PhD from Madras University and carried out her research on "Real time Implementation of Master Plan". She published several papers on subjects of topical interests about various aspects of urban planning in the Journal of the Institute of Town Planners India. Post retirement, she entered academics and was teaching town planning students in the School of Architecture and Planning in Anna University, Chennai. She passed away after a brief illness on 3 August 2018 at the age of 60. Death Ms. S. Chithra is a huge loss to the town planning fraternity and is deeply mourned by friends, relatives and members of the ITPI.



Dr. S. Chithra,
Former Chief Planner,
CMDA

PLANNERS AT HELM

Prof. Dr. P. S. N. Rao has taken over as the Director, School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi for five years from 16 February 2018. He is also Head, Centre for Real Estate Studies (CREST) at SPA New Delhi, and currently Chairman, Delhi Urban Art Commission (DUAC), Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India. Earlier he worked as Professor of Urban Management at the Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi. At IIPA, he was engaged in capacity building of senior public officials of the civil services and also worked on appraisal of City Development Plans for seven cities under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) of the Government of India.

His research work on Affordable Housing with GIZ, Germany has been well documented and as part of the same, he conducted several workshops on the subject, and has been actively associated with the CII, FICCI and PHD Chamber of Commerce. He is also nominated on their Committees on Housing, Urban Development and Real Estate. He has been ceaselessly working for the streamlining of the real estate sector in India, and is the Honorary Founder Chairman of the National Association of Realtors –

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Coming back to the aspects of urban planning, development and management, he pointed out that above phenomena holds good for urban areas, because due to ever increasing migration, our towns and cities are facing the challenge of acute shortage of available resources which calls for efficient and effective management of resources both physical and financial. Money, manpower and land are the three main resources for planning and development of urban areas. Among these resources, land is limited and due to growth of towns and cities there is always a demand for land for housing and use for accommodating this increased population. Therefore, allocation of this resource among various competing land uses should assume the priority and should be done judiciously so as to achieve high level economic efficiency.

Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram also mentioned that government should not always be expected to spend money directly on construction and building activities and development of infrastructure, but private and corporate and cooperative sectors should be encouraged to invest in development of urban centres. While concluding his address, he underlined

India (NAR-INDIA), an apex premier national level industry body in the country. He was a Member of the Taskforce on Rental Housing, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (MoHUPA), Government of India. He has actively contributed to the preparation of the UN-HABITAT III India chapter prepared by the MoHUPA, Government of India.

He has over 130 publications and 4 books namely Water Supply and Sanitation in India; Housing Legislation in India; Municipal Finance in India; and Urban Governance and Management in India. As a columnist, he has also widely published in the Pioneer and The Indian Express.

Prof. P. S. N. Rao completed his schooling from St. Alloysius' Anglo Indian High School, Visakhapatnam, and received a Bachelors' Degree in Civil Engineering from Andhra University in first division. He also received a Masters' Degree (with Distinction) as well as a doctoral degree from the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi, an 'Institution of National Importance' under an Act of Parliament. He studied architecture at the Indian Institute of Architects (IIA), Mumbai.

that it is important to use the resources to meet the requirements of the present generation, but it is more important to manage these resources to stop its misuse and over exploitation because resources saved amounts to resources produced and can be saved for the use of next generations to come.

In the Seminar the presentations were made Dr. Yashwant Katpatal, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, NVIT, Nagpur; Dr. Atul Vaidhya, Chief Scientist and Head, Solid and Hazardous Waste Material Division, SCIR, NEERI, Nagpur; and Dr. Sarita Bahadure, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture and Planning, VNIT, Nagpur. The presentations were followed by the Open House. Earlier, Shri Sujit Rodge, Council Member, ITPI, read the achievements of Prof. Dr. Meshram in the Town and Country Planning profession and also in education, during felicitation program. Prof. Pankaj Bahadure, Assistant Professor, VNIT, Nagpur, presented the summary of the discussions, while welcome address was delivered by Shri Parag Date, Chairman of MRC (N) and a vote of thank was extended by Shri Jagdish Rajurkar, Secretary, MRC (N).



Prof. Dr. P. S. N. Rao,
Director, SPA, New Delhi



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FELICITATION TO PROF. DR. D. S. MESHAM AND SEMINAR ON “EFFICIENT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FOR CITIES”

Felicitation to Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram on his election as President, ITPI for the 17th time was organized by the Maharashtra Regional Chapter, Nagpur on 27 October 2018 at MRC (N) Building, which was followed by a seminar on the theme “Efficient Resource Management for Cities”.

Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram the Chief Guest of the program mentioned that resource in broader sense is any material that can be used to sustain life, like

air to breathe; water to drink; land to live on, walk on, and grow food; forest for timber, paper and wood product; ores like iron, aluminium, cooper, etc.; oil, natural gas and coal for energy, etc. However, humans are exploiting rather over exploiting the earth and earth resources for meeting their ever increasing demands and requirements. As the, ever increasing population will go on again increasing, the demand to maintain the present standards of living is expected to increase further due to demand for higher living standards. Therefore, the question arises as to how long; earth's resources sustain this ever growing demand. Some group of experts believe that if the present trends continue we will run out of resources in near future. The other group of experts believe that, this argument does not augur well, as it does not give credit to the potentials of technology which is also developing very fact.

He then added that generally resources are grouped in three categories namely renewable resources, non-renewable resources and non-renewable resources that cannot be recycled. Renewable resources are those that are replenished through relatively rapid natural cycles, for example fresh water, which is replenished through the water cycle. Non-renewable resources that can be recycled for example iron ore that can be used in their natural state as they cannot be replaced. However, it is possible for people to collect these ores or element after their use and then recycle them. While non-renewable resources that cannot be recycled for example natural gas if consumed they get exhausted. However, all renewal resources are renewable but last only so long as their use remains within the capacity of the system to renew itself. Thus, there is a need to manage these resources and stop excessive exploitation of these resources through rational use, even of the renewable resources, so that they can be used by the future generations to come because they are not only meant for the use of present generation only.



Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President ITPI, lighting ceremonial lamp



Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President ITPI, being felicitated by Shri Parag Date, Chairman (MRC,N)

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