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Present on dais are Smt. R. K. Roja, Honourable Minister for Tourism, Culture and Youth Advancement, Government of Andhra Pradesh; on her left Shri V. Ramudu, Convenor South Zone Conference; on her right Dr. Ramanaprasad, Regional Director Tourism; Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President, ITPI; and Shri Pradeep Kapoor, Secretary General, ITPI

SOUTH ZONE CONFERENCE ON THE THEME: 'INTEGRATED SUSTAINABLE TOURISM PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT IN ANDHRA PRADESH'

Andhra Pradesh Regional Chapter of the ITPI organized the South Zone Conference on 10 December 2022 at Tirupati on the theme "Integrated Sustainable Tourism Planning and Development in Andhra Pradesh".

Honourable Minister Smt. R. K. Roja, Minister for Tourism, Culture and Youth Advancement, Government of Andhra Pradesh, while inaugurating the conference, welcomed the delegates and participants to Tirupati, and emphasized on the importance of planning in enhancing tourism in Andhra Pradesh, and also highlighted the state's rich tourism resources, including tourist places, waterfalls, forest areas, and ancient shrines. She then focussed on the significance of preservation of cultural heritage and the sense of tranquillity that tourists experience

while visiting these places. Honourable Minister also acknowledged the ever-increasing number of tourists in Andhra Pradesh and stressed the need to promote Andhra Pradesh as a captivating tourist destination, and elaborated on the reforms introduced under Andhra Pradesh Tourism Policy 2020, which have made business regulations more flexible, and has contributed to boost the development of tourism in Andhra Pradesh. The implementation of a single window clearance system has simplified various processes, such as land conversion, issue of construction permits, environmental registration, utility permits, tax payments, and investment facilitation, etc. The Minister concluded by saying that these reforms are increasingly creating an enabling environment for tourism-related activities in the state of Andhra Pradesh.



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Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President, ITPI initiated his presidential address by underlining the fact that tourism activities undertaken by tourists during their visits can be categorized into business tourism, leisure tourism, shipping tourism, cultural tourism, pilgrimage tourism, sports tourism, adventure tourism, etc. Accordingly, tourism development authorities in collaboration with city development authorities could make efforts to attract more tourists by organizing events like food festivals and cultural programs depicting tribal and local cultures to generate more revenues for cities and the state. Efforts could also be made for extending stay of tourists for enhancing revenue generation, which benefits the

and participants stated that policy makers should explore tourism potential of towns for promoting tourism because tourism is an important component of development, not only in economic terms but also as human welfare.

In the Inaugural Session, a vote of thanks was extended by Shri V. Ramudu, Convenor of South Zone Conference.

In the Technical Session - I, chaired by Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President, ITPI, the presentation on the topic "Strategic Tourism Planning" was made by Prof. Dr. S. Kumar, HOD, JNAFAU, Hyderabad, and by Ms. Tuhina Sinha, Associate Professor, JNAFAU, Hyderabad. Besides, the presentation was also made by Shri R. Rama Krishna Rao, former Member of RERA, Puducherry on the theme "Sustainable Religious Tourism Planning".

In the Technical Session - II, the presentation on the theme "Eco-Tourism Planning" was made by Dr. Jagdish Singh, MANIT, Bhopal, and also by Ms. Sai Pallavi from Hyderabad. Both speakers discussed the importance of integrated sustainable tourism planning and development for long-term gains of the tourism industry. They suggested the state government should adopt a holistic approach that considers environmental, economic, social, and cultural aspects to achieve a balance between tourism and environment.

The Valedictory Session of the Conference was chaired by Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President, ITPI, who stressed on the significance of protecting natural resources and preserving cultural heritage to maintain the uniqueness of Andhra Pradesh as a tourist destination. The importance of fostering community engagement and encouraging sustainable tourism practices that minimize negative impact on the environment and involvement of local communities was also emphasized. Towards achieving the vision of integrated sustainable tourism planning, it is necessary to make collaborative efforts by government authorities, local communities, tourism stakeholders, and tourists. Dr. Meshram highlighted the need for continued cooperation and coordination among the various stakeholders to ensure prosperity and sustainability of tourism industry in Andhra Pradesh.

While concluding his address, Dr. Meshram highlighted the fact that more than 1,50,000 devotees visit the holy shrine of Golden Temple, Amritsar every day and temple receive Rs. 7 crore offering per month. Similarly, Tirupati Balaji Temple, which is one of the richest temples is visited on average by 50,000 to



Shri V. Ramudu, Convenor South Zone Conference presenting bouquet to Smt. R. K. Roja, Honourable Minister for Tourism, Culture and Youth Advancement, Government of Andhra Pradesh

local hotel industry, cottage industries, local trade and commerce, and local communities. Accordingly, in line with these developments, infrastructure and facilities could be provided.

There is no doubt that travel and tourism industry is the major contributor to local economy in many countries, as it contributes 10.3 per cent to the global GDP. But at the same time, we have to take into consideration not only the positive impact i.e., generation of revenue, but also negative impacts on the local culture because poor people may get attracted towards western culture, besides the danger of evils like drugs and human trafficking, etc. While concluding his address Dr. Meshram elaborated themes of the conference which included tourism as a tool of development, coastal ecosystem and rural tourism, tourism culture and heritage, sustainable tourism strategies, and sustainable tourism planning and governance.

Earlier, Shri Pradeep Kapoor, Secretary General, ITPI, while welcoming the dignitaries, delegates,

1,00,000 devotees every day, and the average Hundi collections on a single day alone at the Tirumala temple is worth Rs. 4 to 6 crore (approximately). Accordingly, taking into consideration the large number of devotees visiting the shrine, there is a need for providing the adequate facilities and amenities to them.

Dr. Meshram, then shared the experience of his recent visit to Golden Temple and also to Tirumala Temple, and noted that facilities in Golden Temple are better. He further mentioned that there is still a scope in Tirumala Temple to improve the facilities specifically management of long queues for *darshan* inside the temple, which takes quite long time, besides the stopping of outgoing vehicles from Tirupati at tollgate between 1.0 AM. to 3.30 AM, which not only creates traffic jams but also creates hardship to passengers or tourists or devotees. He urged the authorities to consider all such issues.

Shri V. Ramudu, Convenor of the South Zone Conference, while welcoming the participants to the Valedictory Session also read out the recommendations emerged after detailed discussions and deliberations in the conference. These recommendations are listed below:

- Encourage active participation and collaboration among government authorities, local communities, tourism industry, general stakeholders, and non-governmental organizations to adopt a comprehensive approach to sustainable tourism planning and development;
- Establish platforms for regular dialogues and consultations to facilitate addressing concerns of local communities and to derive collective solutions to emerging challenges;
- Implement sustainable practices to protect natural resources and minimize environmental impacts; promote initiatives towards waste management, water conservation, energy efficiency, and make efforts to preserve ecosystem and maintain the sanctity of natural environment;
- Safeguard and promote cultural heritage of the state by engaging local communities and ensuring their involvement in tourism planning and decision-making process, and also support initiatives that preserve traditional arts, crafts, and cultural practices, and also promote cultural understanding among visitors;
- Ensure that the benefits of tourism are shared with local communities, and take steps to encourage community involvement in tourism-related enterprises, capacity building, and training programs to enhance their skills and economic opportunities, and foster inclusive

tourism development that respects local customs, traditions, and social structures;

- Promote responsible tourism behaviour among visitors, tour operators, and accommodation providers, and encourage sustainable options towards transportation, waste reduction and recycling, and respect for local customs and traditions, and raise awareness about sustainable travel options and the positive and negative impact it can create on local communities and the environment;
- Invest in sustainable tourism infrastructure that aligns with environmental and social objectives, develop eco-friendly accommodation options, efficient transportation networks, and appropriate tourism facilities that enhance the visitor's experience while minimizing environmental and cultural impacts;
- Encourage the development of a diverse range of tourism products and experiences to channelize traffic generated due to visitors and reduce the strain on popular attractions points, by promoting and encouraging lesser-known destinations, and also organize cultural events, and nature-based activities to disperse tourism benefits across the region and create a more sustainable and resilient tourism industry;
- Implement robust monitoring and evaluation mechanisms so as to assess the effectiveness of sustainable tourism planning initiatives and regularly measure and report on key indicators such as environmental impact, community engagement, economic benefits, and visitors' satisfaction and also to identify areas for improvement for giving further boost to tourism industry;
- Conduct educational programs and awareness campaigns to promote sustainable tourism practices among local communities, tourism industry, professionals, and visitors, and also to foster a sense of responsibility and stewardship towards the environment and cultural heritage, and create a culture of sustainability within the tourism sector; and
- Partnership with research institutions and academia to conduct studies, collect data, and analyse trends in sustainable tourism so that policy makers can use the research findings towards identifying emerging challenges to development of innovative solutions for sustainable tourism planning and development. Some of these innovative ideas could be replicated throughout India.

A vote of thanks was extended by Shri Pradeep Kapoor, Secretary General, ITPI, in the Valedictory Session.



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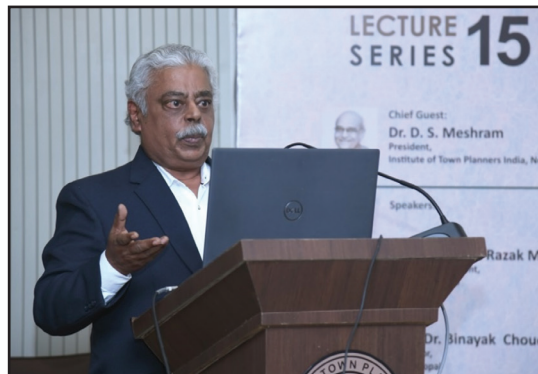
Lecture Series - 15 of MRC (N) on the theme
'Better Cities and Better Life'

WORLD CITIES DAY 2022, 'BETTER CITIES AND BETTER LIFE' BY MRC (N)

Maharashtra Regional Chapter, Nagpur organized the 'Lecture Series - 15' on the theme 'Better Cities and Better Life' on 8 December 2022 in hybrid mode. The event was graced by Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President, ITPI, New Delhi as the Chief Guest.

Dr. Vijay Kapse, Chairman, MRC (N) in his welcome address gave the background of the program. Two eminent speakers, namely, Prof. Dr. Abdul Razak Mohamed, HoD, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada, and Prof. Dr. Binayak Choudhury, Professor, School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal, delivered their speeches, which was followed by open house discussion, and question and answer session. The event was coordinated by Dr. Sarika Bahadure and Shri Kshitij Gharde.

Prof. Dr. Abdul Razak Mohamed initiated his talk by mentioning that social living of urban households depends on the physical manifestation of spaces to carry out their day-to-day activities including children, adults, women, men, old age, and differently able persons. In fact, the neighbourhoods undergo changes in spaces in houses and places outside of houses affecting the overall built form. The city spaces experience transformation not only in house spaces but also in common places, and the built form experienced in residential areas where character change towards commercial and other non-residential uses in the neighbourhood. The impact of the spatial transformations demand to make redevelopment strategies to resolve conflicts between residential and commercial spaces in the neighbourhood. Therefore, the need for an integrated approach towards "Participatory Redevelopment" (PRD) of the urban neighbourhood becomes a challenge for the city planners. The new planning



Prof. Dr. Abdul Razak Mohamed delivering his talk

model on PRD as an integrated approach has been developed which is followed in the redevelopment projects of the Corporation of Chennai. The PRD approach used "C-TC-C" model i.e. "Collective-Target Centered-Collective". The PRD adopts the approach called the five-pillar system (FPS). These aspects have been examined within the context of T. Nagar, a residential neighbourhood of Chennai which is transforming into a busy retail commercial market area and residential living and parking spaces situated in the midst of Chennai city, the capital of the Tamil Nadu state. While concluding his talk Prof. Dr. Abdul Razak stressed that necessary changes are required in the approach towards urban planning from "Think globally, and act locally" to "Act Local, Go Global".

Prof. Dr. Binayak Choudhury focused his discussion on the theme 'How Big is too Big?' and 'How Big is Big Enough?', which are two provocative but opposite propositions as stated by Alonso (1971). Neither



Prof. Dr. Binayak Choudhury being facilitated by Dr. Vijay Kapse, Chairman MRC (N)

population size nor density per se negatively impact the quality of life in a city. Urbanization amenities largely compensate for dis-amenities, and balanced spatial growth is not welcomed. For example, the World Development Report of 2009 argues for uneven spatial growth since high density ensures high returns. Identical level of excessive frictions are likely to make the dispersion in city sizes much smaller, making cities much more similar in size. Intuitively, as congestion costs rise with city size, bigger cities tend to lose when efficiency and amenities become more identical across cities with marginal excessive frictions.

An optimum city size can never be defined because a city's limit is reached under various circumstances

such as the marginal cost of providing civic services increases beyond a certain limit; agglomeration gains exceed commuting costs; difference between rural land price and urban land price is zero; total Pigouvian subsidy equals the total differential urban rent in a city; net agglomeration benefit or loss is not restricted to the cost of living; congestion, air and water pollution and high crime rates impact the net agglomeration benefit through the negative externalities; identity loss of merged settlements; political exigencies ultimately altering the territorial

equitable and sustainable cities. The host country for WCD 2022 is China. The theme focuses on transforming socially, economically, environmentally deprived areas into connected, dynamic, diverse and vibrant neighbourhoods that achieve equality for all. The aim of WCD is to focus international community's attention on urbanization as a central issue of development and to encourage cooperation among countries in meeting opportunities and addressing urban challenges towards sustainable development. As per UNDP, urbanization has the potential to create



Participants of Lecture Series - 15 of MRC (N) on the theme 'Better Cities and Better Life'

frame of reference of a city; and urbanizable land is a misnomer. Delineation of cities should ideally take into consideration nodal and regional significance of the city in terms of its trade and commerce infrastructures, its support to the agriculture, manufacturing and industrial sector; endowment of the hinterland; delimitation of peri-urban areas based on connectivity, accessibility to highways and prime economic investments; urbanization rate and peri-urban limits. In fact, delineating a city is a prerequisite for sustainable habitat development to achieve a balance amongst socio - economic development, protection of environment, equity, shelter, basic services, social infrastructure and transportation with the minimum spatial spread.

Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President, ITPI in his address noted that the theme of World Cities Day (WCD) is 'Better City, Better Life' with the slogan 'Act Local to Go Global', which aims to bring different partners and diverse stakeholders together to share their experiences and approaches to local actions, what local actions worked and what is needed to empower locals by the governments to create greener, more

opportunities for a better life, to provide pathways out of poverty, and act as an engine of economic growth. But the contribution of diverse communities within cities is often recognized to a limited extent, if at all. Yet it is clear that communities are the life blood for cities and are essential for providing the economic, environmental and social values that led to an improved quality of life. However, the world's largest cities are also often the most unequal. That is why this year's theme is embraced by the action and implementation of New Urban Agenda, which puts the topic of inclusive cities as one of the main pillars for the shift. The New Agenda sets the pace on how to deal with challenges of urbanization in the next two decades and is seen as an extension of Agenda 2030 for sustainable development. While concluding his remarks, Dr. Meshram, thanked the Maharashtra Regional Chapter, Nagpur for taking the lead in organizing the talk on a very important theme of WCD i.e., 'Better Cities and Better Life'.

A vote of thanks was extended by Shri Jadish Rajurkar, Secretary, Maharashtra Regional Chapter, Nagpur.



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ITPI East Zone Conference on the theme
'Challenges of Plan Preparation and Implementation'

ITPI EAST ZONE CONFERENCE ON THE THEME: 'CHALLENGES OF PLAN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION'



Present on the dais are Prof. Ajay Kumar, Chairman, ITPI - Bihar Regional Chapter; Prof. Dr. P. K. Jain, Director, National Institute of Technology Patna; Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President, ITPI and Shri Pradeep Kapoor, Secretary General, ITPI

Institute of Town Planners, India (ITPI) Bihar Regional Chapter in association with the Department of Architecture and Planning, National Institute of Technology, Patna, organized a two-day East Zone Conference from 11 to 12 November 2022 at NIT Patna on the theme "Challenges of Plan Preparation and Implementation". The participants of the Conference came from Bihar, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and North Eastern States.

Prof. Dr. P. K. Jain, Director, National Institute of Technology Patna, the Chief Guest in his inaugural address expressed his thoughts from a user's perspective as an urban resident and quoted the example of planning of the BHU Campus, which is almost of 100 years old but still not congested like any other urban area in the country.

Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President ITPI, in his presidential address described that planning of towns and cities in India dates back to the Vedic period when Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa were planned on the basis of definite grid pattern. However, thereafter no serious attempts were made to bring spatial planning into the main stream of National Development Planning (NCU, 1988). Presently there is no mechanism in the planning process to work out the spatial implications on investment that is envisaged in the Five-Year Plans. However, the momentum of preparation of master plans picked up during the Third Five Year Plan (1961-66) when

central government provided 100 per cent grant to the state governments for preparation of master plans for priority towns and cities. Since then, concerted efforts are being made for providing appropriate legislative support for the preparation, enforcement, and implementation of the master plans. As per NITI Aayog Report (2021) even though master plans are statutory instruments to guide and regulate the development of cities and towns, which are also crucial for managing urbanization as well as 'spatial sustainability', but it is interesting to see that 65 per cent of 7,933 urban settlements (Census, 2011) do not have any master plan or development plan. This leads to piecemeal interventions, haphazard constructions, urban sprawl, and environmental, pollution. He suggested that authorities should ensure that qualified professionals only undertake urban planning and accordingly, recommended to amend the existing recruitment rules. Although the extent of implementation of the plans differs from one municipal body to another, depending upon their financial strength, the development plans have been used by planning and development authorities as well as by the private sector as guiding document for shaping settlements. Although there are some violations in respect of unauthorized constructions and development and incidence of slums which in fact are inevitable because development plans operate under the influence of political and economic forces. However, it can be safely concluded that development plans have played a key role in shaping

urban settlements and in the decision-making process of the planning authorities. Dr. Meshram said that without development plans or master plans the scenario of our towns and cities would have been more chaotic.

Earlier, Shri Pradeep Kapoor, Secretary General, ITPI welcomed the dignitaries, participants and delegates, and also gave background of Institute of Town Planner, India which was established by 15 planners in 1951 and also underscored the achievements of the ITPI.

Prof. Ajay Kumar, Chairman Bihar Regional Chapter, ITPI, extended a vote of thanks in inaugural function.

The main theme of the conference was deliberated in the three Technical Sessions - 'Local Area Plans', 'Transit Oriented Development - Challenges in Implementation', and 'Environmental Issues in Implementation of Master Plan'. In the Technical Session on the theme 'Local Area Plans', Dr. L. P. Patnaik, Chief Town and Country Planner, Orissa was the Chief Guest, while the session was Chaired by Prof. Dr. Manoj Kumar in which two eminent key speakers namely Prof. Dr. Uttam Kumar Roy from IIT, Roorkee, and Shri N. K. Patel, former President, ITPI made their presentations.

Prof. Uttam Kumar Roy delivered the talk on "Bridging Community Identity with a New Zoning Plan: Case of ZDP and ADS for Patna", and stressed the need to integrate local area plans with the master plan. He also opined that the best practices of Indian traditional community approach towards planning and citizen perceptions are required to be adopted in urban planning. Besides, an integrated model of land acquisition, zoning plan, Town Planning Scheme (TPS) and Area Development Schemes (ADS) also needs to be explored for adopting in urban planning process.

Shri N. K. Patel, former President, ITPI in his speech discussed the concept of Local Area Plan (LAP) and stressed the need to follow the bottom-to-top approach in planning rather than the top-to-bottom approach and also suggested that authorities should prepare LAPs for all the towns and cities.

Prof. Dr. Manoj Kumar concluded the session by saying that it is inevitable to adopt the concept of Local Areal Plan (LAP), in India.

The Technical Session on the theme 'Transit Oriented Development - Challenges in Implementation' was chaired by Prof. Dr. Sanjeev Sinha, Dean (Academic)

and Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, NIT Patna. The first key-speaker Prof. Dr. Sanjay Gupta, Professor, Department of Transport Planning, School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi, discussed smart growth principles; and also explained the benefits of TOD, its guiding principles, suggestive density patterns around TOD and high-rise residential buildings. He quoted international case studies of Singapore, and Hong Kong, and also two case studies from India that is Delhi and Naya Raipur. Prof. Sanjay Gupta also gave suggestions for the successful implementation of the TOD policy.

The second key speaker Shri Gajanand Ram, Senior Planner, Government of Jharkhand, discussed challenges of implementation of master plans. He then brought into focus the role and duties of town planners in the implementation of master plans successfully, and also lamented that international consultants take technical inputs, from junior most planners who do not have much experience of preparation and implementation of master plans. It is because of this reason that implementation of master plan proposals becomes difficult. He also discussed reforms being taken up under the AMRUT in Jharkhand.

Prof. Dr. Sanjeev Sinha concluded the session by saying that town planners need to give priority not only to preparation of master plans, but to give more weightage to implementation of master plans.

In the third Technical Session on the theme 'Challenges of Environmental Issues of Master Plan Implementation', Prof. Dr. Subrata Chattopadhyay, Department of Architecture and Regional Planning, IIT Kharagpur, compared the master plans of London, Delhi, and Ahmedabad and brought into focus various aspects and policies dealing with environmental concerns. He then raised multiple issues which are not addressed in the master plan of Delhi and Ahmedabad, in spite of the fact that several recommendations were given by various committees and stakeholders in this direction. He also underlined the concern about rising pollution, sustainability, and its objectives and also Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). He also flagged the issues related with Millennium Development Goals i.e., the importance of clean water and clean energy, and the impact of climate change and carbon emissions. He further noted that contribution of Delhi and Ahmedabad in carbon emissions is comparatively less than developed nations. He also discussed planning laws and acts related to sewer discharge and flood plains.



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The second key speaker Shri Rajnish Sareen, Project Director, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), New Delhi, focused his discussions on various environmental aspects and their implications on sustainable development. He also explained the importance of inclusive development for flora and fauna, and highlighted how faulty design and the lack of inter-action can lead to the loss of habitats and endanger the species. Besides, the adverse effects of urban development due to not making provisions of sufficient green cover also results in temperature rise and increased air pollution. Shri Sareen cautioned about the emerging challenges, which are likely to arise like water scarcity, rising electricity consumption, and the need for extensive green cover in Indian cities, and stressed the importance of preparing Heat Action Plans to mitigate the impact of rising temperature, taking the example of proposed capital city Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.

Valedictory Session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Ras Bihari Prasad Singh, former Vice-Chancellor of Patna University as the Chief Guest. In his valedictory speech, he emphasized the importance of addressing sustainability concerns in urban planning and development and also expressed

his concern about achieving sustainability in urban areas. He said it is necessary to take into consideration rural areas and local communities, and further highlighted the challenges in promoting sustainability in existing cities and called on the planners to carefully devise the approaches to ensure that new cities achieve environmental, social, and economic sustainability and underlined the challenge of excessive utilization of natural resources. He suggested that authorities should preserve the beauty and cultural significance of towns and cities. Before concluding his address Prof. Singh raised yet another issue of holding capacity of a town in terms of population because a city cannot be sustainable and manageable beyond certain population size.

While concluding the conference Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President, ITPI noted that protecting the natural resources is important, but it is equally important not to pause or halt development. What is required is to achieve the balance between natural and built environment through the instrument of development plans or master plans.

The vote of thanks was extended by Prof. Ajay Kumar, Chairman, ITPI Bihar Regional Chapter.

TRAINING PROGRAM ON 'TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING' WITH FOCUS ON 'REDEVELOPMENT AND LAND POOLING' FOR ARCHITECTS OF CPWD



Present on dais are Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President, ITPI; Shri Shiv Singh Meena, Executive Engineer, CPWD; Shri Mahendra Pratap, Chief Architect (T&R) National CPWD Academy; and Shri Pradeep Kapoor, Secretary General, ITPI

Institute of Town Planners, India at the initiative of the Chief Architect (T&R), National CPWD Academy organized training or refresher course on 'Town and Country Planning' with a focus on 'Redevelopment and Land Pooling' (residential program of one week) for architects of CPWD from 31 October 2022 to 4 November 2022 at the ITPI headquarters, New Delhi. Twenty participants including senior architects, architects and also assistant architects of CPWD from different parts of the country came to attend this course. The capsule program of one week covered the units: An overview of Urban Planning in Indian; Organizations performing the planning functions; Types of Master Development Plans: A Case Study of Delhi; Community Participation in Housing; Basic Concept of Urban Housing; Socio-economic Perspective and Housing Scenario in India; Housing Typologies in Indian Context; Land Assembly Technique for Housing, Delhi Experience; Role of Financing Housing in the Economy; Structure of Housing Finance Components - Typology, Role of RBI and HFIs; Cooperative Housing; Formal Finance for Housing - Sources, Access and Dilemma; Schemes and Missions in the Urban Sector; Public and Private Sector Participation; Informal Finance for Housing - Size, Impact on Poor, and Formulation; Urban Poverty Alleviation and Urban Slums

Improvement programs in India; Affordable Housing (PMAY) and RERA; Illegal Subdivision of Plots and Site and Services; besides Special Lectures on Magarpatta Urban Redevelopment Project, Pune; and Land Pooling Policy was also arranged. Each unit lasted for one and half hours.

After one week training program or refresher course, the feedback was obtained from the participants, some of them were city planners with a basic degree in architecture. They gave suggestions to include site visits to important live projects; duration of each unit be increased; such training programs be organized after regular intervals; and it may be organized by ITPI at zone level for all the architects of CPWD. Some participants also said that we should restrict the number of participants to 20 to facilitate more interactions with the faculty and also arrange more special lectures by domain experts. More units focusing on waste management, water supply, etc., be included in future programs along with case studies of Indian cities. Thus, the participants desired to have such capsule programs by ITPI at regular intervals.

The Valedictory Function was addressed by Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President, ITPI who specifically



Participants of Training Program on 'Town and Country Planning' with focus on 'Redevelopment and Land Pooling' for Architects of CPWD, held at ITPI Head Quarters, New Delhi



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mentioned that the purpose of organizing such training program or refresher course was not to generate financial benefits for the ITPI but to provide planning inputs to architects, engineers and to other co-professionals about town and country planning for orderly development of our towns and cities. Shri

Mahendra Pratap, Chief Architect (T&R), National CPWD Academy, distributed the certificates to the participants. Shri Pradeep Kapoor, Secretary General, ITPI, while extending a vote of thanks noted that the ITPI would be happy to organize such training program or refresher courses in future also.



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cities are becoming vulnerable to climate change and increased frequency of occurrence of natural disasters. Therefore, building resilience in urban areas is crucial to avoid human, social and economic losses likely to occur due to over urbanization in order to protect the environment and mitigate disasters, risks and climate changes. Resource efficient cities combine greater productivity and innovation with lower costs and reduce environmental impacts, while providing increased opportunities for consumer choices and sustainable lifestyles. Within a rapidly urbanizing and deeply unequal world, this perspective sets out the value of adopting an urban equality lens to guide the transformative aims to “Leave No One Behind”. We see the adoption of this holistic lens is holding the power to navigate internal contradictions within Agenda 2030, while also broadening the consideration of these determinants as part of a transformative trajectory. Through this study, the speaker revealed a nuanced picture of equitable urban development as set out either explicitly or implicitly or potentially within the 2030 Agenda. Localizing the SDGs at the city level can ensure greater levels of equity among residents. Urban dwellers globally are experiencing systematic and inter-sectional inequalities. The United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have a key role in guiding sustainable and resilient urban planning. An urban equality of the 2030 Agenda aims at identifying clear opportunities for mobilizing the SDGs through an urban equality lens and plans towards inclusion, resource efficiency, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, develop and implement in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, holistic disaster risk management at all levels and shaping further research, policy, and practice, which ensures “Leave No Urban Citizen and Place Behind”.

Shri Abhinav Jaiswal focused his talk on “New Approach to Urban Planning” that can be applied in analysing city-level services in contrast to the traditional approach where certain Key Performance

Indexes (KPIs) are only used to analyze or determine the performance of the services. A case study of ‘Vision Document for Bengaluru City 2050’ have been studied for analysing the city livability indicators and benchmarks for understanding the development gaps in order to guide and pave the way to make the city more livable. In fact, various livability indicators were compared and analysed. This approach of study does not take any one indicator but rather compares various indices from various countries in order to formulate a framework for analysing city-specific activities with key indicators.



Tamil Nadu Regional Chapter was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President, ITPI on 10 September, 2022



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For population characteristics, the population pyramid, or the age-sex pyramid was generated taking into account factors like child mortality, death rates, migration data and future advancement in the health sector. The projected population characteristic highlights Bengaluru will move towards a young population by 2050. Thus, the aspiration of the people from young segment needs to be given priority towards delivery system. Therefore, an extensive survey was conducted by BBMP, (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagra Palike) for identifying key themes like grievances, aspirations, and expectations. Integrating the indices like aspirations, and expectations in the existing framework was done in the livability framework in order to find the exact livability parameters that could be immediately catered to. Then, these aspirations were converted into themes which were further analysed quantitatively to derive the key objectives like Public Realm - Pedestrian-oriented realm; Quality of Life - Better Street design guidelines; Identity - Silicon Valley of India; Diversity - Open spaces with basic amenities and infrastructure for all age groups; Technological Innovation - Integration of Public transport with technology; and Sustainability - Plant 25 million trees and plan 25,000 hectares of green cover by 2050. These key indicators were used to derive the vision statement for Bengaluru city - “A global city providing a safe physical environment of high quality with state of the art amenities, supporting diversity and inclusiveness, striving to provide a high quality of life to the citizen”. The objective of this presentation was not only to demonstrate how to derive a ‘Vision Statement

for a City’ but to focus on the new and innovative approaches that were used to gather, analyse and derive data in order to understand the city and what the citizens really want the city to function. Thus, we need to be creative in analysing a city and not to adopt a fit for all approach.

Prof. Dr. D.S. Meshram, President, ITPI, in his address described the theme of the ‘World Habitat Day 2022’ that is “Mind the Gap Leave No One and Place Behind”, which looks at the problem of growing inequality and challenges in cities and human settlements and have been exacerbated by the triple ‘C’ crises i.e. Covid 19, climate, and conflict, which in fact have reversed years of progress made in the fight against poverty, resulting in the emergence of newly poor people - those who exited poverty in the absence of the pandemic but remain poor, and those who have fallen into poverty on account of the pandemic. Therefore, tackling urban poverty and inequality have become an urgent global priority. Dr. Meshram, further elaborated that as per ‘World Habit Day’ theme cities and local governments play a frontline role in responding to crises and emergencies, as well as planning of an inclusive, resilient and green future. Therefore, to prepare urban areas for future catastrophes, we need to start with the cities. Thus, the local action and local implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals assumes more important role than ever.

Shri Jagdish Rajurkar, Secretary MRC (N) extended a vote of thanks while the event was anchored by Dr. Sarika Bahadure, Treasurer, MRC (N) and Shri Kshitij Garde, Member Executive Committee MRC (N).



Audience to World Habitat Day 2022, Celebrated by ITPI MRC (N)

ITPI DECLARATION ON WORLD HABITAT DAY - 2022

We the members and the office bearers of Institute of Town Planners India, on this World Habitat Day, 3 October, 2022 do hereby solemnly resolve, commit, affirm and declare that:

- We shall use all resources at our command for achieving the goals defined for Habitat 2022, 'Mind the Gap Leave No One and No Place Behind';
- We will continue to use our knowledge, understanding and expertise in evolving options and strategies for removing inequalities and vulnerabilities prevailing in Urban India;
- We shall continue to value, promote and remain committed to the ideals and philosophy of profession and practice of town planning, to make the life of people and communities, more qualitative and healthy;
- We shall use, all the resources and knowledge available at our command, to promote and achieve the Seventeen Sustainable Development Goals defined by UNO, for making human settlements, happy and healthy place to live and work;
- We shall use all our acquired knowledge and experience gained in the profession of town planning, to create happy and healthy human habitat to make this world a better place to live;
- We shall continue to leverage our knowledge, understanding and expertise in promoting the state of art planning and designing of cities and towns to make them role model of affordable and quality living;
- We shall continue to promote research in the art and science of urban and regional planning, to make the profession more qualitative and supportive of environment and ecology;
- We shall remain committed to empower the marginalized section of the society by making them integral part of planning and development process;
- We commit ourselves to use our planning and designing skills to create affordable, livable and quality housing for the marginalized sections of the society to make cities slum free;
- We undertake and commit ourselves to provide all the possible support to the programs and policies launched by national government, to create smart cities; housing for all; skilling India and making cities sustainable, livable, inclusive and safe;
- We, as a professional community, commit to work unitedly with marginalized communities of the society to empower them and make them more sustainable, productive and integral part of society;
- We commit ourselves to review and redefine teaching - learning process of town planning to make it more qualitative, community focused; supportive of the environment, ecology, bio-diversity and creating knowledgeable young professionals;
- We, as planners, also commit to work and deliberate on evolving policies, practices and programs to make India achieve the target of carbon neutrality by 2070;
- We remain committed as a National Apex Institute dedicated to the profession of Town Planning in India, to co-operate, collaborate and co-ordinate with all our sister professional institutes, to make human habitat happy and healthy places for the communities and nations to live and work; and
- We shall continue to aid, advise , assist and empower all agencies working at local, state and national level in area of urban and regional planning to make India a role model in planned growth and development.

Issued on, October 3, 2022, by Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram President, Institute of Town Planners India, and Pradeep Kapoor, Secretary General, Institute of Town Planners, India.

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WORLD HABITAT DAY 2022 ‘MIND THE GAP, LEAVE NO ONE AND PLACE BEHIND’ CELEBRATED BY MRC (N)



Present on the dais are Shri Jagdish Rajurkar, Secretary MRC (N); Shri Abhinav Jaiswal Practicing Architect and Planner; Dr. Vijay Kapse, Chairman, MRC (N); and Shri Kshitij Gharde, Member Executive Committee, MRC (N)

Maharashtra Regional Chapter, Nagpur organized Lecture Series - 14, on 8 October 2022 on the occasion of World Habitat Day on the theme “Mind the Gap, Leave No One and Place Behind”. The event was graced by Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President, ITPI, as a Chief Guest.

Dr. Vijay Kapse, Chairman, MRC (N), in his welcome address highlighted that the Lecture Series is the flagship program of MRC (N), which gives an opportunity to the members to enhance their knowledge base on allied and associated issues related to planning and built environment through the lectures and interactions with the eminent resource persons. For Lecture Series - 14, two key-speakers namely Dr. R. Adinarayanane, Dean (Planning and Development), School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada, and Shri Abhinav Jaiswal, Practicing Architect and Planner, were invited.

Dr. R. Adinarayanane, the first key speaker, delivered his talk online on the theme “Building inclusive Cities for Resilient and Sustainable Future” based on the study conducted by him. Within a rapidly urbanizing world the role of cities and policy makers is driving

global sustainable development aspirations through local initiatives linked with environmental sustainability towards achieving prosperity and wellbeing of the people. The cities as engines of economic growth provide opportunities to address environmental changes like pollution hot spots, etc. Every city is grappling with environmental inequalities. However, to address these issues the major challenge is lack of adequate data and a narrow range of perspectives in policy making, which prevents well targeted effective actions. Due to inadequacy or absence of data, cities adopt one - size - fits - all solution which in fact deepens inequalities. By establishing a baseline and routinely updating new data, cities can make evidence-based environmental policy decisions. There is a strong bond between the quality of life in cities and how cities draw on and manage the natural resources available to them. The present urbanization trends are accompanied by increased pressure on the environment and accelerated demand for basic services, infrastructure, job opportunities, and affordable housing.

Due to high concentration of people, inadequacies in infrastructure, housing and economic activities,

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