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## East Zone Conference

Addressing the East Zone Conference on the theme 'Planning and Development of Social Infrastructure' at Birla Institute of Technology (BIT), Mesra, Ranchi on 4th August, 2007; Prof. S.K. Mukherjee, Vice-Chancellor, BIT Mesra, who was presiding over the conference said that ITPI and BIT can work together for achieving better results in planning and development of towns and cities of Jharkhand. He also underlined the dramatic changes taking place in the socio-political scenario of the country which is posing a great challenge to planners to provide social infrastructure in the ever changing scenario. Innovative technologies and advanced communication systems

would further increase demand and accessibility of social infrastructure comprising health, education, etc; not only to haves but also to have-nots.

Shri V.K. Choubey, Dy. Commissioner and District Magistrate Ranchi, the Chief Guest highlighted that 78 percent of the population in our country still lives in villages. However, it is not denying the fact that almost every third Indian also lives in urban areas of the country. To meet the aspirations of both, there is a need to have advanced planning not only in terms of physical infrastructure but also social infrastructure specifically health and education. This calls for redevelopment

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and rejuvenation of our towns and cities besides restructuring the towns through reform agenda. He also flagged the issue of desirability of reducing poverty and enhancing prosperity simultaneously. On the aspect of accessibility of hospitals to the urban poor he raised the question as to why the Apollo Hospital can not be made accessible to the urban poor. He therefore, underlined the need to evolve new strategies for the provision of social infrastructure not only to the upper strata of the society but also to the urban poor.

Shri D.S. Meshram, President, ITPI in his address stated that in the era of sustainable development, it is not only important to provide the minimum quality and standard of living and accessibility of all to basic physical infrastructure like water supply, sewerage, drainage, power and solid waste management but also the quality of life in urban centers would depend on the availability and accessibility to social infrastructure like health, education, sports,



Inauguration of East Zone Conference is in progress



Present on the dias are Shri D.S. Meshram, President ITPI; Shri V.K. Choubey, Dy. Commissioner and District Magistrate Ranchi; Prof. S.K. Mukherjee, Vice Chancellor, BIT Mesra; and Shri Pradeep Kapoor, Secretary General, ITPI (right to left)

communication, security and safety and cultural needs, etc. He also touched upon the aspects of making the development of towns and cities accessible to physically handicapped by creating barrier free environment because the physically handicapped and elderly population in the country accounts for 15 to 20 percent of the total population.

On the issue of improving access to health care quoting the estimate of the FICCI, financial requirement would amount to \$203 billion over the next five years to bridge the huge deficit of access to health care service in India. To achieve the WHO prescribed norm of 5 beds per one thousand persons from the current level of 1.3 beds per one thousand persons would require huge investment. He also stated that as per Master Plan Delhi, 2021 there will be deficiency of 1,15,000 beds by 2021 in Delhi because the present level of availability of beds per one thousand persons in Delhi is hardly 2.2.

Raising the pointer at imbalance between rural and urban areas where urban population of the country as per 2001 census account for 28 percent while rural population accounts for 72 percent. But the availability of hospitals and dispensaries is 67 percent in urban areas and hardly 33 percent in rural areas. Similarly 80 percent doctors are concentrated in urban areas of the

country while on 20 percent are only catering to the rural areas. This disparity is required to be addressed seriously, if the target of 'health for all' is to be achieved.

Prof. A. Khare, Head of the Department of Architecture and Planning stated that the ITPI and BIT can work in tandem adopting the principle of

networking. The BIT will be happy to provide the required research support by making data available for achieving orderly and planned development of the towns and rural areas in the state of Jharkhand.

The Conference was divided into two Technical Workshops namely 'Health Facilities Planning', which was chaired by Shri Aniyam Mathew, Vice-President, ITPI and the key speakers included Prof. B.K. Sengupta of IIT Kharagpur, Shri Debabrat Ghosh, Shri S. Chakraborty, Shri N.R. Mandal and Shri S. Sarkar. While the second Technical Session was chaired by Shri V. Satyanarayana, former Vice-President, ITPI and key speakers were Shri P.K. Rajkhowa and Shri A.C. Thakur, Shri Uttam Roy and Dr. S. Chattopadhyay of IIT, Kharagpur and rapporteurs were Shri Sanmarga Mitra and Ms. Parama Mitra. A vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. D.J. Biswas.

## INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS AND CONGRESSES

### **Ninth Asian Urbanization Conference at Chuncheon**

The ninth Asian Urbanization Conference will be held during 18-23 August, 2007 at Kangwon National University, Chuncheon, Republic of Korea. The Conference has been Sponsored by Asian Urban Research Association (AURA); Kangwon Regional Development Corporation; Kangwon National University; Regional Development and Planning; Specialty Group of the AAG; Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania; and University of Akron. The Conference would focus on the themes:

- Empirical studies on urban form and process;
- Urban population change including migration;
- Urban systems;
- Quality of life;
- Sustainable development;
- City marketing and economic development;

- Social justice;
- Urban governance;
- Transportation;
- Application related to GIS;
- Comparative urbanization; and
- Environmental conditions in Asian cities;

Chuncheon, located 80 kilometers east of Seoul, is the capital of Gangwon Province. The region is well known for its natural scenic beauty and the city of Chuncheon (300,000 population) is famous as the 'Water City' because of its proximity to three large dams.

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## **Second International Congress on Environmental Planning and Management at Berlin**

The first International Congress for Environmental Planning and Management took place in Brasilia in 2005. The motto of the Congress 'Environmental Challenges of Urbanization' resulted from the recognition that the Latin American Mega cities threatened to be stifled by the total dominance of profit oriented regional structures and developments.

When, in an entirely deserted environment, the visionary new foundation was conceived in 1960, it was claimed to do every possible justice to all the demands of one million people. Here too, over-population, deficits of planning and environmental laws as well as wrong populistically motivated decisions have led to the dominance of the well-known destructive development trends of mega cities. Hence, a 'Sustainable Regional Development' with due consideration of the natural environment must not confine itself to audacious concepts and not to their one time unique realization, but it must keep going on with the critical analysis of long-term developments and planning results, and it must be able to intervene in planning procedures and to modify them. Hence the 2nd 'Urbenvironcongress', will take place in Berlin during 5-10 August, 2007.

Aim of the Congress is to address planning scientists from a broader international spectrum and, primarily, to activate the international discourse. The initiators therefore invite specifically to an interdisciplinary exchange between planners and planning executives.

A comprehensive and legally based planning and its implementation can lead to a considerable improvement of the environment. However, on the way from planning via its implementation up to the results, regional development is subject to all kinds of external

influences by politics, the judiciary, the economy and various lobbies so that the original approach has occasionally undergone considerable changes in its course.

Hence, the main topic of the scientific discourse for the participants of the Congress is how to deal with this complex process in the sense of carrying through environmental concerns.

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## **IFHP World Congress at Copenhagen**

Fifty first IFHP World Congress, the main forum for ideas and debate for policymakers, practitioners and researchers regarding the futures of cities, will be held in Copenhagen during 23-26 September, 2007. The World Congress will feature keynote speakers addressing the impacts, indicators and implementations influencing the futures of cities. Parallel sessions will feature the presentation of papers and it is hoped to bring together a world of insight and ideas.

The IFHP 2007 Student Congress – the academic forum for ideas and debate of the understanding and approach to the challenges facing the futures of cities from a student perspective. The student Congress will feature a number of the same keynotes, who will also be speaking at the World Congress, panel discussions, and parallel sessions. The presentations and reviews of the students' Competition are central to the Students Congress, both the processes and projects underpinning the competition entries will be addressed. The School of Architecture in Copenhagen will offer the physical framework for the Students' Congress.

Planning: An obvious concern is about the surge in urban growth, especially in the world's largest urban concentrations. Just think about Asia

and Latin America. However, there is also a pressing need to address the ebb in urban development, for instance, in the hinterlands of Europe. Urban influx is not strictly limited to city centers; growing urban populations are occupying all sorts of intermediary zones.

How can we deal with the bridging of urban regions and the development of urban corridors? How can urban constellations, both new and old be sustained? What types of demands are being placed on urban infrastructure? Why transportation systems, communication networks, water and energy supplies, sewage and sanitation handling? What consequences does this have for urban governance, the redefinition of city limits, and the formation of new and regional alliances? In short, what sustainable planning solutions need to be implemented for the future?

Building: Cities throughout the world seek to position themselves through high profile buildings - awe-inspiring architectural solutions. Large scale projects of record breaking heights and spans, advances in green building technology, industrialization of building processes, new tools in construction management. New constellations of building consortiums and partnerships are emerging now.

Meanwhile, other cities are struggling with the most basic maintenance of their built environment. They too can offer solutions for the future - innovative applications of traditional building materials, processes and architecture solutions.

The parameters and possibilities vary from city to city, region to region, place to place. How are innovations in the building sector impacting the futures of our cities? What can builders draw from the past? What advances are being made for the future? What is being done to ensure the caliber of architecture in an urbanized world? In

short, how can we build for the futures of cities?

**Housing:** It is not merely a matter of providing housing machines, but rather housing solutions? Growing slums in many of the world's mega cities are an urban reality. With booming real estate markets for high end residential, how can cities maintain a reasonable segment of affordable housing? How much should government regulate? And the market dictates?

High-density housing is intrinsic to urban futures. How can compact living be resolved at the scale of the residential neighborhood, apartment block and the individual dwelling unit? Solutions are sure to differ according to context and cultural preferences. But not to forget, the simplest of innovations can have universal appeal, such as indoor plumbing, or cell phone technology and the potential to connect almost every home. What array of pragmatic, experimental and utilitarian housing solutions are there for the growing urban masses? In short, how can we best house the urban half?

**Urban Quality:** The search for a better life is the basic draw behind the influx to cities. Quality of life goes hand in hand with urban quality. Urban quality has become one of the most important parameters for the positioning of cities on the global playing field. The interplay between a city's spaces and its urban life is considered to be a condition for a city's urban quality. It is the spaces of the city that offer corridors of mobility, market places and clearings where gardens can grow. These include areas for sports and recreation, tableaux for public art, venues for street performances, neutral ground where people can meet, and platforms for public dialog and exchange.

How do we accommodate urban life? How can we render urban spaces? Urban quality is more than an amenity. It is crucial to the life of the city. Urban quality encourages a healthier lifestyle and promotes the economic livelihood

of the city at large. This can be done, for example, by boosting tourism and promoting an experience economy. How do we define, measure, and quantify urban quality? How does urban quality relate to urban success criteria? How can we render and enhance urban quality?

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### WORLD HABITAT DAY 2007

The United Nations has designated the first Monday in October every year as the World Habitat Day to reflect on the state of human settlements and the basic right to adequate shelter for all. It is also intended to remind the world of its collective responsibility for the future of the human habitat. The Global Observance of this year's World Habitat Day will take place in The Hague in The Netherlands. Major celebrations will also take place in Monterrey in Mexico.

The theme of this year's World Habitat Day on 1st October, 2007 is 'A safe city is a Just city'. The United Nations chose this year's theme in order to raise awareness and encourage reflection on the mounting threats to urban safety and social justice, particularly urban crime and violence, forced eviction and insecurity of tenure, as well as natural and human-made disasters.

One of the most significant causes of fear and insecurity in many cities today is crime and violence. Between 1990 and 2000, incidents of violent crime per 100,000 persons increased from 6 to 8.8. Recent studies show that over the past five years 60 percent of all urban residents in the world have been victims of crime, with 70 percent in Latin America and the Caribbean. Clearly, crime, whether violent or not, is a growing and serious threat to urban safety all over the world.

As the world becomes increasingly urban, it is essential that policymakers understand the power of the city as a catalyst for national development. Cities have to be able to provide inclusive living conditions for all their residents. Rich or poor, everyone has a right to the city, to a decent living environment, to clear water, sanitation, transport, electricity and other services. How we manage this is arguably one of the greatest challenges facing humanity.

Another significant threat to urban safety today is forced eviction and insecurity of tenure. Incidents of forced evictions are regularly reported from all parts of the world. They are often linked to bulldozing of squatter settlements and slums in developing countries, as well as to processes of gentrification, beautification and urban redevelopment in both developed and developing country cities. Forced evictions have been highly publicized in recent years, partly because freedom from forced eviction has been recognized as a fundamental human right within international human rights law.

Disasters, natural and human-made, are yet another current threat to urban safety. Recent evidence suggests that natural and human-made disasters are increasing in frequency the world over, and that this trend is partly linked to climate change. From 1975 to 2005, the number of disasters in the world increased from 100 to 400 per year. Hurricane Katrina, the Asian Tsunami and the Pakistan Earthquake are some of the recent disasters that exposed our woeful lack of preparedness.

Combined, these three threats to urban safety currently pose a huge challenge to both national and city governments, and this is the reason behind the United Nation's, choice of the theme 'A Safe City is a Just City' for this year's World Habitat Day.

All Chairmen of Regional Chapters of ITPI are requested to organize workshops, seminars and discussions on the subject to celebrate World Habitat Day.

## NATIONAL WORKSHOP AND SEMINAR

### India Urban Space 2007

India Urban Space (IndiaUSP) 2007 is a first of its kind national conference that uses the filter of SPACE at examining urban issues. Committed to 'Transforming India's Cities', the IndiaUSP provides an urban platform that unites all stakeholders of urban India to catalyze change. The event has a three tiered structure:

- Policy Programme – To provide pragmatic road maps for reforms of significant national impact, through a systems approach in defining the problem and finding appropriate solutions. This year's focus is on 'Implementing Guaranteed Land Titles in Urban India';
- Workshop Programme – To build capacity and awareness amongst key government personnel involved with urban infrastructure (water supply, sewerage, solid waste management, urban transport, etc.) through workshops on innovation and sharing experiences; and
- Urban Marketplace – To enable meaningful connections between government, market, academia and the civil society. This will feature an exhibition of the entire range of urban infrastructure goods and services by top quality national and international planners as well as CITY BOOTHS where CDP and key projects of each Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission or JNNURM city would be displayed. Representatives and key decision makers from all 63 JNNURM cities would be invited by the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India to this event.

IndiaUSP 2007 is going to be held from 27-30 September, 2007 alongside AEC

world Expo and Conference 2007, India's largest exposition for the building industry at Bombay Exhibition Centre, NSE Grounds, Goregaon (E) Mumbai – 400063.

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### Institute of Urban Transport (India): Forthcoming Conferences on Transportation

- 24-26 September, 2007: Workshop on Bus Rapid Transit Systems, Ahmedabad, contact: Prof. H M Shivanand Swamy, Professor, CEPT, Ahmedabad shivanand.swamy@gmail.com;
- 27-30 September, 2007: IUSP (India Urban Space) Transport Workshop, Mumbai, contact: Ms. Swati Ramanathan swati@janaagraha.org
- 10-12 January, 2008: International Conference on Transportation System Studies, Mumbai organized by ATDI and Department of Economics, Mumbai University;
- 13-17 January, 2008: TRB 87th Annual Meeting, Washington, U.S;
- 25-28 March, 2008: Conference on Fare Collection, organized by American Public Transportation Association, Los Angeles, USA;
- 27-31 May, 2008: 10th AATT Conference on Applications in Advanced Technologies in Transportation, Greece;
- 20-22 August, 2008: Inter-modal Operations Planning Workshop, organized by the American Public Transportation Association, San Francisco, USA.

### Placements

The Change Management Unit (CMU), a registered society under Municipals Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal have asked for Bio-Data of qualified Urban Planners who are willing to be appointed by Municipalities of West Bengal on contract basis for a period of one year at a remuneration of Rs.12,000/- per month, for preparation of Draft Development Plans.

Interested Members of ITPI may please send their Bio-Data to Shri Arnab Roy, IAS, Project Director, Change Management Unit, Kolkata Urban Services for the Poor, ILGUS Bhawan, HC-Block., Sector – 3. Bidhan Nagar, Kolkata – 700 106 Ph:033-23342660  
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Website:www.changekolkata.org

### INSTITUTE OF TOWN PLANNERS INDIA

Institute of Town Planners, India the apex body of professional Town and Country Planners desires to fill up the following positions.

1. Director (R&D) in Planning: With 20 years of professional experience at a senior level on consolidated salary, which is negotiable.
2. Research Fellow in Planning: Graduate /Postgraduate on consolidated salary, which is negotiable.

Interested persons need to apply to the Secretary General, ITPI, 4-A, Ring Road, I.P.Estate, New Delhi – 110 002 along with their CVs by 15th September, 2007.

Secretary General, ITPI

## COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION OF PLANNERS

A letter received from Ms. Christine Platt, President, Commonwealth Association of Planners looking forward for re-joining of CAP by Institute of Town Planners, India would be visiting India for the discussions. The text of the letter is given below:

**Mr. D.S. Meshram**  
President, ITPI

27 March, 2007

### ITPI and CAP Membership

May I extend my best wishes to you and the Institute of Town Planners, India, for 2007.

At the Commonwealth Association of Planners business in Vancouver in June. I was given the honour of serving the planners of the Commonwealth as President of CAP. I am a planner from South Africa, and I look forward to bringing a new perspective to CAP, namely that of the countries of the south. We are very fortunate that Cliff Hague, the Immediate Past President has remained directly involved in CAP and has taken on the position of Secretary – General.

Vancouver was also the site of the World Urban Forum, as you are no doubt aware. It has been acknowledged, both within the profession and by the major role players such as UN-Habitat, that the outcomes of Vancouver were very positive for planning. For the first time in a long time, planning has been put on the international agenda, and the official UN-Habitat report on the World Urban Forum (WUF) lists planning as one of four headline issues. The Commonwealth Association of Planners' role was absolutely vital to this achievement, because it had credibility as the only organization that represents professional planners' institutes from over 25 countries encompassing the global North and South, rich and poor, and large and small countries.

The outcomes of the WUF mean that after years of being seen as irrelevant, planning and the role of planners as a fundamental part of governance for sustainable human settlement, has at last been acknowledged by the international development agencies. We now need to build on this platform and present compelling evidence at WUF IV in 2008 in Nanjing, and for UN-Habitat's State of the Cities Report, that planners around the world have engaged and have responded. This means that we, the global family of planners, have a window of opportunity to show that not only are we relevant, but we can deliver and respond to the challenges which have been laid at our door. However, we also need to recognize that this window will close if we cannot sustain the momentum.

Thus CAP is now preparing for the Commonwealth Heads of Government (CHOGM) meeting which is due to take place in Uganda on 19-22 November this year. The theme for this event is "Realizing People's Potential", and the sub-themes include economic development; governance, participation and human rights; and environment and natural resources. There is much interest in economic success stories, and India may well feature in this regard.

It is therefore very important that CAP engages closely with your institute to ensure that we can include your perspectives on the crucial planning issues which are now being discussed internationally. In addition, CAP is anxious that an organization as significant as yours is included within CAP in order that the global family of planners is as representative as possible. I am sure that the ITPI may well also find it mutually beneficial to once again be part of these international initiatives and discussions.

Accordingly, may I request an opportunity to meet you to discuss the possibility of the ITPI rejoining CAP. I will be willing to come to India to see you, should that be acceptable. CAP is a very different organization now that it was in the 1990s when your institute was last a member, and other major institute which had dropped out of CAP have rejoined (eg. Nigerian Institute of Town Planner, Canadian Institute of Planners, Planning Institute of Australia) in recognition of the benefits that planners can gain by working together through the Commonwealth family.

I look forward to hearing from you in regard to our possible meeting.

Yours sincerely,

CHRISTINE PLATT  
President, CAP

**Ref: ITPI/CAP/1080**

MAY 29, 2007

**Ms. Christine Platt**  
President, CAP

We the members of the Institute of Town Planners, India congratulate you not only on resuming the office of President of Commonwealth Association of Planners but to words your efforts in resuming the dialogue with the Institute of Planners of Commonwealth.

It is indeed a pleasure to learn from your letter that CAP is a very different organization now than it was in 1990s, as major Institutes which had dropped out of CAP have rejoined e.g. Nigerian Institute of Town Planner, Canadian Institute of Planners, Planning Institute of Australia. In your efforts accordingly you have desired to discuss the issue of re-joining of CAP by ITPI.

It would be our pleasure to receive you and request you to kindly inform your programme schedule so that we can organize the meeting with members of Council of ITPI which is the apex body of ITPI affairs.

With regards

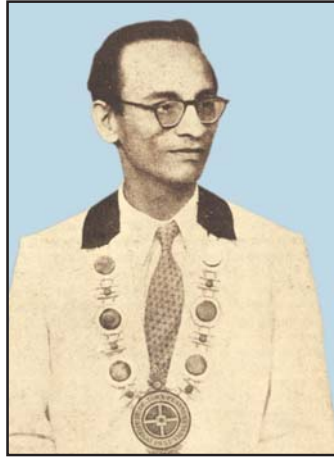
Yours sincerely,

(D.S. Meshram)  
President, ITPI

**FORMER PRESIDENTS OF ITPI**



**Padmashri Md. Fayazuddin  
1951-54 & 1957-58**



**S.K. Joglekar  
1954-55 & 1959-60**



**Prof. T.J. Manickam  
1955-56, 1960-61 &  
1968-69**



**Prof. V.N. Prasad  
1956-57**



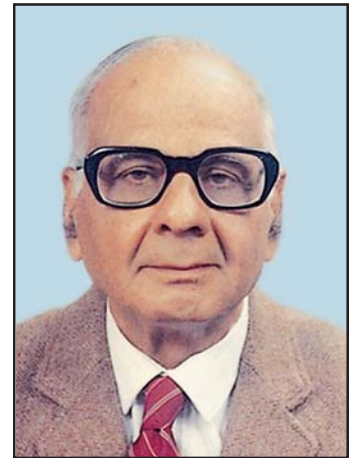
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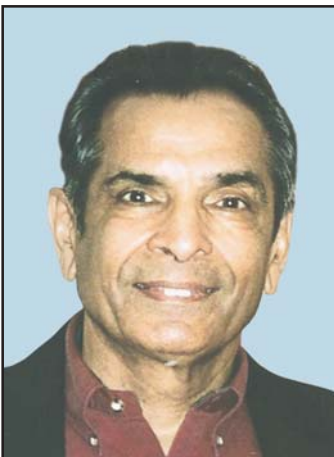
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**P.C. Khanna  
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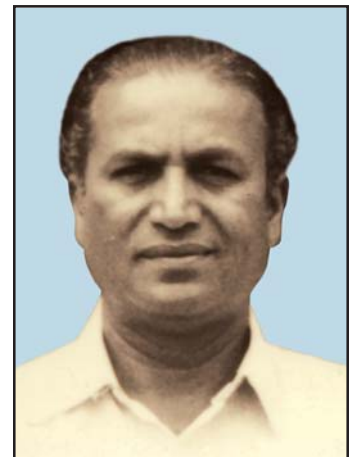
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1971-72**



**H.K. Mewada  
1972-73**



**Dr. K.S. Rame Gowda  
1973-74**

**FORMER PRESIDENTS OF ITPI**



**K. Kaplish**  
1974-75



**Prof. D.V.R. Rao**  
1976-77



**S. Shafi**  
1977-78 & 1980-81



**C.S. Gupte**  
1978-79



**J.P. Dube**  
1979-80



**J.P. Bhargava**  
1981-84



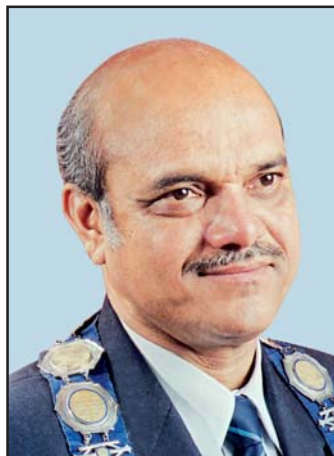
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1984-85 & 1997-99



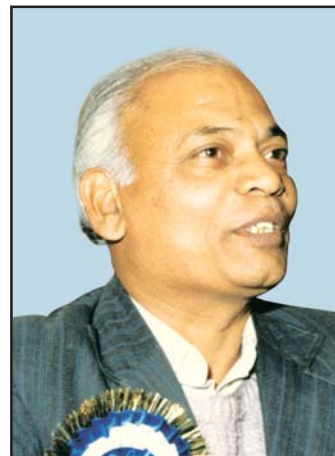
**Prof. N.S. Saini**  
1985-86



**Prof. S.D. Raj**  
1986-87



**Diwakar S. Meshram**  
1987-89, 1993-95, 1999-  
2001 2002-04 & 2005-07



**R.V. bapat**  
1989-90



**J.S. Ghuman**  
1990-91



## FORMER PRESIDENTS OF ITPI



**H.R. Suri**  
1991-92 & 1995-97



**A.R. Patharkar**  
2001-02



**Dr. A.N. Sachithanandan**  
2004-05

Pictures are not available of the following Former Presidents, ITPI will be grateful in case members having Photographs and their Bio-data send the same to the Head Quarter

**Walter S. George**  
1958-59  
**N.S. Lamba**  
1969-70  
**S.H. Godbole**  
1971-72  
**Bharpur Singh**  
1975-76

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### CHAIRMEN AND SECRETARIES OF REGIONAL CHAPTERS OF ITPI FOR (2007-08)

Name of Chapters	Chairmen	Secretaries
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Goa	E.R. Godinho	Dr. A.K.Rege
Gujarat	N.K. Patel	R.S. Patel
Haryana	Raj Vir Singh	Nadim Akhtar
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Orissa	Surendra Behera	S.M. Patnaik
Punjab	Dharam Singh Dhillon	S. Gurpreet Singh
Rajasthan	U.K.Srivastava	Subhash Chandra Sharma
Tamil Nadu	Subash Chandira	A. Krishnakumar
Uttrakhand	Dr. Najamuddin	Ashok Kumar
Uttar Pradesh	N.R. Verma	A.K. Bhatnagar
West Bengal	Ranjan Chattopadhyay	Ashok Chakrabarti

### Jharkhand Regional Chapter at Ranchi

In the East Zone Conference held at BIT Mesra, Ranchi on 4th August, 2007; the ITPI members numbering over 20 belonging to Jharkhand State has requested the Council ITPI to start Jharkhand Regional Chapter of ITPI at Ranchi. Accordingly in the ITPI Council Meeting held on 4th August, 2007 the council resolved to start Jharkhand Regional Chapter at Ranchi.

In the General Body meeting held in Ranchi on 11th August, 2007 the election of the JRC were held and Shri D.J. Biswas and Shri Gajanand Ram were declared elected Chairman and secretary of the chapter unanimously.

### Sponsorship for Instituting Gold Medal for Best Thesis for Bachelor of Planning

On the request of students, the Institute of Town Planners, India is desirous of instituting the Gold Medal for the Best Thesis for Bachelor of Planning on the pattern of Prof. V.N. Prasad, Best Thesis award in planning for postgraduate students.

Accordingly Institute invites from all the ITPI Members, the sponsorship. Interested members are request to send their willingness and quote the amount of sponsorship, they are willing to offer.

## KNOW YOUR FORMER PRESIDENTS



**Hargovind Kalidas Mewada**

Shri Hargovind Kalidas Mewada, the President of the Institute of Town Planners, India during 1972-73, had the distinction of planning a new capital city for a prosperous state in India and watch it grow and develop as the time passed, all the while remaining in the government bureaucratic set up. Shri Mewada was appointed as the Chief Town Planner and Architectural Advisor for the Gandhinagar Project in the new State of Gujarat, with a rank equal to that of the state Chief Engineer with a special pay scale equivalent to the then Chief Secretary of the State. To start with, he established the new office for the Project, and visited various countries of Europe including U.K., Poland, Denmark, Sweden, Netherlands and Yugoslavia to study development of new towns and urban areas of those countries under a special programme arranged by the U.N. He worked on the Master Plan of Gandhinagar and architectural design of the government buildings that were constructed in the capital city.

Shri Mewada's Presidency of the institute timed with the commencement of the Fifth Five Year Plan. The Approach Paper to the Plan, gave due importance to the national programme of minimum needs (MNP), a programme essentially about investment in human resource development.

During his tenure as the President, the ITPI successfully hosted the inaugural

conference of the Commonwealth Association of Planners or CAP in New Delhi in March 1973. Shri Mewada, the President of the Institute was elected member of the new Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Association of Planners to represent the South West Asia Region. As a member of the Association, he visited U.K., West Indies, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand

Shri Mewada was born on 23rd January, 1921 in a village called Denap in North Gujarat. Being the eldest of five brothers in the family, his father was very particular that his son obtained good education. Therefore, he was sent to schools where they were available in other villages. To reach this school, Shri Mewada had to walk 7 to 10 kilometers daily. Later he was sent to stay at the senior school from where he passed his secondary examination and secured matriculation certificate from the Bombay University in 1940 with first division. He took his Diploma in Architecture from Kala Bhawan, Technical Institute, Baroda in 1944 and got first class and first position in order of merit. During 1946-1947, he was awarded an Ex-Baroda State Overseas Scholarship, later known as the Bombay State Scholarship, to study in USA. He obtained a B. Sc. and M. Sc. in Architecture from the Cornell University, Ithaca, New York during 1948-1949. He got the Charles Godwin Sands Memorial Award, given by the Cornell University for exceptional meritorious work in architectural design. Shri Mewada also obtained a Masters of Science in City and Regional Planning from the University of Illinois in June 1950. Shri Mewada was one of the very few Indian Town Planners who had obtained high qualifications in his field more than fifty years ago, while coming from a modest background.

After qualifying in architecture, Shri Mewada joined former Jaipur State,

Rajasthan and worked there as an Architectural Assistance till 1946. He worked as an architect in Agra in 1947, during which time he acted as a Consulting Architect to the Maharaja of Kishengarh, Rajasthan and designed the Mitra Nivas Palace, the Kishengarh Club and remodeled the Majhela Country House.

On his return from USA in 1950, Shri Mewada joined the Punjab Government in October 1950, as an architect on the Capital Project of Chandigarh. He worked mostly on the design of various categories of residential buildings. He also collaborated in the preparation of the Plan for the New Capital. He worked in the Punjab till May 1951, after which he took a position as an Architect Planner in the Government of Uttar Pradesh. This was the senior most position in the Department then. He worked on the preparation of Master Plans for Allahabad, Haridwar and Almora. He also drafted the Uttar Pradesh Town Planning Act and Model Building Byelaws and also prepared housing schemes for industrial workers and slum clearance schemes.

He resigned from the Uttar Pradesh Government in February 1955 and joined the Assam Government as an Architect Planner in March 1955 at the level of Chief Engineer, PWD of the State. Here he helped the state government in establishing the Town Planning Organization. As a Town Planner, he was engaged in the preparation of Master Plans for Greater Guwahati, Shillong and also for preparing layout plans, housing schemes, etc. He was instrumental in drafting the Assam Town and Country Planning Act and Assam Slum Areas (Improvement and Clearance) Bill. Besides these, he advised local bodies in the State in all matters pertaining to town development, and the Community Project Department for

their planning and also preparation of Master Plans for remodeling of villages in a planned manner under the Rural Housing Schemes.

He resigned his job in Assam and joined the Rajasthan Government as the Superintending Engineer, Town Planning Circle in the Public Works Department of the State. Later he was promoted as the Chief Town Planner and Architectural Advisor in the same Department. While in Rajasthan, he prepared a large number of Town Planning Schemes and undertook the preparation of Master Plans for Jaipur, Kota and Udaipur, master plans for a large number of smaller towns, particularly in the Chambal Project Area and Rajasthan Canal (now Indira Gandhi Canal) Area, were also prepared. He also advised the Government and local authorities on matters of town planning, law and implementation of town planning schemes. He also played a key role in the establishment of the Town Planning Department in the State, which was established in mid 1964. He joined the Department as its Chief Town Planner. No doubt, in the early years of its establishment, the Department functioned with a skeleton staff, but as soon as activities and functions of the Department increased, it expanded manifold.

When the new state of Gujarat was formed after it split from the erstwhile Bombay State, the political leadership of the state decided to build a new city as the capital of the State and named it Gandhinagar. The Chief Minister designate of the new State of Gujarat, Dr. Jivraj Mehta, declared on 19th March, 1960 at Bombay (Mumbai) that the proposed site of New Capital of Gujarat State would be located 15 miles to the north of Ahmedabad city on the right bank of Sabarmati River (the site as finally selected was 32 Km north-east of Ahmedabad). Thought was

also given to inviting a foreign architect for the Project, however, at the highest level of the Government, it was decided that the Project would be entrusted to an Indian Architect Planner. Shri H.K. Mewada, being highly qualified for the job and also from Gujarat, was invited for the Project. He was, at that time, working in the State of Rajasthan. Rajasthan Government, very reluctantly allowed Shri Mewada to leave the State.

In November 1964, Shri Mewada was appointed as the Chief Town Planner and Architectural Advisor for the Gandhinagar Project in the state PWD, with a rank equal to that of Chief Engineer, and special pay scale that was equivalent to the then Chief Secretary of the State. He joined the state in January 1965. For the Project, he had to establish a new office. He visited various countries of Europe in 1968 to study the development of new towns and urban areas of those countries under a special programme arranged by the UN. Shri Mewada prepared the Master Plan of Gandhinagar city and architectural design of the Government buildings. The Capital City was designed for an ultimate population of 1,50,000. As per 2001 Census, Gandhinagar NAC has a population of 1,95,985. Today Gandhinagar presents the spacious well organized look of an architecturally integrated city. Around the centrally located Government Complex, the city is divided into 30 sectors. Each sector has its own shopping, government and private housing. Apart from this, there is a generous provision for wide open green parks, extensive planting and a large recreational area along the River giving the city a lush green garden city atmosphere.

In the mid 1970s, Shri Mewada was also entrusted the work of State Town Planning and Valuation Department in addition to the Capital Project work and

was made the Joint Secretary in the Government, which was later upgraded to the rank of Special Secretary. For the State Town Planning Department, he was a key figure in drafting the State Town Planning and Urban Development Act 1976 as well as setting up of six urban development authorities. He was also instrumental in drafting the Model Building Byelaws to be used as guidelines by smaller local bodies.

Shri H.K. Mewada, who retired from the State government in 1981, belonged to the first generation of architects and urban planners in post independent India. His career of about 35 years is a living example of whole – hearted dedication to the profession of architecture and town planning. He came from a modest family, but by virtue of his education and by sheer dint of hard and devoted labour, he rose to greater heights in the profession. No doubt that his rank equal to the Chief Engineer, and Special Secretary in the Government, helped to raise the status of town planning profession in other states also.

Shri H.K. Mewada was a self-achiever, but not a mere self-seeker. He also fought successfully for his professional brethren to raise their status. He rose urban planning from a position subordinate to PWD and made it an independent entity.

He was a visionary architect and town planner. His vision was remarkably new because of which he was preferred to a non-Indian urban planner in the planning of the township of Gandhinagar by the highest level of the state government.

Those who know him and his work, know him as a visionary architect and town planner and remember him, even after 15 years of his death.

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# Career in.... TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING



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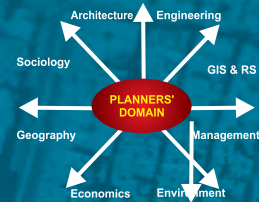
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