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FELICITATION OF PROF. SUKHADEO THORAT, CHAIRMAN, UGC

Introducing Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairman, University Grants Commission an eminent economist and teacher, Dr. P.S.N Rao, Secretary, DRC noted that Prof. Thorat has more than 30 years of teaching and research experience. Prof. Thorat did his D. Litt. from Kalyani University in West Bengal in April, 2007; Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D.) in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in 1986; Diploma in Advanced Course in National Economic Planning from Central School of Planning and Statistics, Warsaw (Poland) in 1985; Master of Philosophy (M. Phil) in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in 1978; Master

of Arts (MA) in Economics from Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad, Maharashtra in 1972; and Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Economics from Milind College of Arts, Aurangabad, Maharashtra.

Prof. Thorat authored more than 15 books and published more than 80 research papers on various topics. His work also includes a study for NCR on Pattern of Urbanization and Strategy for Urban Development; Slums in Metropolis: Living Environment; Rural Development – Problems and Prospects; Development of Rural Infrastructure in India; Industrialization, Economic Reforms and Regional Development; Population Pressures, Landholding Structure and Land Use Pattern: An Analysis of Inter Linkages in Population Pressure and Environmental Impact in Himalayan Region; Pattern of Urbanization and Strategy for Urban Development in India; Socio-economic Conditions of People in a Slum of Delhi; Land and Water Use Pattern in Scarcity Region: Emerging Contradictions between Efficiency, Conservation and Equity; Government Spending, Growth and Poverty in India, etc; are most notable concerns of the planners. Before taking up the responsibility as the Chairman of UGC, Prof. Thorat was Professor at the Centre for the Study of Regional



Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairman University Grants Commission

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Development, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Dr. P.S.N Rao also stated that under the Chairmanship of Prof. Thorat not only education in general but also town and country planning education in particular would get the much needed attention.

Shri D.S. Meshram, President ITPI, stated that the Institute of Town Planners, India, which came into existence in 1951, is committed to orderly and planned development of our towns and cities, and is also committed to foster town and country planning education in the country. He has added that the ITPI through its 20 Regional Chapters located mostly in the state capitals are actively involved in organizing congresses, seminars, workshops, colloquiums so as to disseminate, latest technologies and information, and create awareness among town and country planning professionals, educationists, researchers and masses. In this process the ITPI also interacts with the Ministry



Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairman, University Grants Commission releasing DRC Newsletter; present on the dias (Left to Right) are Shri Pradeep Kapoor, Secretary General ITPI; Shri D.S. Meshram, President ITPI; and (on extreme right) Dr. S.P. Bansal, Chairman, DRC

of Urban Development, Ministry of Housing and Poverty Alleviation, Ministry of Human Resource Development, All India Council of Technical Education and also University Grants Commission. He underlined that even though town and country planning education in the country is of recent origin, it has become an independent and separate discipline in itself. He requested Prof. Thorat to treat town and country planning discipline as an independent and separate discipline like the AICTE. He requested the UGC Chairman that he could invite the Institute of Town planners, India for any assistance required in this direction for all the matters concerning town and country planning education. Shri Meshram also stated that the nomenclature B. Planning and M. Planning is accepted degrees throughout the world and requested Prof. Thorat not to change it to B.Tech (Planning) and M.Tech (Planning). He also requested Prof. Thorat to involve the ITPI actively in assessing and evaluating town planning education by the UGC and also make ITPI as member in all committees dealing with town planning education in the country. Prof. Thorat was presented with a plaque and *shawl* in his honor by Shri D.S. Meshram, President, ITPI.

Prof. Thorat in his address invited the Institute of Town Planners, India to work in close co-ordination with the UGC to foster town planning education

in the country. While releasing DRC Newsletter he appreciated the work of the Institute of Town Planners, India

ITPI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2007

The Annual General Meeting of the ITPI was held on 28th September, 2007 at the ITPI Conference Hall, 4A Ring Road, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi at 1400 hrs. The notice for the same was issued on 1st September, 2007 for transacting the ordinary and special business. Accordingly in the General Body Meeting, the following business was transacted.

Ordinary Business

1. To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Statements of Accounts together with Reports of the Council and the Auditors for the year ended 31st March, 2007.

The Reports of the Council 2006 – 2007 along with Audited Statements of Accounts were considered and approved.

2. To present the Scrutinizers' Report on the Council Election for the year 2007 - 2008.

The Scrutinizers presented their Report which was approved by the members. The Scrutinizers declared the following as elected members of Council 2007 – 2008

and stated that towns and villages share close relationship with each other and therefore there is a need to achieve rural urban integration. He also underlined that the villagers particularly down trodden sections of the societies migrate to cities in search of adequate shelter, basic infrastructure and employment opportunities and therefore, need to be accommodated so that they lead dignified life.

The Colloquium on Village Development Planning in Dwarka Sub-city followed the felicitation function. The Colloquium was chaired by Dr. S.P. Bansal in which presentations were made by the INTACH on Dhulsiras and Kakrola Villages and by the CES on Bhartal village.

General Constituency

Shri A. Chakrabarti
 Shri B. Mahendra
 Shri Debashis Pal
 Shri P.K. Rajkhowa
 Shri P.N. Mishra
 Shri Rajinder Sharma
 Shri S.C. Mahagaonkar
 Shri S.D. Landge
 Shri Sham Dass Saini
 Shri S.M. Patnaik
 Shri S. Santhanam
 Shri S.S. Mathur
 Shri V. Satyanarayan

Special Constituency

Shri A.A. Waghaye
 Shri Eapen Varughese
 Shri N.R. Verma
 Shri Ranjan Chattopadhyay
 Dr. S.P. Bansal

Shri D.S. Meshram, Shri Aniy Mathew and Shri Pradeep Kapoor would be ex – officio members as immediate Past President, Vice – President and Secretary General respectively.

3. To appoint Auditor and to fix their remuneration

The Members agreed to continue the services of M/s. Sarkar and Associates for the year 2007 – 2008; on the same remuneration as for the year 2006 – 2007.

As Special Business

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass with or without modifications, the following resolutions as special resolutions:

4. Amendment of Bye Laws

(i) Resolved that Bye Law 105 of the Articles of the Association and Bye Laws of the Institute will be altered as "If the amendment is passed, it shall not be enforced or acted upon until it has been submitted to the Registrar of Companies".

The Amendment to Bye Law 105 of the Articles of Association and Bye-laws of the ITPI were approved and the following resolution was passed:

Resolved that Bye Law 105 of the Bye Laws and Regulations of the Institute be altered as follows:

"If the amendment is passed, it shall not be enforced or acted upon until it has been submitted to the Registrar of Companies".

5. To consider the Regulations for the Regional Chapters, Centers of Regional Chapters and Guidelines of Procurement of Land and Construction of the ITPI Building for the use of Regional Chapters / Centers.

The draft Regulations for the Regional Chapters, Centres of Regional Chapters and Guidelines of procurement of Land and Construction of ITPI Building for the use of Regional Chapter / Chapter / Centres were approved by the members.

Accordingly, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved that the draft Regulations for Regional Chapters, Centers of Regional Chapters and

Guidelines of procurement of Land and Construction of ITPI Building for the Regional Chapters / Centers placed before the Meeting, was approved.

ITPI COUNCIL 2007 – 2008

In the first meeting of the council held on 29th September, 2007 at ITPI Meeting Hall, the following office bearers were elected unanimously:

President

Shri V. Satyanarayan

Vice – President

Shri B.Mahendra

Secretary General

Shri S.S. Mathur

Members suggested the following issues / activities to be taken up by the Council on priority during 2007 – 2008.

- Issue of the ITPI membership in CAP should be discussed with the President Commonwealth Association of Planners;
- To setup a committee for preparing the Common Code of Conduct for town and country planners;
- Organize Zonal Congresses on the subject of topical interest in various zones of the country;

- Convene the Meeting of Chief Town Planners of States and Development Authorities and Local Bodies to discuss the common issues related to Town Planning profession;
- To impress the Schools to start Bachelor of Planning Courses in all the Schools of Planning imparting postgraduate education in town planning;
- To file Writ Petition against CoA for introducing courses in the field of Town and Country Planning titled as M. Arch. (Planning);
- Action to be taken for reaching 10+2 students to attract them towards planning discipline by giving wide publicity through brochures, etc. and
- The ITPI website to be made more attractive by giving more coverage to Regional Chapter activities.

Dr. Ashok Kumar and Dr. Mayank Mathur were appointed as Secretary Publications and Secretary Examination respectively.

The Chairmen, Co-chairmen and Secretaries of the various committees for the year 2007 - 2008 are given below:

CHAIRMEN, CO-CHAIRMEN AND SECRETARIES OF COMMITTEES, 2007–2008

Committees	Chairmen	Co-Chairmen	Secretary
Executive Committee	V.Satyanarayan	B.Mahendra	S.S. Mathur
Professional Standing Committee	H.K. Yadav	M.S. Belekar	Jibesh Paul
IT Committee	Dr. Baldeo Singh Sokhi	M.L. Chotani	S. Surendra
Library Committee	S.Sreenivasulu	Dharam Singh	P.K. Behera
Educational Standing Committee	Dr. A.N. Sachithanandan	Dr. Krishne Gowda	Prof. P.M. Raval
Regional Chapters Building Committee	H.S. Sancheti	O.P. Bijesure	S.B. Khodankar
Evaluation Committee	Rajeev Malhotra	P.V. Mahashabdey	R. Srinivas
Head Quarter Building Committee	V.K. Bugga	M.P. Goel	S. K. Mehra
Technical Committee	Prof. E.F.N. Ribeiro	Dr. Najamuddin	S.S. Mathur
Disciplinary Committee	D.S. Meshram	Aniyan Methew	Pradeep Kapoor
Town Planning Examination Board	V. Satyanarayan	-	Dr. Mayank Mathur
Editorial Board	B.Mahendra	-	Dr. Ashok Kumar

Delhi Regional Chapter

Delhi Regional Chapter organized one day workshop on 'Virtual Reality and Simulation in Planning and Management' on Friday 30th November, 2007 at ITPI, I.P. Estate, New Delhi.

Prof. P.K. Sarkar, while introducing the subject stated that the objective of this workshop was to bring awareness about the subject 'Virtual Reality and simulation in the field of Town Planning, engineering and management'. In the present day, engineers, planners and administrators are increasingly confronted with complex problems in most of the cities in the world. In order to solve these complex problems, it is essential that a comprehensive design exercise should be carried out, not only through two dimensional designs but also with 3D based on virtual reality and simulation.

Mr. Masashi Hiraishi, First Secretary, Embassy of Japan; the Chief Guest of the workshop in his inaugural address stated that the economy of India is growing at very fast rate with vast investments coming in infrastructure which calls for effective technology for managing the large and mega projects. Therefore, this workshop is timely because Japanese companies are coming to India with latest technologies which in turn will contribute to growth of India.

Shri D.S. Meshram, in his address stated that simulation environment in fact could be identical to real world. Quoting the example of 'New Delhi Pilot Project for Non-handicapping Environment for Disabled and Elderly Persons in Asia and Pacific Regions', he stated that similar simulation exercises were experimented in which the politicians, administrators, architects, engineers were blind folded, tied to wheelchairs, etc; so that they can realize the problems being faced by the disabled persons in reality. In fact the word

Artificial Reality is in use since 1970s and Virtual Reality being in use since 1990s. Building prototype of vision would enable the planners to visualize possible movements through the city streets with 3D model and opined that graphics displayed in HMD (Head Model Display) system soon reach near to realism. He also added that light and sound are the two senses for high quality simulation and efforts are on to simulate the smell as well. Shri V. Satyanarayan, President ITPI chaired the workshop and Dr. S.P. Bansal gave the welcome address and Mr. Norihito Uemaru from FORUM 8 introduced the subject.

A team of Japanese experts from FORUM 8, made a comprehensive presentation of various objects of simulation and virtual reality. This included simulation of railway traffic, simulation visualization on fire, accident and evacuation, simulation of construction projects with international experience and traffic simulation for opening up of large scale shopping centers, etc.

Haryana Regional Chapter

The Haryana Regional Chapter, ITPI in collaboration with Yamuna Nagar-Jagadhri, Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a workshop on 'Planning Prospects and Challenges' at Hotel Dawat-e-Plaza, Yamuna Nagar. Shri S.D. Saini, Chief Town Planner, NCR Sub-Region Haryana stated that this workshop has been organized with the stakeholders, to appreciate and understand their concerns.

Shri Nitin Yadav, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Yamuna Nagar, Chief Guest highlighted the importance of public participation in planning at the very initial stages of plan formulation for achieving planned development and implementation of the envisaged planning proposals. He emphasized on the need of identification of growth areas and provision of various infrastructure requirements at the plan

formulation stage so that upgradation and expansion of the same is possible at later stages. Yet another aspect he brought into focus was the need of arriving at consensus in plan formulation so that its implementation is hassle free.

In the Technical Session chaired by Shri S.B. Verma, Ex-Chief Town Planner, Haryana, Shri Raj Kumar, District Town Planner, Yamuna Nagar made presentation on plan formulation and implementation in Yamuna Nagar – Jagadhri and explained in detail the process of plan formulation. Shri K.K. Yadav, Senior Town Planner spoke on the need and process of obtaining change of land use permission. Licensing policies of the Town and Country Planning Department were explained in detail by Shri V.K. Goyal, DTP. Shri J.S. Redhu, STP deliberated on the preparation of Town Planning Schemes and other policies under Haryana Municipal Act, 1973 and Shri A.K. Sarin, DTP highlighted the achievements and targets of Housing Board, Haryana. Shri Sandeep Chawla, Deputy General Manager, HSIIDC deliberated upon the role of HSIIDC in overall industrial development of Haryana with special reference to Yamuna Nagar. He mentioned that HSIIDC is poised to make a huge investments in Yamuna Nagar by setting up an Industrial Model Township.

Shri G.S. Chawla, President YJCCI highlighted the problems being faced by the industrialists of Yamuna Nagar. He emphasized the need for strengthening infrastructure particularly electricity and roads. He also requested the administration to expedite setting up of Transport Nagar for the town and requested for simplification of transfer permission particularly in cases where the original allottees have expired. He also underlined that authorities should grant occupation certificates to the existing industrial units on 'as is where is basis'. Shri Pankaj Malik Ex-President, YJCCI extended the vote of thanks and

presented the mementos to the participants.

Madhya Pradesh Regional Chapter

Madhya Pradesh Regional Chapter, ITPI in collaboration with the State Town and Country Planning Department and Madhya Pradesh Housing Board would be organizing one day National Workshop on 'Bhopal Vision 2021' to be held on 10th October, 2007.

This workshop will basically serve as a platform to facilitate interactions between citizens, town planners and other urban development experts. The multi disciplinary deliberations of this

workshop will go a long way in promoting a spatial planning framework in consonance with socio-economic and cultural ethos of the state.

The sub-themes of the workshop are:

- Character and Image of Bhopal (Vision 2021)
- Transportation
- Planning Regulation
- Financing of Urban Infrastructure
- Vision for Urban Poor

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the programme is on certain aspects of government reforms and environmental management, certain aspects of parliamentary practices and procedures will also be discussed. The programme is organized by Australian Habitat Studies (Aus-HS) in collaboration with its regional counterpart Aus-HS India.

Aus-HS is an Australian training and capacity building entity that primarily deals in training, research and advisory services.

The main objective of Aus-HS is to promote good governance and poverty alleviation. Over the last seven years more than 1,000 Asian and African high government officials and elected representatives have participated in these programmes.

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Conference on Spatial Justice

Conference on Spatial Justice is being organized by the University of Paris X-Nanterre, France from 12th to 14th March, 2008.

The debate on justice is crucial to democratic societies, at all scales. The context of academic rejection of meta theories and the relativism associated with postmodern deconstruction has, however, undermined a rich engagement with this topic in the recent past. This process has been reinforced by the rise of various social movements (feminist, ecologist or anti-racist) as well as the development of multiculturalism which has meant that a range of key political players have been confronted with differing concepts of what is 'just' and 'unjust'. At the same time, in a rather disturbing development, some ultra-liberal

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS AND CONGRESSES

International Interdisciplinary Conference on 'Defining Space'

Conference is being organized by UCD School of Architecture, Landscape and Civil Engineering at University College Dublin from 12th to 13th October, 2007 on 'Defining Space'.

The aim of the conference is to investigate the meaning and role of space and current relevance of the spatial paradigm in theory and practice across the arts and social sciences. It seeks to do so through an exploration of four interrelated themes:

- Experience (the existential interaction between individuals and communities and the spaces they inhabit)
- Construction (the making and remaking of those spaces)
- Representation (the depiction of those spaces in media and the arts)
- Theorization (the conceptual understanding of space in relation to its experience, constructive and representation)

Although not seen as exhaustive, when taken together these four

themes, and the continuities and tensions between them, provide a framework for thinking about the relations between theory and practice the academy and the art world, the arts and social sciences, the social and the aesthetic.

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International Training and Exposure to Good Practices

International Executive short course on Good Governance for 10 days intensive training and exposure to good practices is being organized from 10th to 20th April, 2008 at Australia and New Zealand with focus on:

- Government Sector Reform
- Environmental Management
- Parliamentary Practice and Procedure

This intensive short course will be held in two countries – Part one in Sydney, Australia and Part two in Auckland, New Zealand. Although, the main focus of

discourses are increasingly ignoring the issue of social justice. Paradoxically, social protest movements, deconstructive intellectual movements and neo-liberal economics discourses have converged to contest the idea of a universal justice. This context forms the basis of exploration of the notion of spatial justice.

All of these concepts of justice share the assumption that justice is about socio-economic equality or inequality and aims to reduce, suppress or appease socio-economic inequality.

Thus, assuming a procession definition of justice rather than a structural one, a new conception of social justice

emerged, that was based on the recognition and affirmation of difference. This in turn led to planning policies that sought to ensure the rights of different identity groups.

The conference will be organized on six main themes:

- what is spatial justice?
- Spatial justice and globalization
- Spatial justice: identities, minorities
- Environmental justice
- Spatial justice and segregation
- What is a just territorial policy?

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Development and Governance' was organized by Bangalore Metropolitan Regional Development Authority (BMRDA) on 22nd September, 2007 at Bangalore.

The major recommendations of the Seminar are given below:

- Integration of economic, social, spatial, physical and infrastructure development requirements of the population among human settlements is the key issue. It is, therefore, imperative that National and State Governments enunciate a human settlement and population distribution policy to guide urban development in an integrated manner.
- Urbanization should be considered as complementary to the rural sector. Importance is being given to primary sector in the National Plans in spite of almost equal contribution to GDP by urban and rural sectors. Regional Prospective Plans need to be prepared to optimize, conserve and utilize natural resources of the state for an integrated urban development.
- Present town planning practices and master plans for development of urban areas are significantly confined to land use designations. The current urban crisis is due to the inadequate and inefficient implementation support by UDAs and ULBs. Exacerbating these issues is the inordinate delay in the process of plan preparation and approval. It is imperative that master plans and urban governance should be under the charge of a unified or a single agency to resolve the present conflicting jurisdictional issues related to multiple agencies.
- UDAs have become land acquiring and layout planning and housing agencies for lack of financial support. This has become detrimental to enforcement and

NATIONAL WORKSHOPS AND CONGRESSES

Planning and Development of Metropolitan Regions

The Association of Municipalities and Development Authorities (AMDA) is organizing a seminar on 'Planning and Development of Metropolitan Regions in context of Special Initiative relating to Infrastructure Development and Provision of Basic Services' at Indian Habitat Centre (Casuarina Hall), New Delhi on 17 November, 2007.

The broad objectives of the Seminar are to stimulate awareness about the new challenges facing metropolitan regions emerging from investments in SEZs located nearby, immigration from rural areas, growth of population as well as diversification of activities and how such activities should be spatially integrated in the metropolitan regional planning process; identify the role of strategic infrastructure in managing rapid growth of metropolitan regions; and look into the current planning process of cities with a view to promoting social inclusion and provision of housing and basic services to the urban poor.

The seminar seeks to address some critical issues relating to the above, under the following three sub-themes:

- Urbanization and Metropolitan Regions: The Emerging Role of Urban and Regional Planning in the context of SEZs
- Sustainable Development in Metropolitan Regions in the context of JNNURM
- Mainstreaming Urban Poor and Provision of Urban Basic Services within the Framework of Master Plans

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Town Planning at Crossroads: Crisis in Urban Development and Governance

In the context of series of challenges faced in urban development and governance and also structural changes taking place in urban areas as a result of liberalization and total globalization, a seminar on 'Town Planning at Crossroads: Crisis in Urban

implementation of other aspects of master plans. In addition financial costs of master plan proposals should be assessed and it should be reflected in the budgets of the State and ULBs. This may provide full fiscal support to implement master plan proposals.

- The recent regularization of Master Plan violations e.g. Delhi, Chennai and Bangalore, to provide a fate accompli against judicial interventions on master plan violations negates the very precept of master plans and town planning practices. There is need to evaluate the implications of such benevolent condoning of Master Plan violations for improving sustainable development and improvement of livability in cities and towns. Such regularizations can not be the means to earn more revenue to the ULBs and UDAs. The need of the day is to evolve new ethics of town planning practices to arrest such situations for better sustainable and livable cities.
- The recommended DPCs and MPCs under 73rd and 74th Constitution Amendment Acts should be made effective by implementing and enforcing both urban development and regional development programmes with adequate financial support systems.
- Currently there are several legislations relating to town planning and urban development including creation and functioning of parastatal agencies resulting in their working at cross purposes. It is recommended that there should be a single comprehensive town planning legislation for urban and regional developments.
- Liberalized economy and globalization provides dynamic changes in economic environment and demographic pattern. In such a paradigm city's planning and management has to provide flexible and essential service in improving the quality of life. City planning and management has to be more innovative to provide for creative urbanization.
- Planning is a multi-disciplinary subject both for preparation of master plans and its implementation. Monitoring of the plan proposals does not form part of urban management. Hence, there is a need to synchronize the urban governance, political management and public participation at all levels of plan formulation and implementation. It is, therefore, necessary to introduce new urban governance and management ethos. Citizens, professionals, technocrats, bureaucrats, and political decision makers should be oriented to such management and if necessary

should be trained to avoid the urban crisis as seen today.

- Peoples' faith in urban local government has to be restored. There has to be a healthy nexus between people, planners, politicians and bureaucrats.
- Vigorous efforts must be made by the government to strengthen the functioning of urban local bodies through inculcation of management culture and capacity building.
- Urban land management policy has to be formulated at metropolitan level, city level and town level for acquisition, allotment and development for various schemes.
- Appropriate mechanism has to be worked out for public participation in our urban planning process so that plan prepared by the planning agencies is accepted and smoothly implemented.

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several eco-friendly Tourism Development Plans for Tourism Department, Government of India.

Shri Mathur was Council Member for over eight years, Editor and Secretary Publications for three years, Secretary General for two years, Chairman Professional Standing Committee for one year and Chairman Delhi Regional Chapter for one year and also Chairman Evaluation Committee of ITPI since 2003 onwards. This shows his keen interest in the activities of the ITPI.

He did his graduation in Architecture from the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi in 1965 with first rank and Postgraduate Diploma in Town and Country Planning with specialization in Housing from the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi in 1972 with honors. He has also done an advanced course in Development of Cadastral Systems from Sweden in the year 1990.

RESTARTING POSTGRADUATE COURSE IN URBAN PLANNING

Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur would be restarting postgraduate course in Urban Planning from the academic session 2007–2008 in the Department of Architecture and Planning. The course intake is 18 students as per AICTE norms including 5 seats reserved for sponsored candidates. As per VNIT norms, eligible candidates with valid GATE scores are given preference for admission and are awarded the GATE scholarships as per Government of India rules. However, applicants without GATE scores would also be entertained for admission through an entrance examination conducted by the Institute. The current syllabus is framed based on the guidelines received from AICTE and also tailored as per the available expertise and local relevance to establish comprehensive learning experience to the students.

ITPI OFFICE BEARERS ELECTED FOR 2007–2008

V. Satyanarayan President

Shri V. Satyanarayan elected as President of the ITPI was the Director of Town and Country Planning Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh during 1993 – 1995. Earlier he has worked in various capacities in the Municipal Administration Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh including Chief City Planner of Municipal Corporation, Hyderabad twice and got appreciation certificate for his outstanding work for the development of city, road widening programme including flyovers besides city beatification scheme. As a Director, Town Planning he was actively involved in the preparation of master plans of various towns and cities of Andhra Pradesh.



Earlier, he worked as Architect-cum-Town Planner during 1967-1975 in Housing Department of Andhra Pradesh and got appreciation for best house designs for various categories of house designs. Shri Satyanarayan did his Diploma in Architecture in 1965-1966 from College of Architecture and Fine Arts, Hyderabad; Postgraduate Diploma in Housing from SPA, New Delhi in 1972 and M.Sc. (Urban Design) from University College, London in 1984.

He was elected Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh Regional Chapter in 1995-

1996 and also became ITPI Council member from 1995 till date. During his chairmanship he made outright efforts for allotment of land for APRC Building at Begumpet, Hyderabad and also contributed vigorously for the construction of the Chapter Building.

B. Mahendra Vice – President

Shri B. Mahendra was elected as Vice President of the ITPI. He was born and brought up in a remote village called Bychanahally in Arkalgud Taluk of Hassan District. Shri Mahendra graduated from the prestigious College of Engineering U.V.C.E., Bangalore. He completed his postgraduate qualification in Planning from IIT, Kharagpur.

He joined the Department of Town Planning in 1984 and worked in different offices of the State and has functioned in various capacities before working with BMRDA and BDA, the two premier organizations as in-charge of planning and development of the city. He also served as Member Secretary of Bangalore International Airport Area Planning Authority (BIAAPA) and prepared Master Plan for the Local Planning Area of Bangalore International Airport on GIS platform for the first time in Karnataka. Land information system for 347 villages was built in, within a record time of two years. Sri Mahendra was instrumental in finalizing



the draft master plan prepared for the city of Bangalore and the Regulations appended to it for which he worked hard in comprehending this stupendous task.

Shri Mahendra has been actively involved in the activities of the Karnataka Regional Chapter and Institute of Town Planners, India, New Delhi, the parent Institution. He has been the Member of the Council of the Institute since 2002. At present Shri Mahendra is Joint Director of Town Planning of Mysore Division, Government of Karnataka.

S.S. Mathur Secretary General

Shri S.S. Mathur elected as Secretary General, ITPI has more than 30 years of experience in urban planning and housing. While in Town and Country Planning Organization at Delhi, he was actively involved in detailing of Delhi's first Master Plan (1962-81),



preparation of Zonal Plans and Housing Schemes, etc. He has also worked on second Master Plan of Delhi (1981-2001) on deputation to DDA in the Perspective Planning Wing of DDA and was in charge of three divisions namely Work Centers, Open Spaces and Housing. He prepared Master Plans of two townships namely National Aluminum Corporation (NALCO) at Angul and Damanjodi, Orissa. Besides, he was involved in the preparation of

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