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His Excellency Dr. K. Rosaiah, Governor of Tamil Nadu, Releasing the Souvenir

MANAGING URBAN GROWTH

Tamil Nadu Regional Chapter, on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee Year organized a seminar on 'Managing Urban Growth' on 17th March 2012 at Chennai which was inaugurated by His Excellency Dr. K. Rosaiah, Governor of Tamil Nadu. In his inaugural address he congratulated the Institute of Town Planners, India and its Tamil Nadu Regional Chapter for crossing the milestone of fifty years of effective work and contribution to the society.

Therefore, it is befitting to say that the Institute of Town Planners, India has crossed fifty golden years in Tamil Nadu. It has made enormous contribution to the growth and development of the state and nation. Today town planners stand as one of the pillars on which the edifice of modern India is being built. They have coped up with the issues of population explosion by planning and constructing new settlements and managing the old settlements. They have facilitated upgradation of basic infrastructure and have provided opportunities for the entrepreneurs to develop high-tech services and businesses.

Town planners in India have made immense contribution in improving the standard of living of the people in cities and rural areas. Yet we have a long way to go to upgrade our settlements at par with international standards so that urban and rural poor are able to live at an acceptable living standard. Planning for the future is critically imperative. We have to shift from merely coping to managing and planning well ahead with a focus on establishing economic, high-tech, and artistic urban and rural settlements. The least expected from Indian town planners is that they should play an effective and efficient role in bringing about orderly development of towns and cities. The town planners should be working in close coordination with government. We should not compromise on enforcing the planning laws to create efficient and equitable settlements.

As citizens of this historic nation, we also have an onerous responsibility to extend our fullest cooperation in developing our urban and rural spaces into high-tech arenas. The town planners should also ensure that we do not lose our rich



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heritage in this process. India is on the path and is destined to become a developed nation in the near future. Today it is one of the most sought after places for foreign investments and starting of new industries. There is always a correlation between economic development and urban development. The urban areas provides suitable conditions for economic development. The town planners should take this into consideration and should plan well ahead to address the changing scenarios. India's urbanization pattern in 2011 presents a wide spectrum of variations ranging from 11 percent to 49 percent. It is heartening to note that Tamil Nadu is the most urbanized states in India with 49 percent level of urbanization and it has always been above that of the nation's average. We must benefit from this high level of urbanization.

However, without adequate planning policies addressing social and economic inequalities, over urbanization of cities has led to huge cramping, acute housing and electricity shortages. Crippling water scarcity and heavy road traffic has led to road accidents, noise and water pollution and degeneration of the quality of life. The town planners have an onerous responsibility in bringing about wide spread development. Expansion and development should not lead to deforestation and permanently taking over of cultivable land. The town planners should also work on the modalities to come out with innovative and concrete plans for the uplift of the poor and middle income groups. Advancing the study of town and country planning, enhancing research and improving our strategy to bring about uniform development are the need of the hour. The town planners should foresee the future and should work with a mission to address the future challenges.

I am sure that the seminar on 'Managing Urban Growth' will dwell in depth and work on the modalities to bring about a well spread development in the state of Tamil Nadu. Urbanization is an economic necessity. Unplanned urbanization results in imbalanced and lopsided development. I am sure that the town planners who are the architects of modern India will dedicate themselves to developing the state of Tamil Nadu at par with international standards. On this occasion a colourful Souvenir was also released by His Excellency Dr. K. Rosaiah, Governor of Tamil Nadu.

Shri K. Phanindra Reddy, IAS, Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu in the Housing and Urban Development Department also addressed the delegates.

Shri D.S. Meshram, President, ITPI in his presidential address stated that Asia is urbanizing fast and over 40 percent of the people are living in urban areas. Out of the top ten megacities in terms of population as per (UN-Habitat Report 2010) Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata stood at the second, third and fifth position accounting population of 2.2 crore, 2.04 crore and 1.55 crore respectively and Tokyo led all cities by being at the first position with 3.66 crore population. As far as the share of world population is concerned, he noted that China accommodates 19.4 percent of the world population followed by India with 17.5 percent, USA with 4.5 percent, Indonesia with 3.4 percent, Brazil with 2.8 percent, and Pakistan with 2.7 percent. He also highlighted the fact that India accounts for 2.4 percent of world's surface area but supports 17.5 percent of world's population, while USA accounts for 7.2 percent of the world's surface area but supports only 4.5 percent of the world population. He also stressed that by 2021 land man ratio of India will deplete to 0.19 hectare per person which is quite alarming.

With reference to India, he pointed out that the number of towns which were 5,165 in the year 2001 has increased to 7,936 in 2011 and the urban population which was 27.9 percent in 2001 has increased to 30 percent in 2011. The metropolitan towns (1 million and above population) increased to 53 from 35. Thus, it is a challenge for the planners not only to plan for such a huge growth of population but also large number of towns with the provision of adequate infrastructure and other basic facilities like water supply, sanitation, solid waste management and provision of housing which is already in short supply. Migration from rural areas and small towns to large and metropolitan towns also results in the formation of slums and unauthorized construction besides increase of population creates traffic conjunction and environmental pollution in terms of air, water and noise, threatening the quality of life of urban dwellers. Therefore, the planners should resort to latest technological innovations for orderly and planned growth of urban areas. In this direction he stated that preparation of District Development Plans and Metropolitan Development Plans by District Planning Committees and Metropolitan Planning Committees respectively would go a long way in creating a spatial framework within which urban and rural settlements could be fully planned in a coordinated manner. Shri D.S. Meshram called on the delegates to deliberate and discuss in exploring more viable alternatives of development of settlements.

On this occasion, Dr. G. Dattatri, former UN Advisor and senior member of the Institute of Town Planners, India was also felicitated. In his address Dr. Dattatri stated that unlike other states Tamil Nadu has a good spatial distribution of secondary cities in close proximity to medium and small sized (+30,000) urban centers. Almost all of them have access to good roads and rail links. Most of the rail links have been converted to broad gauge and several roads are planned to be upgraded as state and district highways. He further added that economic, environmental and social development of urban centers would entirely depend on how we use and leverage the advantages including availability of large funds. To carry out this task we have to have a clear road map without getting confused with financial availability. Cities in Tamil Nadu cannot stand along drawing resources from rural areas and using them as sinks for urban wastes. They have to give back to the rural population and environment by creating sustainable development in full measure. Two way beneficial linkages between urban and rural settlements have to be established. Urban areas have all the potential to do it – intelligent manpower, entrepreneurship, financial strength and above all a vast research and development capability could facilitate the development of such a scenario. The 73rd and 74th Amendments to the Constitution of India demand it. He also lamented that we must realize that a world class city is not made by building a cluster of shining buildings, flyovers and underground metros but by providing improved living and working conditions for the majority of presently low income citizens through affordable housing and transport in an environmentally sustainable and safe milieu.

Dr. A.N. Sachithanandan, Former President, ITPI in his address stated that the pace of urbanization in the developing countries of the world has assumed unprecedented proportions. A major part of future urbanization will be witnessed in India and China.

URBAN DYNAMICS AND PLANNING - 2032

A two day national seminar on the main theme of 'Urban Dynamics and Planning- 2032' with sub- themes: Affordable Housing for All; Urban Infrastructure and Management; Lucknow- Then, Today and Tomorrow, was jointly organized by the U.P. Regional Chapter of the Institute of Town Planners, India and Integral University, Lucknow between 18th April 2012 and 19th April 2012 at Lucknow.

The type of urbanization is heavily biased towards a large chunk of it (not less than 30 percent, if not more) will be poor people with problems of affordability and access to employment, housing and other urban infrastructure. Anybody claiming to deal with human settlements planning has to consciously make attempts to understand this stark reality of this segment of population for evolving a meaningful strategy for the management of urban growth. While concluding his address he quoted 'Planning is not, therefore, a neutral technical exercise; it is shaped by values which must be made explicit and planning itself is fundamentally concerned with making ethical judgments' (U.N. Habitat Report on Human Settlements, 2009).

Dr. K.R. Thooyavan, Chairman, TNRC said that Tamil Nadu Regional Chapter at Chennai was established in 1962 and today we have 250 qualified professional town and country planners as members working in various organizations like CMDA, DTCP, CMA, academic and research institutions besides the private sector. He also highlighted the achievements of the Tamil Nadu Regional Chapter by tracing the history of the Chapter. A vote of thanks was extended by Shri R. Shivakumar, Secretary, TNRC.

The Seminar was followed by two technical sessions namely 'Urbanization and Housing' chaired by Shri D.S. Meshram, President, ITPI in which presentations were made by Dr. G. Dattatri, Dr. A.N. Sachithanandan, Dr. R. Adinarayana, and Prof. Dr. N. Jothilakshmi. The second technical session on 'Infrastructure, Finance and Urban Governance' was chaired by Shri Aniyam Mathew, Vice President, ITPI in which presentations were made by Shri M. Shankar, Shri V. Balasubramaniam, Dr. Abdul Razak Mohamed and Prof. K.P. Subramanian. The technical sessions were followed by discussions by a panel comprising of Shri Pradeep Kapoor and Shri Anantha Ranjana Das.

The Inaugural Session was presided over by Prof. S. W. Akhtar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Integral University. Mr. Rakesh Kumar Mittal, IAS (Retd.) President, Lucknow Management Association graced this occasion as the Chief Guest, while Prof. M.N. Joglekar and Mr. N.R. Verma, Chief Town and Country Planner, U.P. were the Guests of Honor.

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National Seminar on Urban Dynamics and Planning - 2032



Inaugural Session of "Urban Dynamics and Planning - 2032" is in progress

Prof. Subodh Shankar, Chairman, U.P. Regional Chapter, ITPI introduced the theme of the seminar while Shri Rakesh K. Mittal in his inaugural speech emphasized the need for sustainable urban development and also stressed the need for updating the knowledge base, especially that of the student community. Prof. S.W. Akhtar also talked about environmental sustainability.

In the inaugural session Shri N.S. Johari was felicitated for his valuable contributions in the field of town and country planning in the state of Uttar Pradesh and also Prof. D.C. Thapar for his immense contribution in the field of architectural education.

The Plenary Session was chaired by Prof. Jit Kumar Gupta, Vice President, IIA, Panellists for this session included Prof. M.N. Joglekar, Dr. B. Shashi Bhoosan, Prof. Subir Saha, Shri Prakash Deshmukh, Prof. Souvenic Roy, and Shri Bharat Bhoosan. All the panellists agreed on the urgent need to focus on anthropological and sociological studies where by the societal issues are clearly addressed and also prioritization of the sustainability issues primarily related to environment.

The session on 'Affordable Housing for All' was chaired by Prof. M.N. Joglekar. The major recommendation of the session was that we should adopt an integrated approach to affordability rather than the conventional sectoral approach. The other important recommendation of this session was that technical solutions alone may not succeed in keeping the costs within the affordability limits of the poor. However, dovetailing of financial parameters and appropriate construction management systems like Building Centers will be necessary.

In the technical session on 'urban infrastructure and management' focused on the core issues of transportation, power, telecommunication, slum improvement, etc., more emphasis was placed on the implementation and execution. It was also resolved that rural and urban development should be carried out in concentric pattern rather than in apex form. Further, it was felt that effects of poverty, pollution and population can only be tackled through innovative strategies like carpooling; MRTS; use of bio-fuels; waste water recycling, etc. Further, it was suggested that inspiration from past historic civilizations especially the sustainability quotient of buildings should be thoroughly studied and elements still pertinent in contemporary times be adopted after making due modifications.

The technical session on 'Lucknow- then, now and tomorrow' was chaired by Shri J.P. Bhargava, the past President of Institute of Town Planners, India and former Chief Town and Country Planner of Uttar Pradesh. In this session it was emphasized that apart from Lucknow being a hub of rich culture and traditions of the Nawabs, it has many marvelous monuments which are yet to be identified and further exploration work is needed in this field. The issues of encroachment and inadequate infrastructure especially in old areas of Chowk, Aminabad, Kaisebagh, etc. also came in focus.

The valedictory function was presided over by Prof. S.W. Akhtar, Vice-Chancellor of Integral University, while the Chief Guest for the session was Shri J.P. Bhargavam, Past President, ITPI.

TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMICS

Maharashtra Regional Chapter (Nagpur) has started a seminar series on different themes by inviting experts on the subject of topical interest. In this series a seminar was organized on 3rd March 2012 on 'Transportation and Economics'. Dr. S.H. Indurwade, Head of Department, Postgraduate Teaching of RTM, University, Nagpur in his presentation noted that India is emerging as a major developing economy and it is therefore essential to improve the freight and service delivery systems and also to reduce the business travel trips besides improving access to education and employment. He also emphasized that we should improve access to areas which are undeveloped but have economic potential for development. The other important issues he raised include whether the cost should be borne directly by the users; are the subsidies justified; subsidies on parking whether supports down town economic development; whether personal transport benefit the users and also improve the economy of the town; can existing transport system take additional vehicles being brought everyday in the

city or availability of the parking space should be coupled with it. In fact the presentation of Prof. Indurwade focused on four major areas namely, subsidy, affordability, productivity and environment and cost benefit.

In the Seminar the theme was introduced by Prof. Aniket Deshmukh, Chairman, ITPI-MRC (Nagpur) and a vote of thanks was extended by Shri Sujit Rodge, Secretary, ITPI-MRC (Nagpur). In his concluding remarks Shri D.S. Meshram, President, ITPI congratulated the Chapter for starting seminar series on important themes of topical interest by the subject experts. However, he emphasized that affordability is a relative term and would differ from community to community, but subsidies are required to be provided to the weaker sections of the society so that their expenditure on work and education trips can be reduced. He stressed his points by quoting the example of metros where fares are subsidized. He also added that social services cannot be provided on the basis of cost benefits analysis alone but social equity should also be taken into account.

URBAN STRATEGY FOR NORTH EAST – VISION 2030

On the occasion of inauguration of North-East Regional Chapter building at Jawahar Nagar, Khanapara, Guwahati, a technical session on 'Urban Strategy for NE – Vision 2030' was organized by the North-East Regional Chapter of the ITPI.

While inaugurating the North-East Regional Chapter building, Shri D.S. Meshram, President, ITPI on 25th February 2012, expressed his deep gratitude to the Government of Assam for allotting 1,339 sq

m of land at institutional rates at Jawahar Nagar, Khanapara, Guwahati. Shri Meshram stated that his dream of constructing a chapter building at Guwahati to serve all the states of North-Eastern Region has become a reality today, which he conceived at the time of taking the possession of land. It was a tough decision because some members were not very happy with the location of land due to deep water logging. However, with the efforts of the members of the Regional Chapters specifically Shri P.K.



North East Regional Chapter Building being Inaugurated by Shri D.S. Meshram, President, ITPI

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Technical Session on "Urban Strategy for North East - Vision 2030" is in progress

Rajkhowa, Shri A.C. Thakur, Ms. A. Goswami, Shri J.S. Kakoti, Shri Rajiv Neog, Shri Biswa Dutta, Shri Dalim Gogoi, Shri Geet Kr. Singh, Dr. Abhijit Sarma, Shri L. Owarie, Shri N. Kalita, Shri S.P. Biswas, Shri Lekha Suroj, and Smt. K. Mahanta, we have been able to construct the building on the site which now has become the prime location. On this occasion, he has also promised that he would be happy to convince the Council Members of the ITPI to be generous for releasing further financial assistance to the North-East Regional Chapter for construction

of the first floor so that building can be made self-sustaining.

The inauguration of the building was followed by a technical session on 'Urban Strategy for NE - Vision 2030' in which the me was introduced by Ms. A. Goswami, Chairperson, NERC, Guwahati and presentations were made by Dr. Vinayak Choudhury, Shri J.S. Kakoty, Shri Biswa Datta, Shri Rittick Hazarika and Shri Dalim Gogoi. A vote of thanks was extended by Shri J.S. Kakoti, Secretary, NERC

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

5th International Conference on Sustainable Tourism

Date : 13-15 June 2012

Venue : Coruna, Spain

Website: www.wessex.ac.uk/12conferences/sustourism-2012.html

Organized by: Wessex Institute of Technology, UK and Complutense University of Madrid, Spain

About conference: Sustainable Tourism 2012 aim to find ways to protect the natural and cultural landscape through the development of new solutions which minimize the adverse effects of tourism.

Tourism has become a major international industry, with many countries all over the world relying on the income it produces. Its economic advantages as a major source of finance and employment leads to its active promotion by governments and other

institutions, independent of the consequences on the environment, ecology and social structure of affected regions. The demands of tourism can contribute to the destruction of the natural and cultural environment upon which it depends. The natural and cultural landscape's capacity to accommodate the local and worldwide effects of tourism, the typology thereof and its implications for human economy and society constitute very important study objectives. The development of tourism includes degradation of the natural landscape, caused by this industry associated with the phenomenon and paradoxically, it is also associated with the high appraisal the tourist makes of places free of human presence.

Sustainable Tourism 2012, aims to find ways to protect the natural and cultural landscape through the development of new solutions which minimize the adverse effects of tourism. This can be achieved through the development of new strategies involving

the active collaboration of society as a whole. Such solutions ought to cope with the continuous growth of tourism impacts on the country including culture and society.

Healthy Cities: Working together to Achieve Livable Cities

Date : 6-8 June 2012

Venue : Geelong, Australia

Website : www.healthycities.com.au/index.html

Organized by: The National Healthy Cities Conferences 2012.

About conference: The 5th Australian 'Healthy Cities: Working together to Achieve Livable cities' conference discuss causes, effects, sustainability natural resources management, transport, climate change, urban design and more.

Sustainable Development Conference 2012

Date : 13 June 2012

Venue : Melbourne, Australia

Website : www.propertyoz.com.au/vic/Article/EventDetail.aspx?p=31andid=2469

Organized by: the Next Green Frontier, Australia

About Conference: The Conference will address the issues like carbon price; Global Climate and market

trends; Retrofitting cities and urban renewal; Green property investment; and alternative energy and smart technologies. Sustainable development is now a norm, and the Australian property industry has led in 'green' buildings and developments for many years. It pays to be green even without a carbon price. The carbon price will shift the 'green business case' to another level. The Next Green Frontier will take a glimpse into this new landscape to answer - 'What's next?' for the sustainable development industry in Australia and beyond.

Global conference on Disaster Management

Date : 28 June 2012

Venue : San Antonio, Texas, USA

Website : www.disasterconference.org

Organized by: Global Conference Inc.

About Conference: The Global Conference on Disaster Management is the premier event addressing issues common to all aspects of disaster and emergency preparedness and management in the world. The mission is to provide valuable education, training and the best practices to assist organizations and communities to prepare, respond and recover from emergencies and disasters.

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Sustainable Energy and Intelligent System Conference

Date : 22-24 August, 2012

Venue : Namakkal, India

Website : www.vctw.org/seiscon.html

Organized by: Vivekanandha College of Technology for Women Tiruchengode, Namakkal, Tamilnadu, India.

About Conference: In the current scenario, the world energy consumption pattern is found to grow at a distressing rate. The various solutions promote renewable-energy resources, energy efficiency and demand control. One such a solution is found in the form of Smart Grid. It will ensure that Communication, IT and Power Technologies with work together to establish a comprehensive power infrastructure, which is sophisticated, digitally enhanced power systems, the use of modern communications and control technologies. It allows much greater robustness, efficiency and flexibility than the existing power systems. State-of-the-art technology in the power grid is seeking to optimize distributed electricity generation, especially from renewable sources, and to promote the use of smart devices. It requires further research on

distributed communications, energy storage and integrations of various sources of energy. The Green Computing is one of the foremost challenges for the IT organizations that involve medium and large scale distributed infrastructures like Grids, Clouds and Clusters. The trade-offs between energy efficiency and performance have become the key challenges that must be addressed in both, distributed and traditional performance-oriented infrastructures.

7th IRF Regional Conference on Road Safety in Urban and Rural Roads

Dated : 1-2 November, 2012

Venue : New Delhi, India

Website : www.indiairf.com

Organized by: International Road Federation, Indian Chapter.

About Conference: The conference will deliberate on various themes related to urban and rural roads, which will assist in developing a structured programme for addressing the road safety issues, like Road Safety Policy for Urban and Rural Areas; Planning and Design of Infrastructure for Road Safety; Institutional Set Up for Road Safety Management; Road User Behaviour and Road Safety; Road Safety Public Education and Campaign; Emergency Services System for Accident Victims; Enforcement

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for Road Safety and PPP Possibilities; Application of ITS for Safety; and Funding Issues of Road Safety.

3rd International Conference on Solid Waste Management

Date : 30 July – 1 August 2012

Venue : Mysore, Karnataka, India

Website : www.iswmaw.com

Organized by: Mysore City Corporation, Centre for quality management system Jadavpur University and international Society of Waste Management, Air and Water.

About Conference: The theme of discussion include - Policy and Regulatory Framework on SWM Sustainance; Waste-to-energy, Treatment Technology and Innovative waste solutions; Economic Instrument and Financing Methods; Anaerobic Digestion and Composting; Best Practices, PPP Models, Case Studies, international cooperation; and Municipal Governance.

14th World Congress on Environment Management and Presentation of Golden Peacock Awards

Date : 7 to 8 July 2012

Venue : Le Meridian Hotel, New Delhi, India

Website : www.iodonline.com

Organized by: The Institute of Directors (India).

About Conference: Conference focuses on sustainable Business Growth through Green Economy embed Corporate Environment and Sustainable Strategy for Green Economic Growth. Develop effective adaptation and mitigation measure, for transition to a low carbon economy. Collapsing economies, extreme variations in climate, burgeoning unemployment, tainted products, scarce resources, melting glaciers, shrinking bio-diversity, scarcity of water and wetlands are indicators that we are undergoing period of unprecedented global uncertainty. Will mankind prove capable of responding adequately to the Challenge of Sustainable Business Growth? Sustainability has become a wide-ranging term that can be applied to almost every facet of life. Corporate Sustainable Growth is a core development challenge that has serious implications for international peace and security. The competition for natural resources, including water, is a key driver of conflict, but it also interacts with a range of other factors. Corporate Sustainability will impact on the quality of life, and has potentially serious consequences for future generations. The conference will be addressed by global leaders, ministers, parliamentarians, policy makers, jurists, NGOs, climate security strategists, environment professionals and academicians.

REVIEW OF MASTER PLAN FOR DELHI 2021 – A PARTICIPATIVE APPROACH

The Master Plan for Delhi (MPD -2021) has been planned with a vision and policy guidelines for the perspective period of twenty years. It emphasizes on public participation. This review is being undertaken to provide realistic Mid-term corrections and modifications in the Master Plan Policies, Norms / Standards and the implementation procedure to suit the changing needs of the society. The review would also facilitate modification and revisiting of specific provisions of the plan that could not be foreseen / anticipated during the plan formulation.

- The suggestions can be uploaded by the organizations, RWAs, individuals on the link available on the home page of DDA Website www.dda.org.in
Public can view suggestions received for review of MPD-2021.
- The public and other stake holders may also participate, interact and make presentation of their suggestions, in the six “Open House” sessions to be conducted by DDA in various districts. The date, time and details of the venue shall be intimated.
- The Hard / Soft copy of the suggestions can also be submitted in the various Zonal Offices of DDA.
- All suggestions received till 30th April, 2012 will be considered.

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