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Shri Prithviraj Chavan, Honourable Chief Minister of Maharashtra Laying the Foundation Stone of Building for Pune Centre

Bhumi Pujan, Pune Regional Centre

While laying the foundation stone of the building of Pune Centre of Maharashtra Regional Chapter, Mumbai of the ITPI, Shri Prithviraj Chavan, Honourable Chief Minister of Maharashtra stressed that to keep pace with urbanization and development, it is essential for Municipal Councils and Corporations to provide required infrastructure in order to maintain the highest possible quality of life. At the same time equality among people of different classes is equally important. He also noted that essential services and facilities should be provided at places from where people have been migrating to urban areas as this will check unabated migration to large cities. He also underlined the need for developing rural areas as all inclusive settlements. He also highlighted 'walk to work' concept so as to reduce traffic congestion. Yet another issue he raised was of ever increasing cost of land which also results in unauthorized construction for which there is a need of proactive planning because demolishing unauthorized construction is costly and at the same time it is a waste of time and money.

On the issue of shortage of planners the Honourable Chief Minister pointed out that it would be pertinent to encourage in service personnel to undergo for up gradation of their skills and knowledge. He noted that state government of Maharashtra has already taken up the issue with central government for establishing a new School of Planning at Pune for which State Government would be happy to provide land.

In metropolitan towns which are growing rapidly there is a need to provide affordable housing, and solid waste management systems along with other basic services. He also touched upon the issue of involving private sector for providing high quality infrastructure in urban areas. If required certain incentives like additional FSI, etc; could be considered. He also announced that Government of Maharashtra is considering framing of the 'Special Township Policy' on the principle of 'walk to work'.

Earlier, Dr. D. S. Meshram, President ITPI noted that in Asia 10 mega cities namely Tokyo, Mumbai,



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*Bhumi Pujan,
Pune Regional Centre*



Present on Dias are Dr. D. S. Meshram, President, ITPI; Shri Prithviraj Chavan, Honourable Chief Minister of Maharashtra and Shri Rajan Kop, Joint Secretary (UD), Government of Maharashtra

Delhi, Shanghai, Kolkata, Dhaka, Karachi, Beijing, Manila and Osaka accommodate 11 percent of urban population. He further added that India would become the most populace country by 2051 with 1.70 billion people surpassing China but only on one fourth of land mass of China. This is very alarming situation and poses grave challenge to policy makers and policy planners. Dr. D. S. Meshram further mentioned that in 1991 there were hardly 17 metropolitan

towns, which increased to 35 in 2001 and to 53 in 2011. Maharashtra is the most urbanized state and contains five metropolitan cities namely, Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur, Nashik and Aurangabad. He has also highlighted that 40 class - I towns of Maharashtra absorb 78 percent urban population of the state while remaining 347 towns comprising class - II to 44; class - III to 143, class - IV to 102, class - V to 50 and class - VI to 8, absorb only 22 percent urban population. This scenario calls for encouraging fast development of towns from category III to VI by boosting housing and infrastructure. In the absence of these facilities, migration from these small towns would further increase pressure on metropolitan cities.

Dr. D. S. Meshram also highlighted the issue of shortage of town planners by the recently concluded Expert Committee constituted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India which estimated that by 2031 there will be a requirement of around 300,000 planners in the country while at present there are only 4,000 planners in the country. He argued that there is a need to start more Planning Schools in the country. In this context Dr. Meshram pointed out that there is not even a single School of Planning in Maharashtra which is one of the most urbanized states. He requested the Honourable Chief Minister to take a lead in starting the School of Planning at Pune and volunteered to provide all assistance in this direction from the Institute of Town Planners, India. While concluding his address



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Proposed Building of Pune Centre, MRC (M) - ITPI

he thanked Honourable Chief Minister for agreeing to host 62nd National Town and Country Planners' Congress at Pune to coincide with Centenary Year of the Department of Town Planning and Valuation, Government of Maharashtra.

Shri A. R. Patharkar, former President, ITPI and former Director, Town Planning and Valuation Department, Government of Maharashtra, earlier

traced the background of creation of the Pune Centre of MRC (M) of the ITPI. Shri K. S. Akode, Vice President, ITPI and Director, Town Planning and Valuation Department, Government of Maharashtra delivered the inaugural address while Shri Avinash Patil, Chairman, Maharashtra Regional Chapter, Mumbai and Joint Director Town Planning and Valuation Department, Government of Maharashtra extended a vote of thanks.

ITPI Activities 2012 - 13

Article 3 of Memorandum of Articles of Association and Bylaws of Institute of Town Planners, India highlights the basic objectives of the ITPI. To achieve these objectives, major steps taken during 2012 - 2013, are given below:

To advance the study of Town Planning, Civic Design and kindred subjects:

- ITPI has signed an MoU with Karnataka State Open University earlier for Dual Certification Program (DCP) under which the ITPI will issue certificate to the successful candidates on the basis of which M. Plan Degree will be awarded by the KSOU. During the year 2012 - 2013, 355 applications were received for admission to the

DCP out of which 99 students were shortlisted for the program.

- In the Associateship Examination of the ITPI held during the month of April 2013, a total of 41 students appeared, 21 in Stage – I, 24 in Stage – II, and 2 in State – III.
- The number of students appeared for the Associateship Examinations under Dual Certification Program in 2012 - 2013 were 68 for second semester.
- Prof. V. N. Prasad National Best Thesis Award 2012 in the field of Urban and Regional Planning in the country includes three awards comprising of a Certificate of Merit and Cash Prize of Rs.30,000, Rs.20,000 and Rs. 10,000 for first,



second and third best students respectively. Nominations from recognized Schools of Planning from the country were invited for 2012 cycle by the ITPI for consideration and students were also invited for making presentations before the Jury to select three best theses in order of merit. This year, the ITPI received 17 entries from various planning schools, institutes, IITs, etc.

- The First Prize was awarded by the Jury to Ms. Zahra Bathool from the Institute of Development Studies, Mysore for thesis on 'Planning for Natural and Built Urban Aesthetics in Mysore City'. The Second Award went to Ms. Neha Potdar from the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi for thesis on 'Role of Agrobased Industries in Regional Development - A Case Study of Baramati'; and the Third Award was given to Ms. Nivedita. P. of the College of Engineering, Trivandrum. The Consolation Prize was given to Ms. Pragya Sharma from the CEPT University for thesis on 'Development Control Guidelines with a Physical Vulnerability Perspective in a Hill Area'. The prizes were given away at the Valedictory Session of the 61st National Town and Country Planners' Congress held at Ahmedabad.

To promote general interest of those engaged in the practice of Town and Country Planning:

- The Professional Standing Committee took up matters related to furthering the interest of the Professional Town Planners working in public and semi - public departments, practicing planners, educationists and researcher besides the matter related to the appointment of qualified town planners in government and semi - government departments in various parts of the country with the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India and different State Governments.
- The matter of revising Recruitment Rules for inclusion of Bachelor of Technology in Planning or Bachelor of Planning was taken up with State Governments and various State Service Commissions.
- ITPI had filed writ - petitions in Honourable High Courts to protect the interests of town planning professionals.
- ITPI has sent a proposal to the UPSC for inclusion of a Urban Development Planning and Management as one of the subject in the Civil Services Examination. A reply was received from the UPSC stating that the same will be

considered whenever Commission undertakes next revision.

To hold conferences or meetings for discussions, and exchange of views on matters affecting or relating to Town and Country Planning:

61st National Town and Country Planners Congress

Institute of Town Planners India organized its 61st NTCP Congress at Gujarat University Convention and Exhibition Centre, Ahmedabad from 8 February 2013 to 10 February 2013 on the theme "Indian Cities in Transition". The Congress was inaugurated by Smt. Anandiben Patel, Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development and Urban Housing, Government of Gujarat on 8 February 2013. On this occasion a colorful souvenir was also released by the Minister. During inaugural session Shri Saurabh Patel, Honourable Minister for Energy, Planning and Tourism, Government of Gujarat was the Guest of Honour, who also inaugurated the exhibition organized on this occasion. The Inaugural Session was chaired by Dr. D. S. Meshram, President ITPI.

The Plenary Session was also chaired by Dr. D. S. Meshram, President, ITPI, and Prof. B.V. Doshi was the Chief Guest. In this session presentations were made by Prof. E. F. N. Ribeiro and Dr. S. K. Kulshrestha. Shri Boniface Fernandes was the expert panelist on the session.

Technical Session – I on 'Inclusive Planning' was chaired by Prof. E. F. N. Ribeiro, former President ITPI. In this session Shri P. K. Laheri, Former Chief Secretary, Government of Gujarat was the Chief Guest. Key presentations were made by Prof. Dr. Ashok Kumar, Prof. Dr. P. S. N. Rao, Prof. Dr. Darshini Mahadevia and Prof. Dr. K. K. Pandey. The expert panelists included Prof. Dr. Dinesh Mehta and Prof. Dr. A. N. Sachithanandan. Rapporteurs were Dr. Rabidyuti Biswas and Ms. Rutul Sharma.

The Technical Session – II on 'Urban Mobility' was chaired by Shri V. Satyanarayan, former President ITPI. During this presentations were made by Prof. Shivanand Swamy and Prof. Dr. Sanjay Gupta. Expert panelist was Shri Boniface Fernandis and Shri P. K. Behera and Prof. Shalini Sinha were rapporteurs.

The Technical Session – III on 'Smart Cities' was chaired by Prof. Dr. A. N. Sachithanandan, former President ITPI in which Shri Sudhir Mankad, Chairman, Gujarat International Finance Tec - City Company Ltd., and Shri N. V. Patel, Chairman, Vadodara Urban Development Authority were the

Guests of Honour. In the session presentations were made by Prof. Christopher Beninger, Shri S. P. Shorey, Shri M. D. Lele, Dr. M. N. Shobha, Mr. Aamer Azeemi, CISCO and Mr. Nilesh Purey, GIFTCL. Expert panelists included Prof. Chetan Vaidya and Shri V. M. Hedge. Rapporteurs in this session were Dr. Mayank Mathur and Ms. Sejal Patel.

The Technical Session – IV on ‘Corridor Development (Local Sub-Theme)’ was chaired by Shri A. R. Patharkar, former President, ITPI in which Shri G. S. Sandhu, Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development, Housing and Local Self Government Department, Government of Rajasthan, was the Chief Guest. Presentations were made by Prof. Utpal Sharma, Shri Paresh L. Sharma, Shri Pravin Jain and Shri M. L. Chotani. In this session Shri N. K. Patel was the expert panelist and Shri R. Srinivas and Ms. Neeru Bansal were the rapporteurs.

After detailed discussions and deliberations the recommendations were adopted which were printed in the News letter of ITPI (January – March 2013, Vol. 10, No. 1) and circulated to all concerned.

Zonal Conferences:

South Zone Conference on ‘Sustainable Solutions to Tackle Congestion for Better Livable City’ was organized by Andhra Pradesh Regional Chapter, Hyderabad on 28 July 2012. It was inaugurated by Honourable Speaker of Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly. Honourable Minister for Municipal Administration and Urban Development, Government of Andhra Pradesh was the Chief Guest. The conference was organized on the sub - themes of ‘Metro Rail as Mass Transit System for Indian Cities’; ‘Traffic and Transportation Issues with emphasis on Mass Transit’; ‘Integrated Urban Planning and Transportation Planning’; and ‘Construction of the Metro Rail - Challenges and Opportunities’.

- East Zone Conference on the theme ‘Challenges and Management of Urban Heritage’ with Sub

- themes ‘Initiatives in Conservation of Urban Heritage and Planning’, and ‘Management of Heritage in the Temple City of Bhubaneswar’ was organized by the Odisha Regional Chapter at Bhubaneswar from 6 April 2013 to 7 April 2013. The Regional Chapter also celebrated its Silver Jubilee Year.

- West Zone Conference was held in Ahmedabad on the theme ‘Town Planning Schemes’ in which presentations were made on the issues of ‘Rapid Growth in Urban Areas through Development Plan’, and ‘Town Planning Schemes’, and ‘Utilization of Town Planning Schemes for Large Scale Mega Projects at City Level’.

To purchase lease, rent, hold and dispose of any land to be used as a place for meeting for the members of the Institute:

- The Second phase of building for the Odisha Regional Chapter at Bhubaneswar was completed and made functional.
- A piece of land was also procured at Pune for Pune Centre of MRC (Mumbai).
- Extension and renovation work MRC (Nagpur); Gujarat Regional Chapter and RRC at Jaipur and Udaipur Centre have been completed.

To compile, collect, print and publish statistics professional record periodicals, etc; relating to any of the objectives of the Institute:

- During the year 2012-2013, four volumes of the ITPI Journal and four issues of Planners’ Newsletter were published.
- Special volumes of the Technical Papers on the occasion of the 61st National Town and Country Planners’ Congress along with a colorful Souvenir were also published.

Activities of Regional Chapters of ITPI

Andhra Pradesh Regional Chapter, Hyderabad

Besides organizing South Zone Conference, APRC also conducted a workshop on the eve of the World Town Planners Day on 8 November 2012 and celebrated Independence and Republic Day in the Chapter Building.

Delhi Regional Chapter, New Delhi

On the occasion of the World Environment Day an interactive session on ‘Innovative Technologies for Urban Environmental Management’ was organized. In addition the seminar on the theme ‘Local Area Level Planning’ was also held in which



members from SPA, DDA, TCPO, AMDA, and MCD participated.

Goa Regional Chapter, Panjim

A seminar was organized on the theme 'Reflections on Regional Planning Approach', which was attended by members of the Chapter and Bachelor of Planning students of SPA, Bhopal. A talk on 'Urban Intervention Heritage and Additions' by French Architect Mr. Patrick Robin was also organized by the Chapter.

Gujarat Regional Chapter, Ahmadabad

West Zone Conference was organized on Town Planning Schemes on the occasion of Inauguration of ITPI Hall in the Chapter Building. A seminar on 'Urban Transportation and Futuristic Cities in Surat' was also organized. Besides, 61st NTCP Congress was also organized by GRC at Ahmedabad during 8 – 10 February 2013, which was attended by a record number of delegates.

Haryana Regional Chapter, Panchkula

The Chapter organized a workshop on 17 June 2012 at Savera Group of Institutions at Farukhnagar, on the theme of 'Environmental concerns and Remedies' on the occasion of the World Environment Day. In association with Times of India, the Chapter organized one day seminar on the occasion of the World Water Day on the theme 'Share for a better Tomorrow' and this was held on 23 March 2013 in the auditorium of the Institute of Town Planners, India - Haryana Regional Chapter, Panchkula.

Kerala Regional Chapter, Bangalore

During the year, the Regional Chapter successfully conducted a Technical Session comprising of three seminars on 10 April 2013 at Municipal House near Chinmaya School, Vazhuthakkadu, Thiruvananthapuram. Topic for the session was 'Towards Development Control: A Case Study of Thiruvananthapuram City'.

Karnataka Regional Chapter, Bangalore

On the occasion of the World Environment Day a workshop was organized on 'Sustainable Development through Environment Planning'. The Chapter also celebrated the World Habitat Day on the theme 'Changing Cities and Building Opportunities'. During the year, Mysore Centre was created on the request of Karnataka Regional Chapter.

Madhya Pradesh Regional Chapter, Bhopal

During the period three multi - colored issues of the chapter newsletter were published. In addition the World Habitat Day and World Town Planning Day were also celebrated by organizing seminars.

Maharashtra Regional Chapter, Mumbai

During the year, four Technical Workshops were conducted on the themes 'Proposal to Permit Higher FSI for redevelopment of existing buildings'; 'Western Ghat Ecological Experts Panel Reports Effects of its Recommendations on Development of Western Ghat and Impact of Unplanned Development', and 'Naya Raipur Project'.

Maharashtra Regional Chapter, Nagpur

The Chapter organized seven Seminars and workshops during the year. Besides, the World Habitat Day and Environment Day were also celebrated. At the behest of Nagpur Municipal Corporation, the Chapter completed a comparative study on 'Open Spaces' comparing cities of Indore, Jaipur and Kanpur.

North East Regional Chapter, Guwahati

Interactive discussions on the theme 'Town Planning Acts and Rules of North - East and Building Bye - laws' was organized and also North - East Regional Chapter Building was made operational.

Odisha Regional Chapter, Bhubaneswar

This year the Regional Chapter organized East Zone Conference on the occasion of its Silver Jubilee Function. The World Habitat Day, World Environment Day and World Town Planning Day were also celebrated by the Chapter.

Rajasthan Regional Chapter, Jaipur

The Chapter was assigned to prepare Master Plan of two towns by State Government which was completed and submitted. Chapter also undertook renovation of the Chapter Building particularly Guest Rooms and Conference Hall.

Tamil Nadu Regional Chapter, Chennai

On the occasion of the World Habitat Day a workshop was organized in association with the Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Citizens Alliance for Sustainable Living. Similarly, the World Town Planning Day was also celebrated in association with SAP, Anna University and CMDA.

West Bengal Regional Chapter, Kolkata

During the year, the WBRC organized four workshops. The first workshop was organized on the World Environment Day on the theme 'Green Economy'. The second workshop organized on the issue of 'Development and Displacement:

a search towards Appropriate Rehabilitation of Project Affected People'. The third workshop was organized with KMDA and AMDA on the theme 'Urban Green Spaces'. The fourth workshop was organized on the theme 'Changing Cities, Building Opportunities'.

Green Habitat Summit, India - 2013

Hexa Green is organizing 'Green Habitat Summit India 2013' during 20th - 21st August 2013 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

Green Habitat Summit India 2013 aims to identify green technologies and direct the States and ULBs towards sustainable and eco - friendly development. Through this programme, it is proposed to bring in government agencies, entrepreneurs, private enterprises and the civil society to share their experience and deliberate on areas like sustainable buildings, energy efficiency, renewable energy, building materials, wastewater management,

solid waste management, and waste - to - wealth initiatives, and to chart out a sustainable and green road map for habitats including buildings, housing projects, townships and cities.

The Sub - themes would focus on sustainable buildings, energy efficiency, renewable energy, building materials, waste water management, solid waste management, and waste - to - wealth initiatives.

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International Conference on Environmental Management for Sustainable Development

The Regional Science Association, India is organizing International Conference on 'Environmental Management for Sustainable Development' on 20 - 21 December 2013 at Karnataka Science Collage Campus, Dharwad.

Environmental management is a multidisciplinary field which encompasses biotic and abiotic components of the environment. Indisputably, it plays a crucial role in the quest for sustainable development. The term 'Sustainable Development' was most widely used in the late 1980s when United Nation created the World Commission on Environment and Development (Brundtland Commission). The Commission released its report under the title Our Common Future. Its theme was Sustainable Development which denotes "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generation to meet their own needs" (WCED, 1987). In the last three decades a significant development has been achieved. Scientists, Planners, Environmentalists have awakened consciousness and awareness among the masses, but the accelerating problems and challenges of the environment to man, points out towards inadequate development strategies. But the key question remains 'are these efforts enough?', If yes, 'why do new and extreme environmental crisis keep cropping up every now and then?' The question

is, should economic development be halted to prevent over exploitation of these resources thereby leading to impoverished lives or exploit resources and face the consequences or go in for sustainable development inevitably?

The proposed International Conference to be held at Dharwad is an attempt to provide a dais to discuss relevant issues of environmental and sustainable development among professionals including geographers and geo - spatial data analysts, academicians, environmentalists, planners and administrators for immediate action and better future.

The sub themes include: Regional Imbalance: Bridging the Gap; Decentralized planning in India: Prospects and Realities; Alarming Water Woes; Food security and population growth; Economic disparity and political instability; Climate Change and Human response; Natural Hazards: Prevention and mitigation; Issues of Urban development in India: Challenging task for budding scientists; Natural resources: Future challenges; and Application of GIS and Remote Sensing in Regional Planning and Sustainable Development.

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ITPI HQ Office Shifted to Main Block of ITPI Building

ITPI Office is now shifted to 4th Floor of the Main Block of ITPI Building. Member and visitors are requested to visit to 4th Floor for transacting any business with ITPI



ITPI HQ Main Block



ITPI HQ Office



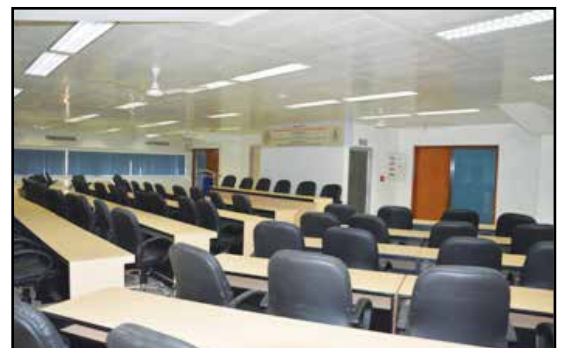
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ITPI Board Room



Entrance Foyer to Main Block



ITPI Conference Hall