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Shri Anurag Rastogi, IAS, Director General, Town and Country Planning Department, Haryana; Lighting the Ceremonial Lamp

Transport Planning - Issues and Way Forward

Haryana Regional Chapter - Institute of Town Planners, India organized one day Seminar on 20th September, 2014 at Gurgaon on the theme "Transport Planning - Issues and Way Forward".

Shri J.S. Redhu, Chairman, ITPI-HRC, Panchkula, while delivering the welcome address apprised the delegates about the objectives and activities of the ITPI and its Haryana Regional Chapter.

Shri Anurag Rastogi, IAS, Director General, Town and Country Planning Department, Haryana, chaired the seminar. While expressing his views, he highlighted the issue of increasing public transport in the cities which is cropping up due to rapid urbanization and suggested to integrate the land-use planning with transport planning. He also emphasized to plan for pedestrians and cyclists by changing the focus from motorized transport systems to pedestrian / non-motorized transport (NMT).

Prof. (Dr.) Sewa Ram, from School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi in his presentation

emphasized on the aspects of Multi-Model Transit System (MMTS) and increasing traffic congestion in Gurgaon due to inflow of population from Delhi. He shared various case studies around the world, where the transport planning has been integrated with the land-use plans by addressing the needs of public transport on one hand and making the city transport public friendly on the other hand. He also shared the case study of Traffic in Gurgaon and recommended to integrate the various transport modes for better use by public i.e. MRTS, Bus Systems, Pedestrians and cyclists, etc.

The Technical Session was chaired by Shri Raj Vir Singh in which presentations were made by Shri P. P. Singh, District Town Planner, Head Quarters, Department of Town and Country Planning, Haryana, who recommended for creation of "Haryana Unified Urban Transport Authority (HUUTA), for meeting the twin objective of governance and implementation of urban transport proposals in an unified manner.



Shri V.K. Goyal, Senior Town Planner, Chandigarh Administration shared the existing case studies of planning initiatives in Chandigarh wherein

separate lanes have been provided for cyclists and pedestrians to promote the non-motorised transport.

ITPI Activities 2013-14

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 2013 - 2014, are:

1. To advance the study of town planning, civic design and kindred subjects.

- In the Associateship Examination of the ITPI held during the period of report the students appeared in various stages are: 45 in Stage - I, 50 in Stage - II, and 15 in Stage - III.
- The number of students appeared for the Associateship Examinations under Dual Certification Program : 2013 - 2014 were 231.
- For Prof. V. N. Prasad National Best Thesis Award 2013, for Urban and Regional Planning nominations from recognized Schools of Planning by ITPI; in the country, were invited for 2013, and students were also invited to make the presentation before a Jury. On the recommendations of the Jury, the awards were given to Ms. Kosuru Srivalli from IDS, Mysore for her thesis on "Canal Front Development in Vijayawada City". The second award was given to Ms. Priyanka Barua from CEPT University for her thesis "Livelihood Vulnerability Assessment of Weavers in Majuli Assam" and third award was given to Mr. Nakul Nitin Gote, from IIT Roorkee, Uttarakhand for his thesis "Planning for Redevelopment of Mula and Mutha Riverfront in Pune City". The consolation prize was given to Ms. Azra Khan from SPA, Bhopal for her thesis "Impact of Irrigation Project on Tribal Settlements". The awards were distributed during the Valedictory Session of 62nd NTCP Congress at Pune on 10th January, 2014.

2. 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 Public Service Commissions of various State Governments.

3. To hold conferences or meetings for discussions, and exchange of views on matters affecting or relating to town and country planning:

- The 62nd National Town and Country Planners Congress (NTCPC) was organized by Institute of Town Planners, India on the theme "Urban Renewal, Redevelopment and Regeneration: Challenges and Options" with sub-themes focusing on "Consequences and Implications", "Regulatory and Institutional Mechanism" and "Special Township Policy: Experiences" at Pune. In which the Inaugural Address was delivered by Shri Rajesh Tope, Honourable Minister of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra. On this occasion a colourful Souvenir was also released by the Honourable Minister.

Welcome address was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Najammuuddin, Secretary General, ITPI; while Dr. A.N. Sachithanandan, delivered the Presidential address and Shri K.S. Akode, Vice-President, ITPI, read the messages received from dignitaries. The vote of thanks were extended by Shri Avinash B. Patil, Chairman, MRC (M). Shri Rajesh Tope, Honourable Minister of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra, also inaugurated the Exhibition arranged on this occasion and visited all the stalls and also attended the technical presentations made by the participants.

The Plenary Session on the main theme "Urban Renewal, Redevelopment and Regeneration: Challenges and Options" was chaired by Prof. (Dr.) A.N. Sachithanandan, President, ITPI. While Technical Session - I, on 'Consequences and Implications' was chaired by Shri V. Satyanarayan, Past President, ITPI. The Technical Session - II, on 'Regulatory and Institutional Mechanism' was chaired Dr. D.S. Meshram, Past

President, ITPI, and Technical Session - III, on 'Special Township Policy: Experiences' was chaired by Shri A.R. Patharkar, Past President, ITPI. Shri Mahesh Pathak, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Pune delivered the valedictory address. After detailed discussions and deliberations NTCP Congress adopted the recommendations which were circulated to all the members and the stake holders involve in the Congress.

- Zonal Conferences were also organized at different places in the country.

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

- A piece of land was procured at Pune for Pune Centre of MRC (Mumbai), and construction of Pune Centre Building is in progress.
- A piece of land for newly created Amritsar Centre has been procured which has been donated by M/s Sharma and Gangahar Developers and Colonizers, Amritsar, and

registration of the same would be done shortly.

- Construction of fourth floor of Andhra Pradesh Regional Chapter Building is in progress.
- Construction of first floor of the N-E Regional Chapter at Guwahati is in progress.
- Construction of second floor of the Odisha Regional Chapter at Bhubaneswar is in progress.

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

- During the year 2013-14, four volumes of the ITPI, quarterly Journal (refereed) and four issues of quarterly Planners Newsletters were also published.
- The Technical Papers on the occasion of the 62nd National Town and Country Planners Congress, in CD along with a colorful Souvenir were also released.

Activities of ITPI Regional Chapters

Andhra Pradesh Regional Chapter, Hyderabad:

During the year the Chapter organized Workshops on the themes - "Implementation of T.P. Schemes"; "Smarter City"; "Envisioning TOD" and "Traffic and Transportation Study of Hyderabad". World Environment day was also celebrated by the Chapter. The construction of the fourth floor of the APRC Building is in progress.

Delhi Regional Chapter, New Delhi:

On the occasion of World Environment Day a seminar was organized on "Environmental aspects of Urban Planning". An interactive session on "Efficient Solid Waste Management - An Approach towards Zero Waste" and a discussion on "Reflections on Local Area Plan Delhi" were also organized.

Haryana Regional Chapter, Panchkula:

The Chapter organized a seminar on "Housing for All - Prospects and Challenges", and also on "Revision of UDPFI Guidelines" in collaboration of TCPO, MoUD for Northern Region.

HP and JK Regional Chapter:

A brain - storming session was organized on "Spatial Planning in the State" which was attended by various professionals, and also on the theme "Planning for Disaster Resilient Towns in Himachal Pradesh"

Karnataka Regional Chapter, Bangalore:

World Environment Day was celebrated by organizing a Workshop on "Sustainable Development and Environment Conservation". Town Planners Diary - 2014, containing the technical information was released by the Chapter.

Madhya Pradesh Regional Chapter, Bhopal:

Best Thesis awards were given by the Chapter to B.Plan / M.Plan students from MANIT and SPA, Bhopal. A Technical session was also organized on "Urbanization and Environment - An Interdependent Agenda" and also a colloquium on 28th September, 2013. During the period four issues of News Letter were also published.

Maharashtra Regional Chapter, Mumbai:

The 62nd NTCP Congress was organized at Pune during 10th - 12th January, 2014, which was attended by record number of participants. During the year Chapter organized one Technical Workshop on the theme - "Land based Fiscal Management". Construction of Pune Centre building is also in progress.

Maharashtra Regional Chapter, Nagpur:

The Chapter associated with the Maharashtra Regional Chapter (Mumbai), for organizing the 62nd NTCP Congress and actively participated in the Congress.



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North - East Regional Chapter, Guwahati: The construction of first floor of North-East Regional Chapter Building is under progress. The Chapter also published one issue of Newsletter of North East Regional Chapter.

Odisha Regional Chapter, Bhubaneswar: The Chapter organized a seminar on the theme "Urban Mobility" on the occasion of World Habitat Day. World Town Planning Day was also celebrated by the Chapter on 8th November, 2013. The construction of 2nd floor of ORC Building is also in progress.

Rajasthan Regional Chapter, Jaipur: The Chapter celebrated World Town Planning Day and also World Habitat Day by organizing Seminars. A workshop was also organized to deliberate on proposed "Town and Country Planning and Development Bill" of the State Government which was attended by members of the Chapter and also students of planning.

Tamil Nadu Regional Chapter, Chennai: The Chapter celebrated World Habitat Day - 2013 on 9th October, 2013 and also World Town Planning Day on 30th November, 2013.

Geospatial Technologies for Urban and Regional Planning

Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS) under Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), Department of Space (DOS), Government of India is a premier training and educational Institute established to train professionals in the field of Remote Sensing, Geoinformatics and FPS Technology primarily for natural resources management.

There is a growing demand for information from Earth Observation (EO) systems and geospatial technologies and its integration with field observation from GPS and mobile mapping for urban and regional planning. Amidst all developments in EO and geospatial technologies, the resource managers and decision makers often wonder from where to obtain relevant data; how to process and extract relevant information; what are the constraints and time scales and how to train their working level personnel.

A special Course on "Geospatial Technologies for Urban and Regional Planning" has been exclusively designed for Urban and Regional Planning Professionals. The training programme is of two-week duration and will be conducted during 15th - 26th December, 2014. The main objective of the training programme is to provide broad overview of recent trends in geospatial technologies (satellite remote sensing, GIS, GPS, etc.) and its applications in urban area mapping and growth modeling, cadastral mapping, utility mapping, 2D and 3D modeling, hazard zonation for urban and regional planning, etc.

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Planning and Development Laws: Court Cases, Institutional Responses and Implications for Planned Development

The School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi as part of the HUDCO Chair activities and in association with the Town and Country Planning Organization is organizing a Seminar on "Planning and Development Laws: Court Cases, Institutional Responses and Implications for Planned Development" from 25th - 27th September, 2014 at the ITPI, I.P. Estate, New Delhi.

In the current debates on planning, in academics as well as practice, in India there is a very little discussion on legal issues arising out of conflicts related to land. Practicing Planners are increasingly required to deal with court matters and they find themselves ill-equipped to address these issues. Response of these organizations has far reaching

consequences for planning profession and planned development. This seminar is an attempt to understand how practicing planners are responding to legal aspects of planning, what are the coping mechanisms and how do the consequences of these responses assessed.

The Seminar also intends to initiate a dialogue to understand the areas of conflict and interface arising out of different legal frameworks like environment or heritage laws, influencing urban developments. It would also help to identify competencies required for planners to address the legal aspects of planning decisions which should be part of planning education. The recommendations of the seminar will also help serve as an input to the ongoing work of review of model Town Planning Law and URDPFI Guidelines.

Sessions are based on case study in the form of court cases related to the themes and discussions would focus on how planning and development organizations deal with these issues and what are their coping strategies for conflicts arising out of planning and implementation.

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11th Metropolis World Congress 2014 - Cities for All

Rapid Urbanization is one single phenomenon, which would affect all of us in this century and our entire effort of environmental sustainability is reliant on the cities and urban regions. The 'Cities for All' has direct relations with organization's corporate and social responsibilities. Engaging and participating in the dialogue about the cities ensures Corporate Sector's responsibility which is well acknowledged by the urban sector, and Corporate Sector organizations social and business networks are expanding at international level with urban decision makers and future leaders.

Metropolis is the world association of the major metropolises (cities and more than 1 million population) with its Secretariat at Barcelona, Spain. It organizes a prestigious "Metropolis World congress" triennially with a view to bring the best urban leaders, administrators, city managers, practitioners, orga-

nizations and citizen representatives from 136 metropolitan cities at one platform to discuss the current issues of their cities and share knowledge.

For the first time in its history, Metropolis will gather Mayors and Government officials and leaders from India and worldwide in one of the largest cities in India - Hyderabad. This 11th Metropolis World Congress will be a unique exchange and networking opportunity.

"Cities for all" has been chosen as the overall theme of 11th Metropolis World Congress in India, with sub-themes Urban Equity, Governance, Urban Financing, Local Finance and Urban India.

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City Development: Envisioning Cities of the Future

Marcus Evans is organising 7th Annual City Development Conference during 19th - 21st November, 2014 in Singapore. Every nation is striving to resolve the major challenge of rapid urbanisation and at the same time, develop their cities to stay ahead in the global competition. Governments are heavily investing in various initiatives to counter high urban migration in major cities by upgrading their infrastructure and improving city centres to establish their city as the city of choice. So, it is essential to understand how other cities of exemplary examples have secured and structured their financing to attract and cultivate additional investment opportunities. Also, cities that are properly planned would provide a better standard of living for their inhabitants; attract talent and investment opportunities for a greater economic growth.

The Conference would focus on - Stream one: city regeneration and urban planning; Stream two: infrastructure development and financing; and Stream three: sustainable urban mobility.

The workshops aim to contribute to the promotion of sustainable and equitable urban development leading

to improved environmental and living conditions for all, in Asian cities. The operational objectives of this workshop are to improve urban infrastructure and services management. It will also focus on developing investments in urban infrastructure and services through bridging the gap between city-level urban strategies and implementation of specific infrastructure projects with domestic, international, public, or private financing.

This workshop will also help to exchange perspectives on key factors on the topic together with presentations of specific case studies from Asia and other parts of the world. This course will identify and remove bottlenecks as cities seek sources for financing their urban infrastructure investments. The sessions will also take a broad perspective on private financing that goes beyond PPP arrangements. At the end of this course, participants will be able to assess the range of infrastructure alternatives through the development of objectives and identification of financing constraints. Participants will also leave with skills of programming and prioritizing the list of development projects currently identified within their strategic plans according to clearly identified criteria and values.



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These skills are combined with a deep understanding of alternative infrastructure financing options and the ability to delineate clearly between operational and strategic development issues and projects.

This conference provides the platform to explore ways to implement sustainable city planning strategies, more effective transportation systems, low-carbon networks as well as efficient and scalable social infrastructure. By attending this event the participants would enhance the living standards and establish a vibrant economic climate to address

rapid urbanisation and improve the overall liveability of their city.

Privileged Discount Packages for ITPI Members have been made available for 2 days (USD - 1495) and 3 days (USD - 1995) by the organizers. Members may like to avail this facility.

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Urban Design and Planning: Looking at Smarter Options

The Urban Development and Urban Housing Department, Government Gujarat is Organizing Seminar on Urban Design and Planning: Looking at Smarter Options during 16th - 17th October 2014.

Cities in the 21st century will account for nearly 90% of global population growth, 80% of wealth creation, and 60% of total energy consumption. It is a global imperative to develop systems that improve the livability of cities while dramatically reducing resource consumption. Institute of Technology.

The world is experiencing a period of extreme urbanization. Cities play a crucial role in development of the country as they are the centres of all the activities, both economic and social. Between 2011 and 2030, the urban areas of the world are expected to gain 1.4 billion people.

As population centres grow, they place greater demands on the city infrastructure that deliver vital services such as transportation, healthcare, education and public safety. Further adding to the pressure on urban infrastructure are the ever-changing public demands for better education, greener programs, accessible government, affordable housing and improved and convenient livability options for senior citizens.

According to a UN report, India will witness the largest increase in urban population in the next four decades followed by China. India's urban population in 2008 was about 340 million people and it is expected to increase to 590 million by 2030.

Every minute during the next 20 years, 30 Indians will leave rural India for urban areas. At this rate, India will need some 500 new cities in the next two decades. If there were ever a time to focus on developing solutions for sustainable cities, that time is now.

However, India today has only 20 per cent of the total floor space it will need by 2030 to accommodate the

millions expected to migrate to its cities. Thus, India must build a staggering 700 - 900 million square meters of new urban residential and commercial space every year or a new Chicago to sustain this rapid growth. Without radical innovation, expansion on such scale will place an unsustainable strain on the environment.

One of the key ways in which the Indian Government has responded to this burgeoning problem is through encouragement of smart urban design and planning and making existing cities smarter.

"Smart Cities" or "Making cities smarter" seek to optimise existing city infrastructure, networks, and urban behaviour through the deployment and utilization of digital networks to enhance urban livability and sustainability.

It includes implementation of advanced communications systems, metro rail systems, traffic management systems, smart metros, GPRS for solid waste management, GIS to manage property tax, online water quality monitoring, online building plan approval schemes, etc.

In the recent budget of 2014 -15, ~USD 1.17 billion have been dedicated as seed money for development of 100 cities across the country which includes establishment of smart cities, satellite towns near existing urban areas on the smart city template, upgrade existing mid-sized cities, and to build settlements along industrial corridors.

- Indian cities such as Hyderabad, Surat, Delhi, etc, have started deploying advanced technology for better service delivery and smoother functioning of the cities with the view of making the existing system smarter.
- Seven new smart cities coming up along the Delhi- Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) with a total investment of USD 90 billion over a

decade. The plan is to develop 24 new cities under the DMIC till 2040.

- Other upcoming smart cities include Kochi Smart City, Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) and Lavasa.

Gujarat is one of the most urbanized states in India today, with nearly 43 percent of the population residing in urban areas and is expected to increase in the future. In such situation the present urban planning system and design has to come out with suggestions for improving the growth management of urban areas by using new age town planning scheme and designing for sustainable and livable cities.

The State Government has also identified about 20 growth centres, which are potential locations for investments. These include some of the State's 13 Special Investment Regions (SIRs) - Dholera, PCPIR (Petroleum Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Regions) - Dahej, Aliyabet, Halol - Savli, Santalpur, Changodar, Hazira, Anjar, Navlakhi, Okha, Pipava, Simar and Sanand - Viramgam.

A flagship project of the Government is the GIFT City project, near Gandhinagar on 986 acres of land. It has deployed smart technologies to respond quickly during emergencies, energy - efficient district cooling systems and high-tech waste collection systems.

Other aspects such as walkability, increased area of foliage, energy consumption regulations regarding the use of greywater (wastewater generated from washbasins) would be part of the new-age design of cities. The concept of greywater usage is already underway in two of Gujarat's towns.

The Focus of the Seminar would be on

- Effective and solution oriented strategies for the urban planning and designing, analyze key trends, showcase technology solutions, discuss challenges, and highlight opportunities in this space.
- Present noteworthy global initiatives and projects in this field to derive global best practices and bring to the forum innovative technologies.
- A greater impetus shall be given to planning and making existing city landscapes smarter and constraints involved therein, vis-a-vis, building new cities from the scratch at an empty piece of land.

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Government of Gujarat

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and advisable to select the specializations at regional levels as to which specific industry your product will be delivered or intend to go.

The student needs to expose to projects / schemes undertaken in public sector because through these schemes the government policies and strategies are being implemented and enforced.

By and large physical planning and development is influenced by local considerations, while social and economic development is promoted on the basis of national goals and objectives. This divergent approach is still in practice today. Contemporarily, the town and country planning functions in western countries were correctly interpreted to include not merely the physical development planning but the translation of economic and social development goals and objectives on the land, which is the principal platform for all human activities. This clearly indicates that the task of physical planning would be enormous and complex in the years to come, which calls for advance action in manpower training to tackle the increasing problems of rural and urban areas. Thus, a comprehensive approach in manpower training in consonance with the growth, over a perspective period taking into account improvement in economy social well-being and rational utilization of the available resources will be essential.

He then stated that it would be pertinent to note that in the present urban scenario which earlier used to be dominated by the planners employed in central, state and parastatal agencies has considerably changed and more and more planners are opting for private and corporate sectors, therefore their demands / requirements are also required to be embedded, while reorienting the planning education. Accordingly, planning education needs to be demand driven.

Planning education has to change with increasing complexity and uncertainty. Therefore, the past trends are not necessarily correct for the future because future is going to have some of those issues included which were never experienced in the past like urban population explosion, climate change, disaster mitigation, etc.; which are different today from the past and, therefore would require different approaches and solutions in the future.

He has also emphasized that the education system in the country should be demand driven, and should be oriented to meet the demands and requirements of industry / profession, so that students get their placement / jobs after completion of their education.



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Changing Spectrum of Human Settlements and Planning Education

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A book containing the recommendations and 44 technical papers presented in the national seminar on 'Changing Spectrum of Human Settlements and Planning Education' held on 20th March, 2014, at GNDU, Amritsar, edited by Prof. Gopal Kumar Johari, Coordinator and Dr. Ashwani Luthra, Convener of the Seminar, was released by Dr. D.S. Meshram, President Emeritus, Institute of Town Planners India.

Prof. (Dr.) A.S. Brar, Vice-Chancellor of Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, chaired the event. In his address he was happy to note that his efforts of promoting research and training in planning education, has been initiated on a strong footing through this Seminar and the volume edited by Dr. Luthra and Prof. Johari. He further called on the faculty or Planning to endeavour to train the young planners and try to inculcate the habit of writing research papers. He has also highlighted that let there be equal flow of ideas from students and teachers. Faculty needs to encourage and guide the students so that creative ideas and thoughts comes out of the mind of students and in the process teachers can also be benefited. He also mentioned that shortly there will be separate building functional for the Planning and Architecture Department, which will facilitate them to take up more activities which they were not in position to take up, due to shortage of space.

Dr. D. S. Meshram, President Emeritus while releasing the book stated that technical papers mainly focus on the themes - 'Urbanization, Suburbanization and Planning Imperatives'; 'Spatial Planning Approaches and Techniques'; 'Infrastructural Realities and Practices'; 'Environmental Challenges and Concerns'; and 'Planning Education and Changing Technologies'. He further stated that planning education should enable planners to handle the job in a more effective and positive manner. The education / training should enable the planner to be an integral part of the decision making process so that they can play a significant role in the planning and development mechanism at various levels and be more responsive to the people.

He was of the opinion that students are generally exposed, in the present system of town planning education, to the generalities / subjects irrespective of whether he has to work at national level, state level, local level (Housing Boards, Development Authorities, Municipal Bodies, etc.,) or to enter in the Private Sector or in practice or in education or in research. Perhaps, the requirements of training would differ according to the different levels. It is also not necessary that all the schools / institutions should specialize in all the disciplines. It is possible

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