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Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President, ITPI, inaugurating final phase of construction of MRC (N) Building

#### **INAUGURATION OF MRC (N) BUILDING**

The Maharashtra Regional Chapter, Nagpur organized the Inauguration Function of MRC(N) building (final phase of construction), on 28th September 2020. On this occasion, Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President, ITPI was the Chief Guest.

Shri Sujit Rodge, Chairman, MRC (N) welcoming the participants (online and offline), requested Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President, ITPI, to take the tour of recently renovated premises. Accordingly, Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, visited newly renovated, furnished, and upgraded Conference Hall (80 persons capacity), Board Room, Library, Seminar Room, Guest Rooms, etc., and mentioned, he could not recognize that it is the same old building, as the premises has been renovated and upgraded so well that, it gives totally new look from outside and also from inside. He congratulated the dedicated members of Executive Committee of Maharashtra Regional Chapter, Nagpur, who has worked hard for completion of Building, under the stewardship of Shri Sujit Rodge, Chairman, MRC(N).

He also recalled the contribution of Shri G. L. Madame, Former Chairman, (1987-89) MRC (N), and Shri D. M. Godghate, Former Chairman (1991-93) MRC(N) who were instrumental in creating Maharashtra Regional Chapter (Nagpur). However, for the allotment of land for MRC(N) at such a prime location, the credit goes to Shri D. M. Godghate, who was also council member of ITPI, and was also the member of Nagpur Improvement Trust. The foundation stone of MRC (N) building in fact was laid by Prof. Dr. Meshram, and first Phase of construction was completed in 2001-2002, while second phase was completed in 2010-11, and final phase is being inaugurated today.

Earlier, while welcoming Prof. Dr. Meshram; Shri Sujit Rodge, Chairman, MRC(N) mentioned that for bringing up the Maharashtra Regional Chapter (Nagpur) to this stage, since inception of the Chapter, credit goes to Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President, ITPI, for guiding and helping MRC (N), time to time. He has generously released the funds for procurement of land, construction

Designed by:

Dr. D.S. Meshram





Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President, ITPI is planting a sapling on the occasion of inauguration of MRC (N) Building

of building and maintenance as well, besides he has taken active part in the activities of MRC (N).

Shri Rodge, then mentioned that Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, was born in Nagpur and brought up in Chennai and mostly served in north India. He has done Bachelor of Arts, and Bachelor of Architecture (VRCE now VNIT) from Nagpur University: Masters in Town and Country Planning from Chennai and L.L.B. from Punjab University, Chandigarh and started his career as Assistant Professor in Guru Ramdas Postgraduate School of Planning, GNDU, Amritsar, and also had the instinct of working in Defence as Architect - Planner at Chandigarh and Chennai. He was Chief Planner (over 12 year) in Town and Country Planning Organization, Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India and after retirement he became Advisor (Urban Development) to Government of Uttrakhand. Dehradun. He was the first Chairman of All India Board of Town and Country Planning Education, AICTE, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD). After completing Ph.D. at the age of 72, he became Professor in University of Mysore on Devraj Urs Chair. He is Vice President of commonwealth Association of Planners

On the request of Chairman, Auroville Foundation he was responsible for preparation of Master Plan for Universal Township of Auroville. He has authored over 80 research papers mostly published in ITPI Journals (Refereed). He has also edited two Books namely 'Urban and Regional Planning, Education - Learning for India' and 'National Conferences of ITPI: Conclusions and Recommendations over the Sixty Years'.

His journey of association with ITPI started in the year 1984 when he became Secretary (Examination), in the year 1984-85 and became Secretary General in 1985-86, followed by President, ITPI (in 1987-1988). He was bestowed with the award of 'President Emeritus' by ITPI. His vision as a President, ITPI was to create strong Regional Chapters in every State and provide them Building fully equipped with hardware and software and other infrastructure so that they can carry out professional and educational activities by generating funds on their own. He then said, it will take long time to narrate achievements, of Prof. Dr. Meshram, but he will narrate some important initiatives taken by him like:

- Initiating action for Establishing Maharashtra Regional Chapter, Nagpur (1986-87);
- Starting two School of Planning at Bhopal and Vijayawada for which he prepared DPR for MHRD and made presentation to erstwhile Planning Commission, Government of India.
- Initiated action for starting Bachelor of Planning Course (1987).
- Made efforts to create separate 'All India Board for Town and Country Planning Education' in All India Council of Technical Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- Initiated action for starting Integrated Planning Course leading to B. Planning and M. Planning
- Action to establish Centres of Regional Chapters at Udaipur, Visakhapatnam, Surat, Amritsar and Pune.
- Instituted National Best Thesis Awards for M. Planning and B. Planning students



- He collaborated with Commonwealth Association of Planners (CAP) for designating ITPI representative as Vice-President of CAP,
- Convinced Ministry of Urban Affairs for preparation of 'Urban Development Plan Formulation and Implementation Guidelines', and accordingly, ITPI prepared UDPFI Guidelines (1996).
- Organized International Conference on the theme 'Town Planning Education in Retrospect and Prospect' at Mysore, 2014 and also at Delhi 2017 on the theme 'Future of Cities-Opportunities and Challenges'.
- Released grants generously for acquisitions of land and construction of buildings of Regional Chapters and Centres.

Taking the contribution of Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, into consideration, Shri Rodge, Chairman, MRC (N) mentioned that the Executive Committee of MRC (N) decided that the newly constructed Conference Hall be dedicated to Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram.

On this occasion, MRC (N) felicitated to Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President, ITPI; Shri K. S. Akode, Past President, ITPI, and also to former Chairpersons of the Maharashtra Regional Chapter, Nagpur. Prof. Dr. Pankaj Bahadure, Secretary, MRC (N) extended the vote of thanks to the Chief Guest and participants.

The inaugural function, was followed by the Lecture Series - VIII, in which two eminent Key-Speakers made the presentation namely Prof. Dr. Vishrut Landge, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur on the theme 'Road Safety: Problems, Policies and Priorities', and Shri Pratham Pincha, Co-founder, (CRIUPA) - Center for Research and Innovation in Urban Planning and Architecture on the theme 'Urban Planning for the future India: Urbanization and Covid - 19'.

Shri Sujit Rodge, Chairman, MRC (N) giving brief background of both the Key Speakers invited Prof. Dr. Vishrut Landge, to make his presentation.

Prof. Landge, in his presentation, emphasised that casualties / deaths due to road accidents are much more than pandemics and endemics, occurred so far. However, for reducing road accidents very less attention is given towards road safety, in India. For decreasing effects of the Covid - 19, billions of dollars are being spent while towards avoiding / reducing road accidents, the amount spent is negligible. He also suggested to conduct study whether accidents are taking place due to fault of driver or due to faulty design and alignment of roads. He has also touched



Entrance view of newly renovated MRC (N) Building

upon the provisions of Sustainable Development Goal - 17, adopted by United Nation, specifically Sustainable Development Goal -11, which focus on 'Sustainable Cities and Communities'; and has 10 targets to be achieved by 2030. The second target specifically mentions to provide access to safe, affordable and sustainable transport system for all, improving road safety by expanding public transport with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situation - women, children, persons with disabilities and older people. He also underlined that during planning of cities major emphasis is laid on automobiles and accordingly road widening is proposed due to which foot paths becomes the first casualty. To clarify his point Dr. Landge gave the data on deaths occurred due to road accidents. which comprises 46% pedestrians, 48% automobiles, and 6% others. Therefore, preparation of Mobility Plan focusing on safety measures assumes more importance, specifically with reference to pedestrians, Dr. Landge said.

Shri Pratham Pincha, Cofounder CRIUPA while presenting his paper on 'Urban Planning for the Future India: Urbanization and Covid - 19' mentioned that Asia and Africa are urbanizing fast, so is India also. As per 2011 the urban population of India was

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31.28% which in 2001 was 27.82% and data 2011 shows that urban population grew 2.6 times, to the corresponding decade rise of 12.18% towards urban population. However, urbanization should not be taken as curse but as an opportunity. He has also lamented that inspite of the fact that Master Plans / Development Plans are prepared for 15 - 20 years; it is noticed that haphazard growth and illegal developments are taking place due to which invariably the boundaries of urbanizable limits are increased, to accommodate this population growth. Therefore, he advocated to adopt the approach of predict and provide.

After both the presentations, the open house was organized, which was every lively. Shri Rodge, Chairman, MRC (N) then invited Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, to give concluding remarks.

Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President, ITPI, is his remarks mentioned that the definition of liveable city varies however, liveable city is a city which can provide healthy life with easy mobility by foot, by bicycle, by public transport and even by car. In fact the physical characteristics which contribute to the liveability of cities include land use, built form, and conservation of public spaces and natural environments, efficiency of transport networks, accessibility to work, education, healthy, and community services, and social and recreational opportunities. On the issue of Sustainable Development Goals he underlined that out of 17 Sustainable Development Goads, Goal - 11 focus on making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe resilient because by 2050, 70% of the world's population will live in cities, making cities critical, in achieving a sustainable future for the world. India is the signatory to SDG's, and therefore committed to implement SDGs by the year 2030. With reference to urbanization he has noted that planners needs to be pro-active and plan accordingly taking into consideration, the projected / predicted population of cities and towns and also the likely impact of the present situation created by Covid - 19.

Prof. Dr. Pankaj Bahadure, Secretary, MRC (N) extended the vote of thanks to the Chief Guest, Key-Speakers and participants for devoting their valuable time for attending Lecture Series - VIII.

## **ITPI WEBINAR PART - III 'Post Covid - 19: Urban Planning'**

The Institute of Town Planners, India organized the Webinar Part - III on 16th May, 2020; in which four Key-Speakers made their presentation on virtual mode.

Welcoming the key speakers and participants Shri Pradeep Kapoor, Secretary General, ITPI mentioned that the emergence of the Covid - 19 pandemic is a big challenge to the planners community because we need to plan the pandemic resilient cities, therefore, the theme of Webinar Part-III is focusing on 'Post Covid - 19: Urban Planning'. He then invited Shri Anoop Kumar Srivastava, Chief Town and Country Planner, Town and Country Planning Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Key-Speaker to make his presentation.

Shri Anoop Kumar Srivastava initiating his presentation mentioned that the cities were / are always epicentre of endemics and pandemics. However, it is interesting to note that, during the period of Covid - 19, cities are getting less crowded, as the reverse migration is taking place. It is also noted that, due to fear of Covid - 19, people residing in cities are now a days afraid of going out unless it is necessary. However, in cities jobs are disappearing in organized sector,

instead the informal sector is catering the basic services required for daily life. He also opined that the migration taking place needs to be checked at small and medium towns, because in villages also there are no job opportunities. In cities housing for migrant workers and urban poor is required to be provided, therefore, he suggested that affordable rental housing needs to be explored, besides the apartments which are unoccupied and vacant be considered for giving on rent. Model of western countries may not work in India, we, therefore, should device / develop indigenes solutions. Master / Development Plans should also cater for informal sector. While concluding his presentation Shri Anoop Kumar Srivastava, stated that if no job opportunities are provided in rural areas poor people may be compelled to go back to cities, where they were working earlier, therefore the best option to arrest this migration is to develop small and medium towns and provide employment opportunities in these towns.

Prof. Dr. Meenakshi Dhote, Professor and Head, Department of Environment Planning, SPA, Delhi who was Key Speaker, in her presentation pointed out that immediate and long term effects of Covid - 19, on urban planning needs to be assessed; based on the





lessons learnt from the previous pandemics which has taken place so that the follow up action required to be taken can be decided clearly. To highlight her point she stressed that lockdown during Covid - 19 has also brought some unintended gains like reduction in air pollution, reduction in traffic jams, improvement in quality of water, etc. She then suggested to provide green spaces and green belts, while planning and also to provide the working places with adequate sunlight and air; so as to take care of health issues. On the issue of spread of corona virus, she mentioned that even luggage, can carry virus and spread infection. Therefore, new paradigms are required to be discussed and evolved. She therefore called on the planners' community to identify the implementable actions, and act accordingly. She flagged yet another issue of provision of urban agriculture, which merit consideration because it is not only economic activity but also sustainable, and environment friendly. She was also of the opinion that, dense development may cause more damage in prevailing Covid - 19 situation as social distancing is difficult to observe. Therefore, the development of small and medium towns merit consideration instead of accumulating more population in large cities, beyond their bearing capacity.

Shri V. Ramudu, Director, Town and Country Planning Department, Andhra Pradesh, in his presentation mentioned that every crises provide challenges as well as opportunities. For example quarantine also provided opportunities to planners to think in terms sparse cities, with large open spaces to absorb the effects of pandemics / endemics. He also underlined another issue that we have neglected not being adequately aware of, negative earth radiation. He then shared the experience of planning and development of Amravati - Capital of Andhra Pradesh, and opined that Building Regulations and Development Control Regulations should be more stringent and be enforced strictly. He called on the planners, that the present norms and standards needs to be reviewed to cater for more large open spaces for observing social / physical distancing and also to plan for self-contained neighbourhoods, so that people in the pandemic situation need not travel for long distance to full fill their requirements of daily life.

Prof. Dr. Kiran Sandhu, Associate Professor, Guru Ramdas School of Planning, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar in her presentation tried to establish the connect between disease and land use planning, and suggested to avoid provision of long commutable distances for getting the services and needs of daily life. She also opined that the long commutable distances invites road accidents. On the issue of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), she questioned: are our cities healthy? In fact Covid - 19 is the wake up call for all of us specifically to the planners community to revisit the prevailing norms and standards, which are being followed,



because if we continue as usual the casualties will be more, therefore, there is a need to provide spaces for segregation of specific areas in the Master / Development Plans taking into consideration evolving new normal. She also advocated to follow the principle of 'Health for all' and accordingly, attempts should be made not only for the reduction of all types of diseases but to reduce its side effects as well. She also suggested to adopt radical transformation of urban local solutions and interventions.

In his concluding remarks Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President, ITPI mentioned that we have not yet entered in post Covid - 19 situation, as we are still struggling to control the present scenario. Therefore, there is a need to ascertain what will be the post Covid - 19 scenario, because occurrence of pandemics end endemics have been witnessed since long by humanity. He then mentioned that all the Key-speakers were of the opinion that the prevailing practice of planning of our cities and towns needs to be revisited, specifically the issues like density; reverse migration; affordable housing; planning parameters, norms and standards; mass transportation; mobility; provision of large public places, parks, open spaces, green belts, e-governance and new normal.

He, yet highlighted another issue of time span of Master / Development plan, because we generally plan for 15 to 20 years, however Covid - 19 has given us wake up call to look much beyond. On the issue of norms and standards he underlined that, the prevalent norms and standard, are very ambitious. For example we plan 24 X 7 water supply, but is it possible when we are facing the shortage of water even in the capital of India, where one public tap is shared by number of people so also the public toilets. He further under lined that it is not denying the fact that Covid - 19 pandemic has provided the opportunities of working from home, which resulted in reducing trips for work, this trend needs to be encouraged. In addition trips by cycle and cycle rickshaw should be encouraged at least for short distances. While concluding his remarks, Dr. Meshram, called on the planners community to study the evolving 'new normal' and prepare themselves to plan accordingly.

Shri Pradeep Kapoor, Secretary General, ITPI while expressing vote of thanks, impressed on the Regional Chapter and Centres of ITPI, to conduct the Webinars on the local / regional issues and report back to ITPI, HQ., accordingly.

#### **REGIONAL CHAPTER'S WEBINARS**



# LECTURE 7

Moderators

## THEME: 'IMAGINING INDIAN CITIES & VILLAGES - AMID & POST COVID-19'

**SATURDAY, 20th JUNE 2020, 04:00 PM** 

at online platform- Google Meet



In the august presence of Dr. D. S. Meshram
President,
Institute of Town Planners India,
New Delhi



Speakers:

**Dr. Utpal Sharma**Director, Institute of Architecture & Planning, Nirma University, Ahmedabad



Shri. Sujit Rodge Chairman, Institute of Town Planners India, Maharashtra Regional Chapter, Nagpur



**Dr. Alka Bharat**Professor, Dept. of Architecture & Planning,
Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology, Bhopal



**Dr. Pankaj Bahadure** Secretary, Institute of Town Planners India, Maharashtra Regional Chapter, Nagpur



**Dr. Pratap Raval**Professor, Dept. of Civil Engineering,
College of Engineering, Pune

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'Reverse Migration-

Is RURBAN MISSION a way forward

& Issues of Housing for Industrial Workers'

28th June 2020 Sunday | 11:00 AM - 11:10 PM

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Dr. D.S. Meshram

HOST

Shri S.K. Shrimali Chairman ITPI, Rajasthan Regional Chapter

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Dr. N. Sridharan



# TPI Regional Chapter's Webinars

#### Expert Talk by

25th July 2020 | 11:00 AM



Dr. DEEPANK VERMA

Ph.D. Scholar, Center for Urban Sciences (CUSE) IIT-B



#### **CHIEF GUEST**

Prof. Dr. D.S. Meshram President, ITPI



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#### **Artificial Intelligence** in Urban Plannina

The inclusion of Machine Learning (ML) techniques has started unlocking new possibilities in mapping perceptions at large spatial extents. The use of such technologies can aid decision-makers and urban planners to create a lively, safe, and healthy environment.

In the Expert Talk we will discuss:

- 1. Human perception of urban surroundings.
- 2. Deep Learning models
- Convolutional Neural Network models for Object Detection. Semantic Segmentation, and Image Classification
- Sound Classification from Recurrent Neural Networks
- Combining these models to gather details we need for the abovementioned study.
- 3. How Urban Planning and Artificial Intelligence (AI) go hand in hand and why AI is the need of the hour.



#### **VIBHORE BAKSHI**

Assistant Professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, SPA-Bhopal



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#### 'Implications of EIA 2020 on Ecology and Economy'



Prof. Dr. D.S. Meshram President, ITPI

**GUEST OF HONOUR** 



Shri Pradeep Kapoor Secretary General, ITPI

15th August 2020 | Saturday, 04:00 PM

#### **HOST**



Shri. Jitendra Bhople Council Member & Chairman, MRC (Mumbai)



**MODERATOR** 

Shri. Milind Pati: Vice President, ITPI

#### **KEY SPEAKERS**



Ms. Anagha Paranjape-Purohit Partner, VK:e environmental LLP, Pune Trustee, Sustainability Initiatives, Pune



Shri Hrushikesh Kolatkar Managing Director, Building Environment (India) Pvt. Ltd, Navi Mumbai



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### **Expert Talk**

26th September 2020 | 11:00 AM



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# Geospatial Technologies for Ensuring Better Habitats

The geospatial data, points the way to improving quality of life and building sustainable habitats, while the people using the geographic information sciences and systems use spatial thinking to transform that data into actionable insight and solutions. GIS has really became ubiquitous today, and has permeated almost every sphere of human life. In such a scenario, how can the aspect of living not get touched by the magic of advancements in geospatial tools and technologies?

In this Webinar, we will be exploring various facets of the same question while primarily discussing the following:

- The Introduction and Basics of Geospatial Tools and Technologies
- 2. Various Approaches of Exploring the Applications of Geospatial Tools and Technologies
- 3. State-of-art Applications of Geospatial Tools and Technologies for Ensuring Better Habitats



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# LECTURE | SERIES



#### THEME:

LIVABLE CITIES
& FUTURE POLICIES

MONDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER 2020, 07:00 PM ITPI-MRC Building, Ring Road, Trimurti, Nagpur 440022



**Chief Guest:** 

Dr. D. S. Meshram

President, Institute of Town Planners India, New Delhi







Dr. Vishrut Landge

Professor, Dept. of Civil Engineering, Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology,

Nagpur Topic: 'Road Safety: Problems, Policies and Priorities'



#### **Shri Pratham Pincha**

Architect, Urban Planner, Co-Founder-CRIUPA-Center for Research and Innovation in Urban Planning and Architecture, Nagpur

Topic: 'Urban Planning for the Future: India, Urbanization & COVID19'

All COVID-19 norms will be followed at the event. You are requested to take appropriate measures | Occupy your space by 07:00 pm sharp | Confirmation for attending the event will be appreciated | Only 25 attendees will be allowed to attend the event physically, others may join online for which the link will be shared. |



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#### **ACTIVITIES OF REGIONAL CHAPTERS OF ITPI**

ITPI has a strength of 24 Regional Chapters and 5 Regional Centres. Most of the Regional Chapters have undertaken professional activities including webinars to achieve the objectives of ITPI. The activities of various Regional Chapters is given below in brief:

#### Andhra Pradesh Regional Chapter, Vijayawada:

State Government nominated APRC for the preparation of GIS based Master Plans for 3 towns. The Chapter has started the work of preparation of these Master Plans. World Environment Day and World Town Planning Day were celebrated by the Chapter. And also organized the webinar on the Theme: 'Post Covid - 19 Spatial Planning Strategy for Andhra Pradesh', on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

#### **Chhattisgarh Regional Chapter, Naya Raipur:**

Chhattisgarh Regional Chapter started construction of Regional Chapter building at Naya Raipur at the cost of Rs. 1.52 crore. Structure is completed, finishing work is under progress and likely to be completed soon.

#### Delhi Regional Chapter, New Delhi:

A workshop was organized on "Waste and Plastic Reduction and Management" and Colloquiums on "Safe Mobility in Indian Cities" and "Urban Environment and the City". The Chapter also organized the annual networking meet. Also organized the webinar on the Theme: 'Yamuna and the City of Delhi: A Planning Perspective' on 4th July, 2020.

#### Goa Regional Chapter, Panaji:

A talk was organized on "Automated Building Plan Approval Management System", Seminars were organized on "Cities and Elderly" and "Indian Economy and Investment Opportunities". World Town Planning Day was celebrated by organizing expert lectures. A lecture was organized on 'Panaji Smart City' for students from Norwegian University. The Chapter also hosted West Zone Conference of ITPI on the theme "Sustainable Planning Strategies for Mitigating Climate Change". Six papers were presented during the conference.

#### **Gujarat Regional Chapter, Ahmedabad:**

A workshop was organized on 'Local Area Plan-TOD' which was attended by more than 200 participants. Seminar on 'Real Estate Regulation and Development Act' was also organized in collaboration with GICEA Ahmedabad. Also organized the webinar on the

Theme: 'Micro-Urban Planning: Town Planning Scheme and Local Area Plan', on 26th June, 2020.

GRC - Surat Centre also organized 3 workshops, first on "Challenges and Planning Strategies for Surat - 2035" and second on "Metropolitan Planning" and third on "The Journey of Surat towards Smart City".

#### Haryana Regional Chapter, Panchkula:

A study was conducted on 'Green Infrastructure and Riverfront Development of Ghaggar River'. Seminar was conducted on 'Green Infra for Urban Areas and Water Management'. Flag hoisting was also done on Republic Day and Independence Day. Also organized the webinars on the Theme: 'Artificial Intelligence in Urban Planning' on 25th July, 2020; and also on the Theme: 'Geospatial Technologies for Ensuring Better Habitats' on 26th September, 2020.

#### Karnataka Regional Chapter, Bangalore:

World Environment Day was celebrated by organizing a lecture on 'Air Pollution'. A Hand Book cum Town Planning Diary was published by the Chapter. Also organized the webinar on the Theme: 'Managing and Steering Indian Cities and Towns: Moving Beyond the Master Plan' on 13th September, 2020.

#### **Kerala Regional Chapter, Thiruvananthapuram:**

KRC Published Hand Book cum Diary- 2020 and a seminar was organized on "Critical Review of Planned Development in Kerala". On the occasion of World Town Planning Day, Annual Seminar was organized jointly with all Planning Schools of Kerala. The theme was "Coexistence-focus on challenges brought forward by climate change". Best thesis award is also instituted for planning students of the state in the memory of former CTP and senior ITPI member Late Shri Thomas Poulose.

#### Madhya Pradesh Regional Chapter, Bhopal:

The best thesis award to students of M. Plan and B. Plan courses passed out from Planning Schools / Institutions was instituted. Accordingly, first, second and third prizes were given for both the courses. The Chapter also organized workshop on "Government Process Re-engineering for M.P.". In addition three Newsletters were also published.

#### Maharashtra Regional Chapter, Mumbai:

To commemorate Golden Jubilee of MRC, Mumbai a workshop was organized on "Planning for Eastern

Waterfront - Mumbai". 68th NTCP Conference of ITPI was successfully hosted by the Chapter at Navi Mumbai. On the occasion of Golden Jubilee, Chapter prepared a short film on achievements of MRC, Mumbai. Also organized the webinar on the theme: 'Implications of EIA 2020 on Ecology and Economy' on 15th August, 2020.

#### Maharashtra Regional Chapter, Nagpur:

A Lecture Series was launched on different themes of Urban Planning and allied fields. Lecture series - I was organized on "Social Implications of Urban Interventions in context of Smart Cities", second on "Manageable Cities and Its Determinant Factors" third on "Livable Cities and Role of Urban Communities", fourth was on" Plastics in Urban Environment", fifth and sixth on "Sustainable Transportation". Best Thesis Award was also given by the Chapter in which planning students from VNIT, Nagpur and College of Engineering, Pune participated. Also organized the webinar on the Theme: 'Imagining Cities and Villages: Amid and Post Covid - 19' on 20th June, 2020

#### North East Regional Chapter, Guwahati (NERC):

Published two Newsletters during the year comprising contributions from members of North - Eastern states. Chapter completed construction of first floor of the Chapter building and renovation of ground floor at Guwahati.

#### **Odisha Regional Chapter, Bhubaneswar:**

ORC celebrated World Environment Day, World Town Planning Day and organized a talk on 'Planning and Building Standards - 2020'. Chapter collaborated with Centurion University of Technology and Management, Bhubaneswar, to organize workshop on 'Disaster Risk Reduction'. Also hosted ITPl-East Zone Conference successfully on the theme "Transit Oriented Development" and "Future Sports City- Bhubaneswar". And organized the webinar on the Theme: 'Emerging Challenges for City Planners: Lessons form Covid - 19', on 27th June, 2020.

#### **Punjab Regional Chapter, Chandigarh:**

During the year, the renovation of PRC Building is being taken up. Revised plans have been submitted to the authorities to avail the enhanced FAR so as to extend the building to fulfil the additional requirements of the Chapter.

#### Rajasthan Regional Chapter, Jaipur:

Rajasthan Regional Chapter completed 50 years of its establishment therefore celebrated Golden

Jubilee by organizing Lecture series. First lecture was organized on "Four decades of Urban Planning and Profession in Rajasthan", second was on "Urban Governance in Rajasthan- Challenges and opportunities in Tourist Towns". To conclude the Golden Jubilee celebrations grand finale was organized in which 3 lectures were delivered on "Urban Infrastructure Finance", Challenges of Urban Transportation" and "Land Pooling Schemes". ITPI-Council also attended the Golden Jubilee Finale in which "Profile of Raiasthan Regional Chapter - 1969-2019", was released. Also organized the webinar on the Theme: 'Planning for Pandemic Resilient Cities' on 13th June, 2020; and another webinar on the Theme: 'Reverse Migration: Is Rurban Mission a way forward' and 'Issues of Industrial Housing for Industrial Workers'; on 28th June, 2020; and third webinar on the Theme: 'Development of Sustainable Habitat: Gandhi's Idea of Sustainability' on 2nd October, 2020.

#### Tamil Nadu Regional Chapter, Chennai:

TNRC hosted the ITPI-South Zone Conference at Puducherry successfully on the theme 'Impact of Smart City Mission' on various cities. In the conference presentations on Smart Cities of Chennai, Nagpur, Vellore and Puducherry were made by the officials of respective Smart Cities.

#### **Telangana Regional Chapter, Hyderabad:**

TRC celebrated World Environment Day, World Habitat Day by organizing talk on the themes. To support the program of Government of Telangana, 'Haritha Haram', Chapter organized tree plantation in ITPI - TRC premises.

#### **Uttar Pradesh Regional Chapter, Lucknow:**

UPRC hosted ITPI - North Zone Conference at Lucknow on the theme" Local Area Plans and Brown Field Development". The Chapter also undertook renovation and extension work of Chapter Building, which is under construction.

#### West Bengal Regional Chapter, Kolkata:

Workshop was organized on "Need for Urban Planning to Mitigate Air Pollution" in which an elocution competition was organized for the students from prominent schools of Kolkata to attract them towards planning profession. An interactive session on "Transforming the Culture of Urban Planning in India" was also organized with the support from UD and MA Department Government of West Bengal. The Chapter also launched its website.



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To explain his point he quoted the saying of Chinese philosopher - Confucius, who says 'I hear, I forget'; 'I see I remember; 'I do I understand'.

On the aspect of 'Revisiting Planning Practise' he underlined that for preparation of Master Plans / Development Plans, number of primary and secondary surveys are required to be conducted like socio-economic, origin and destination, demographic, etc., thus, it needs to be explored whether it will be possible to conduct primary surveys during lockdown by observing social distancing or should our plans be based only on secondary surveys, if yes, can it give the desired inputs for the preparation of Plan. Can professional planners do their consultancy only on online? Can implementation of Master / Development Plan be done online? Can enforcement of plan be done online? Can social and physical infrastructure be implemented online? Can community participation be possible online? These are the few questions raised by Dr. Meshram.

After this brief introduction to the theme, by Dr. Meshram; Shri Pradeep Kapoor, Secretary General, invited Prof. Dr. Joy Sen, Head Department of Architecture and Planning, IIT, Kharagpur to make his presentation.

Prof. Joy Sen, initiating his presentation stressed upon the impact of Covid - 19 and raised the question as to why we have moved away from normalcy which became abnormal. To whom we are going to address new normal. The domain of planning profession need to be focussed on three aspects i.e. institutional practice, private practice and practice in public sector and, accordingly, planning education needs to revisited. Planning education is not an engineering education, neither it is totally social science. Beauty of planning education is that it covers, engineering, architecture, design, besides social and economic paradigms. It has to be multidisciplinary. He also suggested to plan and design the public places, taking into consideration the safety aspects.

Prof. Dr. Minakshi Jain, Director, School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada, in her presentation underlined that endemics and pandemics have been occurring since long at certain intervals. To make her point clear, she gave the list of such occurrences of endemics / pandemics taken place earlier. She then mentioned that major effect of Covid - 19, is noticed in urban areas, and cities are getting deserted, therefore the question is how to get out of this trauma. She also noted that more casualties are form urban areas as compared to rural areas. In fact urban areas facing the challenges more, due to lock down and social distancing. She also observed that agricultural and

green areas are decreasing and getting converted to built areas, specifically in peri-urban area. She has yet flagged the aspect of accommodating more population than the carrying capacity of our towns and cities. She further emphasised to plan resilient and healthy towns / cities taking into consideration good and bad impacts of Covid - 19 and also to make provision in Development Plans for evacuating the affected areas.

Prof. Dr. N. Sridharan, Director, School of Architecture and Planning, Bhopal in his presentation emphasized to open up planning education to other relevant disciplines. He also observed that planning being multidisciplinary program, the students are also required to be exposed to the rural areas, which is generally neglected and more emphasis is given only on urban areas. This mind-set is required to be reversed. He has also pointed out that research in planning needs to be encouraged by giving certain incentives to educationists and professionals and also suggested to take action on faculty development. As the requirement of qualified planners in future would increase many folds, it is desirable to encourage private sector, because public sector may not be in position to start number of new schools of planning. He has also lamented that by Covid - 19 everybody is not affected equally but poor people are affected more and suggested to develop small and medium towns by providing adequate infrastructure and creating more job opportunities so that poor people those who returned to rural areas can be settled in the towns near to their village.

Prof. Dr. P. S. N. Rao, Director, School of planning and Architecture, Delhi started his presentation by focusing on the issue 'back to normal or new normal' and elaborated that, whether it is possible to go back to earlier normal and if we have to maintain new normal, how long this new normal will continue. In the meantime it would be more desirable to adopt online, virtual mode for imparting planning education. He has also observed that the recovery rate of affected people is increasing, while death rate is slowly decreasing (21.05.2020). With reference to planning education he desired to focus on seven verticals i.e. instructional, experimental, learning by doing, interactive, skill building, reflective and introspective. He also noted that Institute of Town Planners, India is doing networking between various schools and town planning departments, however, it is important to involve private and corporate sector, besides researchers, and such networking meetings should be organized more frequently, by ITPI.

Shri Pradeep Kapoor, after open house invited Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President, ITPI to summarise the proceedings of all the webinars organised by ITPI, so far.

Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, while giving gist of all the four webinars organized by ITPI, mentioned that almost all the Key-speaker were of the opinion that planning of town and cities needs to be revisited in the context of Covid - 19 scenario, i.e. in real context. He then mentioned that the discussions mainly focused on seven major issues, and elaborated the same. With reference to 'density of population' he said that this issue of adopting low rise or high rise development, has already been settled by National Commission on Urbanization in 1988 i.e. whether to adopt the concept of high rise low density or low rise, high density. In case of dense cities, he raised the question how dense these cities should be whether beyond their bearing capacity, he questioned.

On the issue of 'Reverse Migration' he stated that majority of people have gone back to their villages, and it is not certain whether they will come back and if they come back, when? It is also possible that instead of returning to cities they may prefer to settle in nearby small and medium towns, therefore, it will be desirable to provide infrastructure and create job opportunities in small and medium towns. On the aspect of affordable housing he asked whether these affordable houses are really affordable for the people those who returns. Addressing 'Master Planning and Development Norms and Standards' he opined that we prepare the plans for 15 to 20 year, however taking into consideration the post occurrence of endemics and pandemics, after certain intervals, we have to look much beyond 20 years. Our norms and standard are very ambitious while resources are not plenty, rather are limited. Taking the example of water supply he lamented that in affluent colonies / areas availability of water is of 24 x 7, while some areas the supply is limited to half an hour daily and some other areas are depend on water tankers. He accordingly, suggested to ensure equitable distribution of water.

While elaborating on 'large public places, parks, open spaces and green belt', he mentioned that will it be possible to provide large public places, parks and green belts, taking into consideration limited land resource. Beside, land is not only required for urban development but it is also required for agriculture for fulfilling the food requirements of 1,380,004,385 people (2020). Besides, the experience of maintenance of open spaces is not up to the mark and they, often get encroached, and rampant unauthorized construction takes place. To emphasise his point Dr. Meshram, quoted the example of green belt provided in the Delhi and other major towns, which is being exploited for urban extensions While the present situation created by Covid - 19 is not going to remain for ever.

On the aspect of 'Mass Transportation' Dr. Meshram, noted that in metros /rail, in one compartment 40 to

50 people are, generally, accommodated, so also in BRTs, then how to observe social distancing? In case we reduce the capacity, it may not be economical and in that situation who is going to bear this extra cost, besides number of buses / metros will increase many fold. Therefore, the better alternative appears to promote cycle and encourage walking at least for short distance trips, to reduce the load on metros / buses.

To meet the need of 'planning education' it is possible to switch over to virtual / online mode till the situation created by Covid - 19 improves. However, he has also expressed that planning education is totally distinct from engineering because students are required to be exposed to the ground realities by taking them to slum / blighted areas, commercial places, industries, etc., to understand their problems and challenges, these being real life laboratories of planning. At the same time he has also underlined, whether the planning practice can be done through virtual mode. Planning professionals need to prepare Zonal Plans, Master Plans, Layout Plans, for which primary surveys are essential and is difficult to do the same on virtual mode.

Dr. Meshram, also touched upon the aspect of e-governance, which needs to be encouraged, with minimum physical interaction and promoting online working of public offices. In some of the states online approval process has already been practiced, which should not to be limited only for approval of building plans, but should also be extended to fields / services.

On the issue of 'New Normal', Dr. Meshram, was of the opinion that from experience of other countries the second wave is likely to come in India also, even though we feel more comfortable than other countries today; the second wave of Covid - 19 maybe more severe. Therefore, it will be advisable to study positive and negative aspects of Covid - 19 pandemic, before taking action for changing present planning practice and education, because we have not yet reached to post Covid - 19 situation, beside the present new normal is not permanent and we need to go back to the earlier normal situation, after this pandemic start receding.

While concluding his remarks Dr. Meshram, mentioned that we need not be pessimistic, because humanity has witnessed such pandemics and endemics at certain intervals and still survived. Therefore, let us be optimistic and face the challenges of Covid - 19 through spatial planning, economic, and policy interventions.

Shri Pradeep Kapoor, Secretory General extended the vote of thanks to the Key-speakers and participants of all the four webinars, organised by Institute of Town Planners, India and requested all the Regional Chapters of ITPI to organize the webinars at Regional Chapter level, if any assistant is required, ITPI, HQ., will be happy to provide the same, he mentioned.



## ITPI WEBINAR - IV: 'Revisiting Planning Practice and Education for New Normal'



Institute of Town Planner India, organized webinar - IV on the theme 'Revisiting Planning Practice and Education for New Normal' on virtual mode on 23rd May, 2020.

Prof. Dr. D. S. Meshram, President, ITPI before inviting the Key-speaker to make their presentation mentioned that the theme 'Revisiting Planning Practice and Education for New Normal' covers three aspects, first being 'revisiting planning practice', second being 'revisiting planning education' and third being 'visit new normal'. Taking the third aspect first, he clarified that 'New Normal' is a term in business and economics that refers to financial conditions following the financial crises. The term is in fact used in the context to imply that something which was previously normal has in the new situation became abnormal, and the new normal has taken place. It is presumed, that things may not go back to earlier normal, and we need to create new normal. This term 'new normal' was quoted in 2009, by

Paul Glovers in the paper on 'Peripheral City'. However, it is interesting to note that countries like China, Australia and America, who suffered the brunts of Covid - 19, are trying to go back to their normal business as this pandemic starts receding in their life. In fact the term 'New Normal' refers to human behavioural change, therefore, planners need to be ready to plan resilient cities when the spread of Covid - 19 pandemic recedes.

On the issuing of 'Revisiting Planning Education', Dr. Meshram mentioned that planning education is passing through a difficult time, because it is not possible to visit physically the laboratories of planning i.e. slums, industries, shopping complexes, traffic and transportation, etc., and planning education cannot be confined to the four wall of class room. If the social / physical distancing, is to be achieved then the option is to opt for virtual / online / correspondence teaching, but how far it will be effective needs to be deliberated.

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