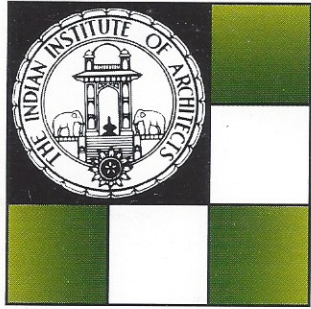


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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Dear Members,

It is with auspicious Nobo Borsho that we begin preparedness for the forthcoming Chapter Convention on 'Raising the Bar - Exploring High-Rises', to be held from 22nd & 23rd of June 2012 at Princeton Club, Kolkata. We expect architects and structural engineers of international fame in the arena of high rise buildings, to grace this occasion in Kolkata. As in every other year, we expect your valuable presence and participation for a successful deliberation and positive outcome.

At the Chapter premises we have kept up the professional tempo by extremely fruitful interactions especially those with the doyens of structural design, Mr. A.B. Chaudhury and Mr. M.K. Roy, as well as Mr. A. Karforma, DG (Building), KMC. We also arranged a session for the students of architecture, BESU with Ar. Rafiq Azam a renowned architect from Bangladesh.

Cricket, now a passion with our youngsters, has been an engaging activity and like all other games in life 'we won some and lost some'!

We are also taking part in the "World Cup 2012 for Architects" at Bangkok, Thailand from 27th to 29th April, 2012 organized by Asian Architects Community. Twelve Asian Countries are participating in this tournament and India is one of them.

I would like to request all our members for their continued support in completion of construction of our Chapter Building - a long cherished dream of all member Architects.

Our Tuesday meetings at the IIA office continue with regularity and zest. I thank you all for your sustained interest and invite you to be in touch with us at the Chapter Premises on Every Tuesday, between 07.30 p.m. to 08.30 p.m.

We have also, taken up various professional issues with KMC and the Government of West Bengal and hope to see fruition of our endeavors in the near future.

Shubho naboborsho and may you have a great year ahead

Subir Kumar Basu

EDITORIAL

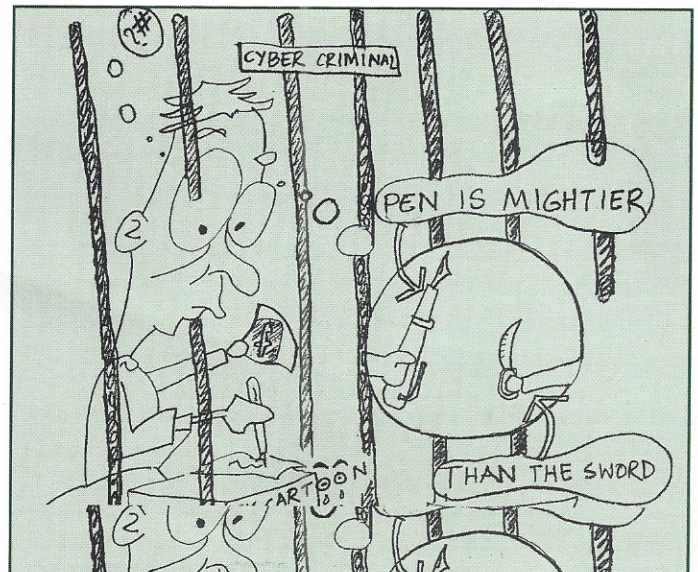
Dear Friends,

It is again that time of the year when we celebrate a truly secular festival that knows no caste creed religion or economic hierarchy. Poila baisakh, the beginning of the most auspicious month of the Bengali calendar is feted with rich cultural overtones. As architects we cannot help but observe the similarity in spatial qualities of the spaces that contain these activities, be it the Bangla Sangeet Mela in the city of Kolkata, or the annual fair at the precincts of Dadash Shiva Temples at Mitrabari, Joynagar. Although it is celebrated widely within Bengal and Bengali communities all over the world, the New Year begins on this date in many states of India, neighbouring Bangladesh and in many countries of the Far East!

High rise buildings is a topic by itself in the realm of architecture and Chapter Convention 2012 will perhaps be like a first Chapter of this elaborate study. We hope to hear all aspects of this very topical theme during the duration of the Convention and welcome all members to be a part of these active interactions.

Noboborsher preeti o shubhecha shohokare

Sonia Gupta



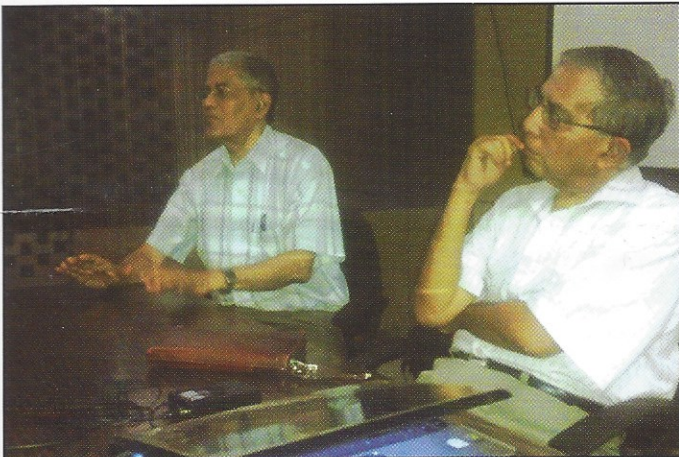
Sketch by Ar. Abhishek Dutta

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

The IIA WB Chapter had the honour of a visit by Mr. Arun Bikash Chaudhury and Mr. Mriganka Kumar Roy of M.N. Consultants Pvt. Ltd. on 6th March 2012.

In their long and illustrious careers as structural consultants, they had many challenging projects but of special note was one in which a constructed basement was found to have violated mandatory open spaces. Structural ingenuity, which is their particular forte, could solve this puzzling problem. Another exigent project was one in which building use had changed due to recession from shopping mall to residence and office. They also spoke at length about optimum and minimum sizes of beam and column to accommodate reinforcements and maintain cover. In this respect, they said, shear wall was less space consuming but openings would have to follow a pattern and constitute only a certain percentage of the whole.

This session with the eminent structural engineers was not only absorbing and educative, but it also showed the way for future paths of understanding and collaboration between architects and their consultants.



Mr. A.B. Chaudhury and Mr. M.K. Roy in conversation with IIA member architects

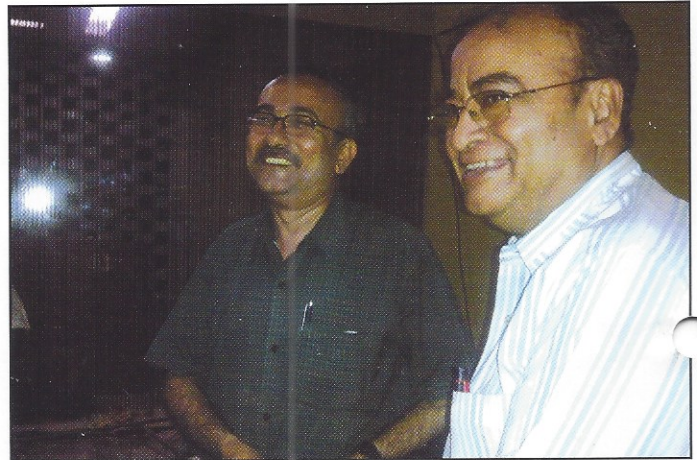
The next professional presentation held on 27th March 2012 was by Dr. Madhumita Roy on the process of 'Online Sanctioning Process for Building'. Dr. Roy illustrated the procedure for sanction



Dr. Madhumita Roy with Ar. Debabrata Ghosh

in detail and the assembled gathering learnt about it this new system through the interactive session that followed.

On April 11th, 2012, Mr. Anindya Karforma (DG- Buiding, KMC) was our guest at the Chapter premises. He patiently listened to questions and suggestions from architects regarding process of sanction and came up with workable ideas of action that would certainly increase the pace of statutory approval.



Mr. Anindya Karforma with Ar. Mukul Mitra

VISIT FROM BANGLADESH

The West Bengal Chapter of Indian Institute of Architects conducted a presentation by Ar. Rafiq Azam, a renowned architect of Bangladesh, on 19.03.2012 at BESU, Howrah. Ar. Rafiq Azam who has won many awards for his designs made a presentation on his own projects to the students of Architecture at BESU. The students were understandably happy for this exposure, especially as it was from a neighbouring country with similar climatic and cultural attributes.

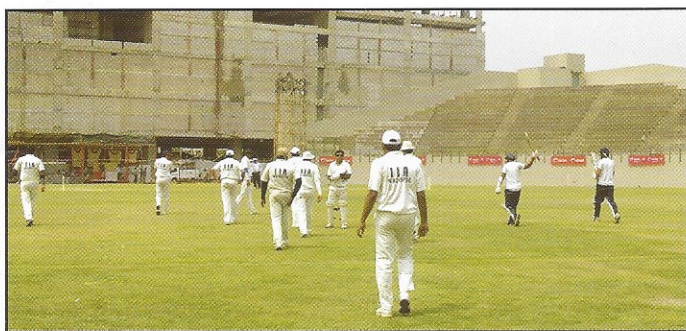


Ar. Rafiq Azam with students of architecture at BESU

AIRTEL-AMBUJA TROPHY

West Bengal Chapter took part in the Airtel-Ambuja Trophy, T20 Cricket Tournament organized by KMC and a match was held on 10th March, 2012 between West Bengal Chapter of IIA and KMDA at Gitanjali Stadium, Kolkata. The West Bengal Chapter won the match easily. However, another Match held on 17th March 2012 between West Bengal Chapter of IIA and Kolkata Municipal Corporation at Gitanjali Stadium, Kolkata was lost by only 4 runs.

Thereafter, the West Bengal Chapter defeated 'Airtel' in the semi final match and will be playing the finals of the tournament with KMC on 22nd April at JU Campus, Saltlake, Kolkata.



Match with KMDA in progress



IIA (WB Chapter) & KMC Cricket Teams

WORLD CUP FOOTBALL-2012 FOR ARCHITECTS

Asian Architects Community has organized "World Cup Football-2012 for Architects" at Bangkok, Thailand on 27th to 29th April during the International Convention at Bangkok, Thailand. Twelve Asian Countries are participating in this tournament and India is one of them. The Indian team comprises nine players from West Bengal Chapter and four players from Madhya Pradesh. The Vice Chairman of the West Bengal Chapter Ar. Dilip Chatterjee, has been chosen as the team manager of the Indian Team.

RAISING THE BAR-EXPLORING HIGH-RISES

The tallest building in ancient times was the 146m high Great Pyramid of Giza in ancient Egypt built in the 26th century BC. Its height was not surpassed till the 14th century AD by the Lincoln Cathedral and this was in turn exceeded by the Washington Monument in 1884. In the last century, the iconic Chrysler Building, the Empire State Building; The sensational World Trade Center, The Petronas Twin Towers and now, The Rotating Tower in Dubai, Taipei 101, Burj Khalifa, Agbar Tower, The Vertical Farm has given High Rise Building a whole new dimension Modern technology, imagination of designers and the desire to explore the sky as the limit literally, are making redundant today what was the tallest until yesterday.

The tallest buildings in India are found in Mumbai with existing towers going up to 254 meters high. On the anvil are buildings that are all set to compete with their global counterparts daring and rearing to reach as high as 720 meters while Kolkata has its tallest building currently at around 150 meters. The challenges faced by tall buildings are many - designing to withstand wind

pressure and earthquakes being the foremost. Making these buildings sustainable is another aspect of tall and modern buildings. The West Bengal Chapter of The Indian Institute of Architects felt it appropriate to organize a Convention on the theme "Raising the Bar - Exploring High-Rises" and give all our architects, engineers and budding designers an opportunity to be exposed to the acumen, skills, travails and foresight that go into the making of a tall building. The Chapter Convention is slated for the 22nd & 23rd of June at Princeton Club, 26, Prince Anwar Shah Road Kolkata - 700 033, and will have speakers of international and National repute who will share with us their experiences and their approach to the design of high-rises. The Inaugural Session will be held on 22nd June, 2012 at Princeton Club from 5.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. and the Technical Sessions will be held on 23rd June, 2012 from 09.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m. at the same venue. Fellowship Dinner will be held on 23rd June, 2012 from 6.00 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the 'Oasis', 36, Panditya Road, Kolkata.

Please mark the dates for Chapter Convention 2012 in your calendar. If you are interested in contributing articles on the Convention theme for the Souvenir, please do send them in by the 2nd of June 2012 to wbcapcon@rediffmail.com with 'Souvenir Article' as the Subject of the email. The Souvenir committee will take a final decision on the articles that will be published.

FOR INFORMATION OF OUR MEMBERS

The Department of Municipal Affairs, Govt. of West Bengal invited The West Bengal Chapter of IIA to nominate a member to the high-powered Technical Committee that was constituted to prepare a report on the AMRI fire tragedy. The Chapter Chairman nominated Ar. Dilip Chatterjee, Vice Chairman of our Chapter as a member to this committee. The Department of Fire and Emergency Services, Govt. of West Bengal formed "Rule Revision Committee" in the month of February, 2012 to review the West Bengal Fire Service Act, 1950. Once again, our chapter was asked to nominate an expert co-opted member. Our Chairman nominated Ar. Mukul Mitra from our Chapter to represent IIA at the aforesaid Committee Members of the Professional Sub - Committee, IIA, and WB Chapter met hon'ble Minister of Municipal Affairs and Local Self-Government Mr. Firhad Hakim regarding different Professional Issues.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

CHAPTER

May 12th	Celebration of IIA Foundation Day
May 22nd	Professional Lecture
June 8th	Celebration of World Environment Day
June 26th	Professional Lecture
July 21st	GBM and Informal Fellowship Dinner
July 24th	Professional Lecture
August 28th	Professional Lecture
September 7th	Teachers' Day and ARCASIA Day
September 25th	Professional Lecture

October 5th	Celebration of World Architecture Day and World Habitat Day
November 23rd	Informal Fellowship Dinner
November 27th	Professional Lecture
December	GBM (Date to be announced in forthcoming issue)

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