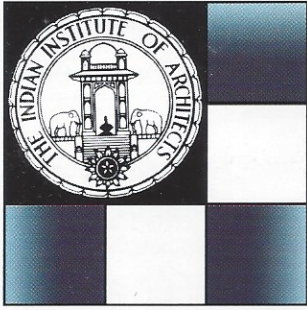


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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Dear Members,

Best wishes for the 65th year of our independence!

The month of July ushered in a piece of good news - the Assam centre was inaugurated under the aegis of our Chapter on July 7th, 2012. This extension of our fraternity in states which are yet to come in to the fold of IIA gives us a lot of pride and happiness.

The IGBC Conference On Green Buildings held in partnership with IIA, WB Chapter was a very successful event drawing in speakers and delegates from many associated fields and from all over the country. Case studies of cities having achieved the 'green balance' were inspirational for others to follow.

We have, as you will see in the pages of this Newsletter, engaged ourselves in much meaningful activity, but this 'jewel in the crown' has been an inspiring and informative journey for us. My deepest gratitude to all my colleagues who have toiled ceaselessly to make this happen, many thanks to our members who have attended our functions.

We are so honoured to continue with our professional presentations on every 4th Tuesday of a month, having taken a break on in June, 2012. These and other regular Tuesday meeting at the IIA office, we hope, are maintaining their purpose of gathering members and bonding together in order to emerge as a strong architectural fraternity. I once again request and invite all fellow architects to be in touch with us at the Chapter Premises where we are available on every Tuesday, between 07.30 p.m. to 08.30 p.m. Your active involvement and suggestions are not only invaluable but also necessary.

Your Chapter is taking active part in relevant professional affairs with KMC and other Government Authorities regarding building activities in and around the city and hope to see fruition of our endeavours in the near future.

I would like to request all our members for their continued support in completion of construction of our Chapter Building.

With the very best of wishes and warm regards

Subir Kumar Basu

EDITORIAL

Dear Friends,

The inauguration of the Assam Centre of IIA is wonderful news in more ways than one. India is looking at a projected population of 1530 million in 2030 up from the present figure of 1231 million, of which the urban component shall be 590 million. With such figures, the number of architects in this country is hovering around 30000 only, with number of registrations in some preceding years having gone down instead of up! Inauguration of a Centre means an increase, however small, in the number of architects and such numbers can effectively add to the professional workstream of our country.

Deliberations on green buildings are many but the IGBC Conference in collaboration with IIA was a rewarding experience, focussing on practical and real world issues.

I join our Chairman in requesting your presence at our 4th Tuesday professional presentations at IIA, WB Chapter premises.

All the very best of wishes

Sonia Gupta



Sketch by Uttam Mondal, Final Year Student of Architecture
Jadavpur University, West Bengal

INAUGURATION OF THE ASSAM CENTRE UNDER OUR CHAPTER

The Inaugural function of the Assam Centre was held on 07.07.2012 at Hotel Rajdhani Regency, Dispur, Guwahati from 6.30 p.m. President of IIA, Ar. Prafulla Karkhanis, Jt. Hon. Secretary of IIA, Ar. Debabrata Ghosh, Chairman of West Bengal Chapter of IIA, Ar. Subir Kumar Basu, Council Member, Ar. Debatosh Sahu and the Convener were on the dais. The President of IIA installed the Assam Centre Committee after completion of his inaugural speech in this occasion. In his speech the President of IIA explained the task of the new centre and motivated the members to wish for Assam Chapter in due course. Thereafter, Jt. Hon. Secretary of IIA and Chairman of West Bengal Chapter of IIA delivered their speech. A Technical Presentation was made by Jaquar & Co. Pvt. Ltd. At the end of the programme a beautiful cultural programme was organized by the organizing committee which was followed by dinner.



IIA President's Speech

CONFERENCE ON GREEN BUILDINGS

A Conference on Green Building 'Ushering a Green Building Movement into West Bengal' was organised by IGBC - CII in



Hon'ble Minister and other dignitaries at the Conference

association with Pollution Control Board and Indian Institute of Architects on July 19 & 20, 2012 at The Oberoi Grand, Kolkata. The Inaugural session was graced by, amongst other dignitaries, **Dr. Prem C Jain**, Chairman, Indian Green Building Council, and **Mr. Firhad Hakim** Hon'ble Minister-In-Charge Department of Urban Development and Municipal Affairs.

While **Prof Binay K Dutta** Chairman WBPCB and **Shri Debashis Sen**, IAS Principal Secretary Department of Urban Development Government of West Bengal chaired the Technical sessions, **Mr J B Kshirsagar** Chief Planner, Town and Country Planning Organisation Ministry of Urban Development, Gol, **Ar Shakuntala Ghosh** Chairperson, IGBC Kolkata Chapter & Partner, Ghosh & Bose Associates, and a galaxy of specialists in Green Buildings delivered thought provoking lectures. **Shri R P S Kahlon**, IAS Principal Secretary Department of Environment Government of West Bengal chaired the Interactive Session - 'Government and Developers'. IIA, WB Chapter was ably represented by **Ar. Mukul Mitra** at the 1st Technical Session



Ar. Mukul Mitra at the 1st Technical Session with Dr. Prem C Jain, Ar. Shakuntala Ghosh and others

GENERAL BODY MEETING

The 3rd General body Meeting of the Chapter was held on **21.08.2012** at the Chapter Premises in presence of our Executive



3rd GBM in Progress

Committee Members. The Chapter Chairman, Hon. Jt. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer were present in this meeting as the Office Bearers. A fruitful discussion took place among the office bearers and members present at the meeting. A lot of necessary suggestions were given by the members which was well taken by the Committee.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

During the 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Poet Rabindranath Tagore, a befitting presentation for the month of July was '**RABINDRANATH, GEDDES AND SYAMALI**'. This very interesting topic was illustrated by Prof. Santosh Ghosh on 11th July 2012 AT Chapter premises.

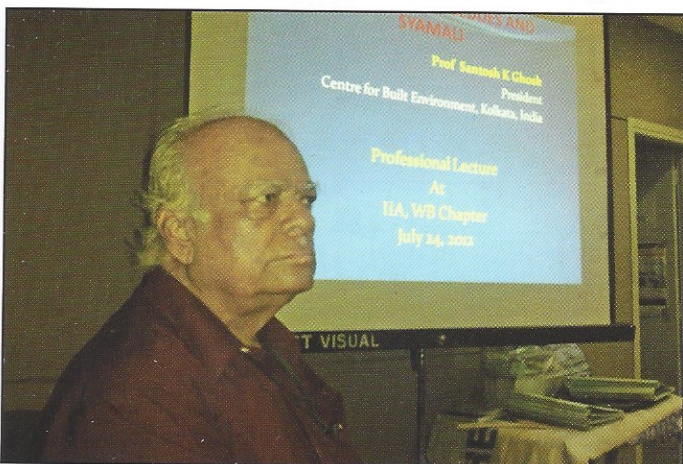
He told us that when Tagore received Nobel Prize in 1913 and visited Europe, Patrick Geddes from Scotland, a sociologist, biologist and town planner was already famous. Tagore developed deep interest in Geddes' "Place - work - folk" concept and its development into a theory of life in environment. Geddes was also interested in Tagore's philosophy and love for nature and tradition. "The relationship of the two men grew, as each in turn received and gave and in doing contributed to an intellectual synthesis and a harmony of the spirit" Geddes lived in Santiniketan where Viswabharati University was established in 1921. Both Geddes and Tagore travelled in East Bengal and came to know rural Bengal well. Tagore was very much concerned for the preservation of inherent quality of Bengali rural culture. Perhaps the experimental mud house Syamali (Shyamali) was constructed as its culmination when the poet wrote :

"I have built with mud a shelter for my last hours

And had named it Syamali

I have built it on that dust

Which buries in it all suffering and cleans all stains."



Presentation of Ar. Santosh Ghosh

The professional presentation in August was by Ar. Rana Bhattacharyya who presented on "**Interiors -A Systems Approach**" and "**Bringing Bionics in Architecture**" on 21st August 2012 at our Chapter Premises. Ar. Bhattacharyya formed his firm 'Green & Mortar United' in Kolkata and has specialized in Interior Design for the last Decade. He is also the Indian representative of eminent Spanish architects 'Cervera and Pioz, Madrid'. Ar. Bhattacharyya shared with us a unique presentation of the Design Philosophy of Cervera and Pioz Architects. The concepts of Biomimicry- learning from nature- are fully employed by the eminent Spanish firm to create Ecologically Responsible Architectural works of lasting value. With samples of their work, Ar. Rana Bhattacharyya demonstrated the ways in which this may be done.



Presentation of Ar. Rana Bhattacharyya

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- i. Teachers' Day and ARCASIA Day on 7th September, 2012.
- ii. Professional Lecture on 25th September, 2012
- iii. World Architecture Day & World Habitat Day will on 5th October, 2012.
- iv. 2nd Informal Fellowship Dinner on 23rd November, 2012.
- v. Professional Lecture on 27th November, 2012
- vi. Last GBM in the month of December, 2012.

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