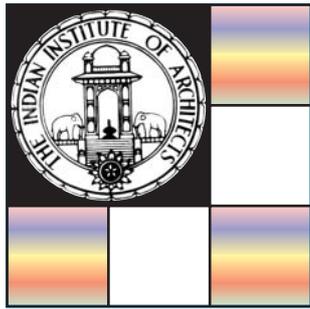


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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Dear Members,

It is with a happy heart that I congratulate and thank our members for putting together the grand show that was Chapter Convention 2011.

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 for all my colleagues who have toiled ceaselessly to make this happen, many thanks to our members who have attended our functions and thanks to our sponsors who have translated our dreams. For our members who could not attend, I hope that next time they are able to take time out from their busy schedule.

Conventions and seminars, we think are a great way to keep abreast with the times and I earnestly look forward to your continued support in this regard. Besides technical lectures, we are also deeply involved in professional betterment for our kin and we welcome suggestions from you, in such matters.

Our next milestone, we hope, will be completion of the seminar hall in the basement of our building, so that all events small or big can be carried out at our very own address! We thank you for all your support and look forward to receiving it in ever increasing ways.

With the very best of wishes

Subir Kumar Basu

EDITORIAL:

Dear Friends,

The met office predicts a robust and well distributed monsoon and with you we are overjoyed. Notwithstanding the travails of a Kolkata citizen at these times, the rains give us hope for a healthy crop and the chance to utilise a free resource to meet increasing demands of fresh water. In a state that is looking at developmental activity that is good news for us architects, management of water supply systems is crucial for implementation and thriving of all building ventures.

And it of course seems that it is not only raining rain, at the WB Chapter it is also raining action. Besides our promised list of activities, we have, under the able leadership of the Convener and Chapter Chairman, successfully concluded an enlightening Chapter Convention 2011. In the months to come, we hope to continue our range of exercises for body, mind and of course the soul!

All good wishes for a healthy and flood free monsoon.

Sonia Gupta



Sketch by Ar. Abhishek Dutta who also designed Chapter Convention 2011 logo

MATCHES OF CONSEQUENCE

Three further cricket matches were held with West Bengal Chapter of Indian Institute of Architects' 11 as a participating team.

Avenging the first loss, the second match on 30th April with Team KMC was won by WB Chapter at the Kolkata Police Grounds with 210 runs in 20 overs and a brilliant century by Ar. Sudipta Seal

Sadly, the next two matches held on 22nd May and 4th June with Bengal Engineering College Alumni, both held at Jadavpur University Salt Lake Campus, were lost, but with close totals. Ar. Dipankar Bhattacharya's dedication to the cricket matches was paramount for even breaking a limb was not enough to curb his never-say-die spirit.

TEAMS

MAYOR'S 11

Arnab Roy, *Commissioner and captain and other K.M.C officials.*

IIA 11

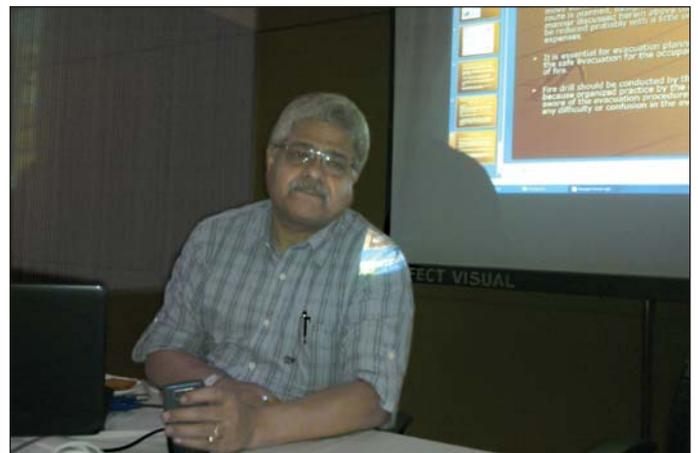
- Ar. Subir Kumar Basu
Chairman and captain
- Ar. Anjan Ukil
- Ar. Saugata Mitra
- Ar. Abhijit Roy Chowdhury
- Ar. Debjit Adhikari
- Ar. Sudipta Seal
- Ar. Dipankar Bhattacharya
(error of omission of his name in newsletter of April 2011 sincerely regretted)
- Ar. Sudipta Chakraborty
- Ar. Debaditya Moitra
- Ar. Saibal Sen
- Ar. Debatosh Sahu
- Ar. Abhishek Datta
- Ar. Ranjit Bhattacharya



The Cricket Teams

PRESENTATION BY VISITING PROFESSIONAL

On Tuesday April 26th 2011, the second presentation by an associated professional was held at the Chapter premises. Mr. D. P. Biswas, Director General of West Bengal Fire and Emergency Services was kind enough to address architects and speak about fire safety regulations including but not limited to the National Building Code. He also urged architects to come up with innovative solutions in order to control and prevent fire in their building projects.



Mr. D.P. Biswas D.G., W.B. Fire & Emergency Services

Continuing the trend of Tuesday presentations, one on Green building ratings was hosted with a very informative and structured talk by Dr. Himadri Guha, a Civil Engineer and LEED Consultant, on May 24th, 2011. He spoke of rating systems available, the process of acquiring rating and the benefits and pitfalls of these systems. He illustrated several examples of new buildings as well as old buildings retrofitted with green features.



Dr. Himdri Guha being felicitated by Ar. Dibyendu Chakravorty

IIA FOUNDATION DAY

Foundation was held on 12th May 2011 with a lot of fun and fanfare, at chapter premises. As a cake was cut and distributed there was a feeling of general bon homie.



Celebration of Foundation Day

CHAPTER CONVENTION 2011 24th, 25th June 2011 at the Stadel Kolkata on DESIGN IN THE TIME OF TECHNOLOGY

The whole hearted efforts of all stakeholders yielded this time a wonderfully successful Convention. Not only was it attended by a healthy number of delegates both students and professionals, the technical sessions were topical, informative and enjoyable.

The evening of Friday 24th June began with the Inaugural Session which was graced by Chief Guest - Mr. Firhad Hakim, The Hon'ble Minister of Municipal Affairs & Urban Development, Mr. Harsh Neotia, Industrialist and Padma Shri and Sharukh Mistry renowned architect from Bangalore. While Mr. Harsh Neotia narrated his humble beginnings in architectural causes, Mr. Firhad Hakim spoke



Hon'ble Minister Mr. Firhad Hakim, being felicitated by Ar. Subir Kumar Basu, Chairman IIA, WB Chapter

from his heart urging architects to work as a team for the development of West Bengal. Architect Subir Basu, Chairman, WB Chapter welcomed all delegates while Ar. Mukul Mittra, Convener, Chapter Convention 2011, set the tone for the forthcoming deliberations.



A full house with distinguished guests : Industrialist Harsh Neotia, Architects Dulal Mukherjee, J.P. Agarwal, Professors Monideep Chatterjee and Samaresh Mukherjee



Mr. Harsh Neotia presented with a sapling by Ar. Debebrata Ghosh, IIA JT. Hon.Secy

Ar. Sharukh Mistry, Keynote Speaker for the Convention and his wife Renu have evolved a sensitive design practice which is known for the soul that it imbues with in its projects. He is the recipient of several awards, including the JIIA Award of Excellence and IIA Best Practices Award. His presentation was stunning and soul searching at the same time, inspiring architects to think in ever different ways. He explained how technology to him was locked in everything from the weave of a tree climbers' rope to the potential for recycling every little waste product.

Before the evening concluded with a vote of thanks from Ar. Dilip Chatterjee, Vice-Chairman IIA, WB Chapter, followed by fellowship and dinner, the Chapter initiated something unique in the centenary year of International Women's Day. A scholarship for girl students of architecture from colleges in and around Kolkata was announced under the aegis of IIA, WB Chapter. This year the scholarship of



Ar. Sharukh Mistry with Ar. Mukul Mitra, Convener, Chapter Convention 2011

Rs. 10,000.00 each was awarded to Pooja Rai and Sangarika Chatterjee of IIT Kharagpur and Sonal Lhamo and Yashoda Tamang of Jadavpur University. Certificates to this effect were handed over to the awardees by the Hon'ble Minister.



Hon'ble Minister Mr. Firhad Hakim handing over certificate to scholarship awardee

Saturday 25th June saw the first Technical Session commence with presentations by students namely Binita Mahato, Arindam Roy and Abhinandan Bera of Bengal Engineering and Science University and Aditya Agarwal of IIT-Kharagpur, followed by **'Sub-theme 1 – Application of Technology through Design'** Moderator for the session was Ar. Mukul Mitra, Class of 1970 IIT Kharagpur, an academician and architect with a flourishing practice in Kolkata who is also member of several professional boards.

The first speaker Ar. Ravi Sarangan of Edifice Consultants, one of the largest design consultancy firms in the country, spoke of the evolution of technology over the ages and its direct application for the design of structures. The two movies he showed us, one on the indomitable spirit of man which has led him to manifest technology for his survival and the other on ingenious use of renewable sources as the driving spirit for green technology were awe-inspiring eye-openers!

The next speaker Ar. Naresh Narasimhan Managing Partner of Venkataraman Associates, a renowned 40-year-old Architectural/Engineering firm based in Bangalore, showed us that technology was in the design of everything from the new age BIOS to bus stand. He predicted the use of digital technology to gauge the importance and apposite location of infrastructure that is so essential for a growing world with diminishing resources.



Ars Naresh Narasimhan and Ravi Sarangan at the first session

The second session beginning with presentations by students of Jadavpur University namely Arjun Bhattacharya, Bhaswar Mallick, Joy Mondal and from ABIT Pilo Mody College of Architecture namely Priyadarshika Das and Mayukh Sarkar was followed by **'Sub-theme 2 – Keeping pace'** This session was surprisingly well attended even though it was right after a sumptuous lunch! The session was moderated by Ar. Dibyendu Chakravorty, Class of 1971, BE College, Shibpur an architect with an extensive practice in Kolkata.

Marina Tabassum, the first speaker of the second session is a visiting Professor at BRAC University, Dhaka and the founder principal of MTA Architects. She is also a Consultant for the Clean Energy Alternative, a GTZ funded project. Marina's soft spoken ways kept the delegates enthralled as she demonstrated how technology had allowed her to keep pace with her unconventional ideas in design.



Ar. Marina Tabassum

Ar. Prakash Deshmukh, who was the final speaker of the convention talked about the ways in which innovative technology in various scales of application has and will continue to make design of structures, faster stronger and better. As a case in point he showed us the example of 'Cybercity' a complex of 12 IT buildings, which form the CBD of Magarpatta City a privately developed, Integrated Township project, in eastern Pune.

PROFESSIONAL UPDATE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

In pursuance of an Order dated 21st February, 2011 of Hon'ble Bombay High Court in W.P. (C) No. 2244 of 2010 and PIL No. 80 of 2010, it is brought to the notice of all Architects to prepare their drawings / plans strictly in accordance with the Rules / Bye-Laws of Local Authorities and also in compliance with the provisions of various other laws, as may be applicable. Architects should not supervise illegal constructions and / or sign any plan / drawings in deviation of bye-laws and / or issue completion certificate if the construction is not carried on in accordance with the approved drawings / plans. Further, the Council of Architecture (COA) has framed the Architects (Professional Conduct) Regulations, 1989, as amended in 2003, for Architects and prescribed Conditions of Engagement and Scale of Charges as well as guidelines for Architectural Design Competitions for engaging / appointing architects for various architectural services and also prescribed guidelines for Architect's Professional Liability.

If any architect, upon receipt of a complaint by COA, is found to have acted in violation of Professional Conduct Regulations action for professional misconduct may be initiated against such erring Architects as provided under the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972 and Rules & Regulations framed thereunder, which may include suspension from practice as an architect or even removal of name from the Register of Architects maintained by COA on all India basis.

It is also clarified that in terms of Sections 36 and 37 of the Act, no person other than an architect or a firm of architects (having all architect partners) shall represent itself as an architect and / or use the title and style of architect for practicing the profession of an Architect in India as doing so is a punishable offence under the Act. The general public and concerned authorities are advised to verify the validity of registration of an architect before awarding any architectural work and / or sanctioning drawings / building plans or appointing / engaging an architect in Govt. or Private Sector.

New Delhi
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A reminder for all architects to follow rules, bye laws and most importantly Professional Conduct Regulations

FORTHCOMING EVENTS: CHAPTER

Presentation by visiting professional (HVAC consultant) shall be held in 4th week of July

Teachers' Day Celebration with Arcasia Day will be celebrated on 9th September (Friday)

World Habitat Day, World Day of Architecture & Chapter Building's 1st Anniversary shall be held on 29th October, 2011

REGIONAL / NATIONAL

Eastern Regional Conference at Patna : 27th & 28th August, 2011

Young Architects Festival at Chandigarh 14th to 16th October, 2011

NATCON at Hyderabad 2nd & 3rd December, 2011

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Ar. Prakash Deshmukh making his Presentation

Due to lack of time thereafter, the concluding session 'An equal Music', was an extension of the second and brought to a close Chapter Convention 2011. Through interaction with delegates and students, who were present in large numbers, the theme of the convention was realised in general agreement that path breaking design can only be nurtured with appropriate technology.

The evening celebrations was a fitting finale to the Convention with an unforgettable 'Cultural Session'



Student Presentation



Cultural Session!

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