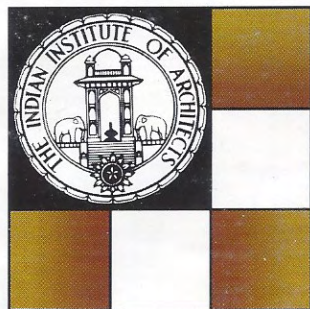


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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Dear Members,

Congratulations dear members for a very successful convention that brought together architects and engineers of great repute in the world of high rise structures. Various types of inputs essential for such structures were deliberated in great detail and the presentations were mind boggling to say the least. We hope that the theme and its contents were of interest to you and request you to provide us with your feedback through email, telephone or in person. My deepest gratitude to all my colleagues who have toiled ceaselessly to make this happen, many thanks to our members who have attended our function and thanks to our sponsors who have translated our dreams.

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.

For commemorating World Environment Day, along with the Convention, sustainability issues of these presentations were woven into the discussions.

Our professional presentations have also followed according to schedule and we sincerely request your presence on such evenings, usually on 4th Tuesdays of every month.

And of course we are available at Chapter Premises every Tuesday, between 7.30 and 8.30 p.m. for fruitful interactions with you where, I would like to invite all fellow Architects to be in touch with us. Your active involvement and suggestions are highly solicited.

We have also taken up various professional issues with KMC and Government of West Bengal 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 - a long cherished dream of all member Architects.

Best of wishes and warm regards

Subir Kumar Basu

EDITORIAL

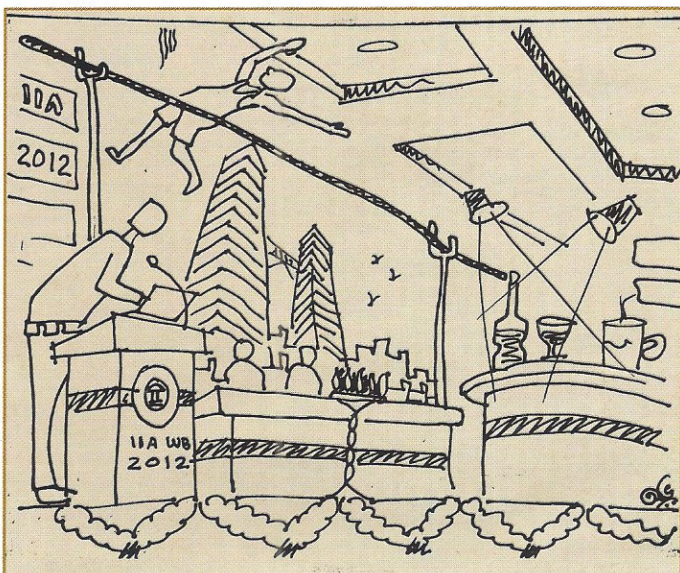
Dear Friends,

It is a wonderful thought that we have together successfully raised the curtain on 'raising the bar and exploring high rises'. High rise is a subject of intensive and extensive study by itself - its accomplishments and controversies as much proven as they are speculated. Last week's presentations at Chapter Convention 2012 left us soaring to new heights of what is possible to design sensibly and build daringly.

At the IIA WB Chapter premises we intend to maintain an archive of the presentations made during the Convention so that our library is that much fortified.

With the very best of wishes for a happening monsoon!

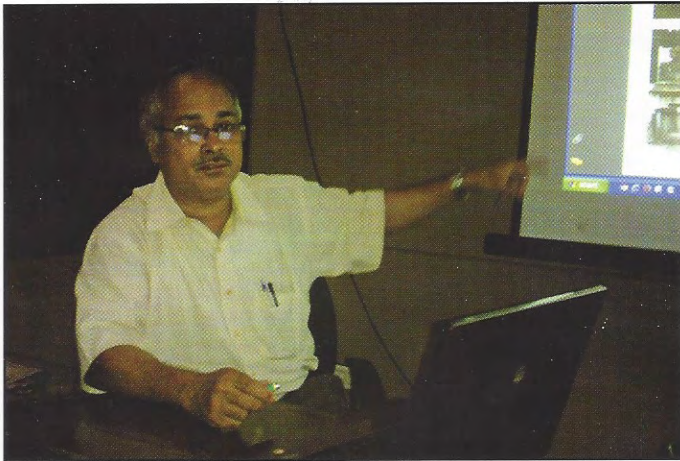
Sonia Gupta



Sketch by Ar. Abhishek Dutta

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATION

To celebrate World Heritage Day on April 18th, we, at The West Bengal Chapter of IIA invited Ar. Anjan Mitra for a talk on 'Heritage and Conservation - The Sustainable Way forward' which was held on 24th April 2012 at Chapter premises.



Presentation of Ar. Anjan Mitra in Progress

The presentation was an illuminating experience drawing pertinent and probing queries from the attentive audience.

The month of May's Professional presentation was by Ms. Bonani Kakkar, President, People United for Better Living in Calcutta (PUBLIC), an NGO working on urban environment and active citizenship. Former project and education officer for the World Wildlife Fund India, she was responsible for starting and guiding about 100 nature clubs in eastern India. She has promoted the idea and practice of 'good citizenship' in several PUBLIC-affiliated schools to the extent that young girls now take ideas and complaints directly to Calcutta's police chief and city managers. She holds an M.A. in Public Health from University of California, USA.

Ms. Kakkar's presentation was inspiring to say the least. Labelling herself as 'Chief troublemaker' she showed us ways in which we can protect our resources, both natural and man-made, with sensitive interventions and public protests as necessary. She reiterated that a city such as ours can be an immensely liveable place with only a minimal consciousness on the part of residents.



Presentation by Ms. Bonani Kakkar on IIA Foundation Day

IIA FOUNDATION DAY

The evening of 22nd May 2012 was celebrated as IIA Foundation day with cheer and merrymaking after the presentation by Ms. Bonani Kakkar. A cake was cut and shared with all present that evening and the fact that the hall was packed with members and guests was a matter of great satisfaction for us.



Celebration of IIA foundation Day

CHAPTER CONVENTION 2012

The IIA West Bengal Chapter Convention 2012 was held on the theme 'Exploring High Rises - Raising the Bar' on 22nd and 23rd June 2012 at the Princeton Club, Kolkata.

At the Inaugural Session on 22nd June, we welcomed our Chief Guest Mr. Firhad Hakim, the Hon'ble Minister of Municipal Affairs & Urban Development, West Bengal, Ar. Prafulla Karkhanis - President IIA, Prof. Ar. K.B. Mohapatra - President Council of Architecture. Our Guest of Honour - Mr. Vivek Bharadwaj, IAS, CEO, Kolkata Municipal Development Authority, unfortunately could not make it on time.



Inauguration by the President of IIA

At Convention 2011, the West Bengal Chapter of IIA had introduced the award of Student Scholarships for girl students. This year, we decided to open the scholarship to both boy and girl students. Colleges in West Bengal were asked to nominate meritorious and financially deserving students. An interview panel had already



Chapter Chairman & Hon'ble Minister Mr. Fihad Hakim evaluated these students and arrived at the verdict for this merit-means scholarship. The awardees, Mr. Anurag Biswas from BESU and Ms. Falguni Tailor from Jadavpur University were presented plaques and cheques of Rs. 10,000.00 by Ar. Mukul Mittra.



Hon'ble Minister Awarding Scholarship to the Students

In all fields, one strives to attain the perfect 10. The firm represented by the 'Speaker of the evening' seems to have attained that in many of its creations. 10 Design is an international studio of architects and designers, with offices in Hong Kong, Edinburgh, Shanghai and Denver. 10's expertise is in large scale master-planning, mixed use development, civic and public buildings, tourism and hospitality, research and development, corporate offices, education and high-end residential development. 10 broke into World Architecture Top 100 by the end of 2011. In Wallpaper UK, 10 is featured as one of the five practices of note. Ar. Gordon Affleck is a Founding Design Partner with 10 Design. He has had 18 years of experience in leading international design teams in Asia, the UK, the US and the Middle East. He believes strongly in the integration of sustainability as a core principle in design and that building. The designs he presented were non orthogonal futuristic and of course stunning. Their Huawei R+D campus was one of the first research labs to use integrated Eco Well technology to integrate natural ventilation and daylight within a controlled environment. Perhaps most notable among his work is the 320m high "transforming" Shizimen Tower in Zhuhai. The tower due for

completion in 2014 is the regions landmark high rise structure and will be the focal point of the Shizimen International Convention Centre Complex.



Dignitaries off the Dais

The evening was a time for relaxation, socializing and fun with a thumping DJ event.



Technical Session 1 : Deliberation and discussion

Appropriately, our first technical session was chaired by Mr. Sushil Mohta, one of the persons responsible for the building that yet holds the record for being the tallest building in Kolkata - South City Towers. Mr Sushil Mohta is the man behind the Merlin Group. Some of his best-known projects include Merlin Residency, Merlin Manor, Merlin Greens, Merlin Estates, Ibiza-The Club. He is also involved in some international projects including one in Colombo. The first speaker of the technical Session was Ar. Reza Kabul. Founded in 1988, M/s Architect Reza Kabul began its career in a time of exciting change and urban growth in India. The firm aims to provide good designs which improve the quality of life where people live or work or seek entertainment or leisure. He is a pioneer in tall building and at present he is working on twin towers of 100 storied at Parel for Shreepati Group of Companies. This aims to be one of the tallest skyscrapers in Mumbai. In 2003 Shreepati Arcade, designed by him entered the Limca Book of Records as India's tallest building.

Our next speaker was Ar. Jeffrey Ling of Architects 61 Sdn Bhd which was formed in 1995 with offices in Kuala Lumpur and Penang. Architects 61 Sdn Bhd has won numerous awards to date comprising BCI Asia Top 10 Awards 2010 & 2007. The firm is registered with US Green Building Council (USGBC) and is a strong believer in sustainability. Ar. Jeffrey C P Ling joined Architects 61 in 1990 and is now a director of the firm. Practicing as an architect for over 20 years he is not only a designer but also a job implementer on a wide range of projects including mission critical facilities, commercial high rise offices, hotels, high-end residential,



Technical Session 2 : Presentation by Mr. Predrag Eror from Dubai

Mr. Eror is a Director at Derby Design at Dubai and gave us an insight into structural design of tall buildings with special reference to 'Urbana' - the tallest building in Kolkata under construction.

The second speaker in that session was Ar. S.K.Das. Since its formation in 1987, his firm, SK Das Associated Architects has designed over 50 projects in India and abroad, at a breadth of scale almost unheard of for an Indian practice - projects that include planning of townships, urban design in the public domain, housing, mixed use developments, and hospitality, commercial and institutional buildings. In the course of his career, Ar. S.K.Das has gained renown as an award-winning architect, urban planner, and teacher.

All of the technical sessions were actively participated in, with animated discussions and exchange of opinions by delegates.

At the Valedictory Session, Team of Chapter Convention 2012 were applauded and happily gathered together for a photo shoot

The Convention was concluded with a Cultural Evening and fellowship dinner at the 'Oasis', 36, Panditiya Road, Kolkata.



Technical Session 1: Deliberation and discussion with Ar. Gordon Affleck

institutional establishments and more recently sustainable projects, Ar. Ling's presentation demonstrated the lessons to be learnt for sustainable design of high rise buildings.

The second technical session was moderated by Mr. Pradeep Sureka - another leading figure in the real estate industry of Kolkata. He has been responsible for Park Plaza, White House, Duckback House, Central Plaza, J.K. Millennium Centre and other high-profile projects in Kolkata. He was responsible also in bringing in to Kolkata as one of the speakers in that session, Mr. Predrag Eror, a leading Specialist Structural Engineer from Dubai.



Presentation of Ar. Jeffrey Ling from Malaysia in Technical Session 1



Cultural Programme in Progress

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IGBC NEWS

Spearheading the Green Building movement in Kolkata is the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). Chapter was involved in various activities and initiatives which included the following:

- Launched the first IGBC Student Chapter of West Bengal in Bengal Engineering and Science University (BESU)
- Organized Green Building Mission to Infinity Benchmark and CII Suresh Chandra Neotia Centre of Excellence for Leadership
- Organized Conference on Green Building: A Step Towards Sustainability
- Conducted Green Building Training Programme
- Met senior West Bengal Government officials and highlighted the need and importance of green buildings
- Arranged Green Building Roundtable Discussion for green building survey of 'Lal Bazar' Police Head Quarters, Kolkata.

**Forthcoming Event of IGBC : Conference on Green Buildings: 19-20 July 2012: Kolkata
The Oberoi Grand**

Objectives & Focus Areas

- Create awareness on green building concepts
- Expose the participants to the latest global trends in green buildings
- Provide a platform for networking
- Facilitate exploring new business opportunities
- Architectural perspectives on green buildings
- Green Building Movement - Global & National Trends and experiences
- Case studies on green buildings - National & International

- Introduction to Green Building Standards and tools
- Green Building Materials, Equipments & Technologies
- Public policy and Green Buildings

For further information on the programme please visit www.igbc.in or email to igbckolkatachapter@cii.in

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

- i. Professional Lecture on 24th July, 2012 for the month of July.
- ii. General Body Meeting on 24th August, 2012.
- iii. Professional Lecture on 28th August, 2012 for the month of August.
- iv. Teachers' Day and ARCASIA Day on 7th September, 2012.
- v. Professional Lecture on 25th September, 2012
- vi. World Architecture Day & World Habitat Day will on 5th October, 2012.
- vii. 2nd Informal Fellowship Dinner on 23rd November, 2012.
- viii. Professional Lecture on 27th November, 2012
- ix. Last GBM in the month of December, 2012.

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