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Conference & Exhibition on “Urban Mobility India-2009”

The Institute of Urban Transport organized ‘**Conference & Exhibition on Urban Mobility India**’ from 3rd to 5th December 2009 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The theme of the Conference was ‘Sustainable Urban Transport’ and the event was supported by the Ministry of Urban Development of the Government of India. This is an annual feature and last year the Institute had organized such Conference & Exhibition at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

On the first day, Hon’ble Prime Minister of India was invited to present JnNURM awards and also two Awards of Excellence on behalf of the Institute of Urban Transport. The first award was given to Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd., for Planning, Construction and Maintenance of MRTS.

The second Award was given to Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation for Janmarg- Ahmadabad BRTS Project.



Sh. Kanaji Thakore, Mayor, Ahmadabad & Sh. I.P. Gautam, Municipal Commissioner receiving the award



Dr. E Sreedharan, MD, DMRC receiving the award

The aim of this Conference is to bring together policy makers, decision makers, planners, engineers, manufacturers and suppliers of various technologies in road and rail based modes of mass transit and associated technologies such as ITS, for mutual interaction and benefit from each others’ work / experience. International and National experts, who have led the implementation and operation of best practice projects also shared their experiences and exchanged information. Research agencies also presented their findings on relevant issues.

The Conference was attended by about 425 invitees and delegates, which included urban transport professionals from abroad as well as within the country.

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*Wishing you all
a very Happy, Healthy
and Prosperous
New Year*

Shri Saugata Roy, Hon'ble Minister of State for Urban Development, Government of India, inaugurated the **Conference & Exhibition on Urban Mobility India** before the launch of the first Special Session at Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi



Sh. Saugata Roy, Hon'ble Minister of State Urban Development inaugurating the Exhibition

14 Organizations participated in the Exhibition organized by M/s. Mirabilis Advisory Pvt. Ltd. in partnership with the Institute of Urban Transport. Hon'ble Minister of State for Urban Development, Government of India, took keen interest in the different stalls and was quite impressed by their display.

The Chief Guest was Shri S. Jaipal Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development, Government of India. The Opening Address was given by Dr. M Ramachandran, Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India and the Keynote Address was delivered by Dr. S.K. Jason Chang, National Taiwan University on "Comprehensive Planning for better Urban Mobility".



Sh. S. Jaipal Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development inaugurating the Conference

The Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development, welcoming the distinguished delegates, in his inaugural address referred to the importance of the date of the Conference which coincided with the launching of the JnNURM. He observed that when a huge developing country like India experiences rapid urban growth rate, per se there, this is bound to result in accelerated urbanization and with it rises the need to have urban transport policy.

The Hon'ble Minister while being impressed by the technological marvel that the Tata's Nano represents, had his concern as Minister for Urban Development in view of the shortage of road and land space. In the quest of importance to Public transport, he mentioned that in the last 3 years the Government has tried to go in for metro rail in all big cities such as Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Cochin and in other places

Dr. Reddy mentioned that his Ministry has also tried to encourage BRTS even by funding the system in as many as 9 cities in India as a part of JnNURM. They are under construction and their impact is yet to be felt. Recently when Government of India was providing 2nd stimulus package to the economy with the approval of the Hon'ble Prime Minister the Government has been able to provide more than 15,000 buses in 61 cities. The delivery of these buses is in the pipeline.

The Hon'ble Minister also emphasized the need to minimize the burden on fuel as a part of our contribution to reduce global warming which is very much in the news. This cannot be done by encouraging everybody to travel by personal transport. Accordingly, to encourage Public Transport, the Ministry has recommended to the Finance Ministry and was able to get the excise duty reduced for public buses from 16% to 8%.

In conclusion he observed that this idea of holding an annual conference is something that needs to be followed sedulously. He hoped that the deliberations of the Conference will be fruitful. He assured that the Ministry will be looking forward to all the deliberations all of which will be seriously scrutinized and followed up. He wishes the Conference all the success.

The event had **Special** and **Technical Sessions** spread over three days as indicated below:

First day : 3rd December 2009

The first Session was on **Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority**, which had presentations by World Bank and GTZ Consultants. In the afternoon, another Session was held on **Service Level Benchmarks (SLB)** which depicted importance of surveys launched for benchmarks to make the overall urban transport system sustainable. It was felt that necessary modifications in SLB may also be used for **resource allocation** by the Government bodies.

In evening a dinner was hosted by *Urban Metropolitan Transport Authority* at Margosa Lawns, India Habitat Centre, in which all the delegates participated.

Second day : 4th December 2009

Four Parallel Sessions were organized as detailed below:

The *Parallel Sessions-IA* on ‘**Strategies for Parking**’, included presentations on (i) *Parking Policy: Need for a Policy and Possible Components*; (ii) *PPP in Parking Infrastructure*; (iii) *Technologies for Parking Infrastructure*; and (iv) *Integrated Parking with MRT/BRT Systems*.

The *Parallel Session-IB* on ‘**Planning for Special Events**’ included presentations on (i) *Planned Special Events: Learnings & Lessons from Past Experience*; (ii) *Special Events: Present & Future Prospectives*; (iii) *Role of Intelligent Transportation Systems for Planned Special Events*; and (iv) *Case Study: Planning for Common Wealth Games – The Journey so far*.

The *Parallel Session-IIA* on ‘**Transit Oriented Development**’ included presentations on (i) *Guided Corridor Development*; (ii) *Case Study on TOD (Sydney Polycentric Structures)*; (iii) *Integrated transport and Transit Planning*; (iv) *Case Study of Pimpri Chinchwad*; and (v) *Impact of Delhi Metro on Real Estate Development : An Evaluation*.

The *Parallel Session-IIB* on “**Mobility Issues of the Disadvantaged**” included presentations on (i) *Status of Active Transport in India – Opportunities and Challenges*; (ii) *Issues in Planning Inclusive Transportation*; (iii) *Public Transport & Equity*; and (iv) *Design & Safety of Pedestrian Facilities*.

The *Parallel Session-IIIA* on “**Intelligent Transport Systems**” included presentations on (i) *Role of ITS and GIS Application in Urban Transport*; (ii) *Collaborative, Content-Rich Intelligent Transportation Systems for Urban Transportation*; (iii) *ITS Applications in India – Issues and Challenges*; and (iv) *Personal rapid transit (PRT) model*.

The *Parallel Session-IIIB* on “**Fare Collection Systems & Policies**” included presentations on (i) *Fare Fixation Policies*; (ii) *ITS Applications in India – Issues and Challenges*; (iii) *Case Study (Taipei Experience)*; and (iv) *Unified Ticketing – An Indian Perspective*

The *Parallel Session-IVA* on “**PPP in Urban Bus Operations and Maintenance Strategies**” included presentations on (i) *Pros & Cons of Outsourcing Bus Operations*; (ii) *Case Study on Outsourced Bus Operations (International Experience)*; (iii) *Outsourced Bus Operations – Lessons Learnt*; and (iv) *Case Study on Outsourced Bus Operation*.

The *Parallel Session-IVB* on “**Emerging Areas of Research in Urban Transport**” included presentation on (i) *Capacity of Urban Roads*; (ii) *How to Improve Safety & Efficiency of Public Transport Operations in Different Sized Cities*; (iii) *Development Warrants for Pedestrian Facilities*; (iv) *Development of Policies, Strategies & Guidelines for Goods Movements in Urban Areas*; and (v) *Innovative structural design and elevated mass transit systems worldwide (a presentation by EGIS JMI)*.

The delegates were treated in the evening by a dinner hosted by *Urban Metropolitan Transport Authority* at Civil Services Officers Institute at Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi.

Third day: 5th December 2009

The *Special Session-IV* had presentations on “**Opportunities in CDM in Transportation Sector & CDM Markets**”.

The *Special Session-V* was the “**Panel Discussion on Sustainable Urban Transport**” in which **Discussion Leaders** were *Dr. M Ramachandran, Secretary, Urban Development, Government of India*; *Dr. S.K. Jason Chang, National Taiwan University*; *Mr. Mohinder Singh, LTA*; and *Mr. Halvard Dalheim, Planning Policy Branch, Department of Planning & Community Development, Victoria, Australia*

In the *Valedictory Session*, Shri S. Jaipal Reddy, the Hon'ble Minister of Urban Development, Government of India, gave Urban Mobility Awards of Excellence, where Shri Arvinder Singh Lovely, Hon'ble Minister of Transport, Government of NCT Delhi was also present, received the awards for Delhi Integrated Multimodal Transit System (DIMTS) for (a) Cycle & Cycle Rickshaw friendly Delhi Bus Rapid Transit Corridor and (b) Intelligent Public Transport System Integrated with PIS as below:



Shri R. Ashok, Hon'ble Minister of Transport, Karnataka Government, received the award for Automated Electronic Driving Test. as below:



The other awards were for :

- (i) Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation for Suburban Rail - Mumbai Urban Transport Project, Mumbai.
- (ii) Ms. Lavinder Walia, CEPT University, Ahmedabad for Role of Congestion Charging among different TDM measures in determining the mode choice behaviour - a case study of Ahmedabad.
- (iii) Thane Municipal Corporation, for Thane Railway Station Area- Traffic Improvement Scheme

This event is to be organized every year and the Institute will request the organizations, particularly Municipal Corporations in the country who carry out projects on urban development in the country to perform them with more vigour so that they are also given awards for excellent work in the field.

A *Green New Cities Symposium* on managing “**New Urbanization in India**” was also jointly organized by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, the Institute of Urban Transport and Mirabilis Advisory Services Ltd. at India Habitat Centre, as a side event of the Urban Mobility India 2009 Conference on the 4th December 2009.

The Conference was complimented by Urban Transport experts and visitors.

One day specialised course on Transportation Demand Management conducted by MoUD, UMTC, LTA, CEPT and GTZ on 2nd December, 2009

Various cities in India are making great efforts in improving their existing transport infrastructure with innovative technologies, modern transport systems and shifting focus towards sustainable modes of transportation such as Mass transit and Non-Motorised Transport. While most of these efforts are addressing the supply side issues of transportation there is great work that is required in understanding and implementing demand management strategies.

To address the above issues, GTZ jointly with the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD), Institute of Urban Transport (IUT), Urban Mass Transit Company (UMTC), Centre for Environment Planning and Technology (CEPT), LTA Academy, Singapore, organised a 1-day training course/workshop on “Transportation Demand Management (TDM)” on the 02 December 2009 as a pre-event to the IUT/MoUD conference.

Various national and international experts from the partnering organisations brought forward their experiences in the form of discussions and presentations during this one-day event.

Delhi Metro has been in operation for seven years now, providing the most efficient and best public transport medium for the citizens of Delhi. It has been able to provide many benefits to the commuters of Delhi and to the city as a whole. The unfortunate accident of a girder falling in Laxminagar area had slowed the operation for sometime, but now with the opening of the Yamuna Bank –Noida Metro line, Delhi Metro has achieved another milestone in the history of its operation.

Metro has also introduced a new batch of broad gauge trains procured for Phase-II of the project. The new Bombardier Train was introduced on Line-2 (Central Secretariat – Jahangirpuri) and will be inducting more new trains into the system.

Delhi Metro Yamuna Bank-Noida Corridor opens for the public

The wait for the opening of Delhi Metro to Noida Sector 32 City Centre was finally over with the flagging-off Metro train from Akshardham Metro station to Noida on November 12, 2009. The metro train was flagged-off by the honourable Union Urban Development Minister Shri Jaipal Reddy and the honourable Chief Minister of Delhi Smt. Sheila Dixit in a ceremonial function organized at the Akshardham Metro station.



The Yamuna Bank -Noida Sector 32 City Centre Metro line covers a distance of approximately 13 kms with 10 Metro stations in between and is an extension of the Line 3 of Delhi Metro services. This is the first time that the Delhi Metro crossed the borders of Delhi and entered the adjoining State of Uttar Pradesh.

Automatic Token Vending Machines (TVMS) installed at Delhi Metro Stations

The Delhi Metro has introduced five (05) automatic Token Vending Machines (TVMS) from October 16 at Vishwavidyalay, Rajiv Chowk, Central Secretariat and Barakhamba Metro stations for the convenience of the commuters. The TVMS are touch-screen based machines that contain the digital map of the entire operational Metro system. The commuters select their destination station by touching the desired station on digital touch screen, after which the machine displays the fare of the journey and asks for the number of tokens required. The total fare is then calculated and displayed on the screen. The commuters then can insert the required money in the designated slots.

Delhi Metro Train Model on sale at Patel Chowk Metro Museum

The visitors to the Metro museum located at Patel Chowk Metro Station can now carry a lasting memory back home, as a Toy Metro Train Model is available for sale at the souvenir shop from October 14th, 2009. The toy Train Model is an exact miniature of an actual metro coach on a ratio of 1:64. The cost of the model Rs. 105 and Rs. 95 are two types of model.

DMRC Completes Phase-II Tunneling, last Rings erected

The Delhi Metro erected the last pre-cast segments (rings) of the underground stretch of Phase-II on 12th October 2009, thereby, nearing the completion of the Phase-II tunneling. The rings were erected by the last Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) between Jangpura and Lajpat Nagar, a distance of about half a kilometer and the TBM finally broke through at the Lajpat Nagar on the Central Secretariat – Badarpur line in the mid-night of 12th October, 2009.

The Delhi Metro is not an ordinary organization. It is India's largest urban infrastructure project since Independence, which has changed the traveling habits in the city and also given the country the confidence to undertake complex mega-projects.

The New Year 2010, will be a very crucial year for Delhi Metro as new sections are to be inaugurated almost every month.

Institute of Urban Transport wishes Delhi Metro a very happy and prosperous New Year.

New Institutional Members

Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking

BEST Undertaking is providing public utility services like Transport and Electricity for the last 62 years to the public of Mumbai. BEST Undertaking is implementing various measures in its working to give more efficient and quick service to the people of Mumbai. Because of these measures, Undertaking has been successful in minimizing the increasing loss. Some of these measures are as follows:

- Restructuring of Bus Fare and Bus Routes.
- Introduction of buses operating on CNG, Air-conditioned B.R.T.S. Bus routes for long journey, special bus trips for schools/private offices/ Air India, and Blue Tooth Technology in buses for giving information to the passengers about bus stops and buses.
- Merging of Consumer & Commercial Department to give better services to consumers.
- Introduction of 'Project Peace' scheme based on web technology to provide information through internet.
- Ultra modern machinery for automatic meter reading, cheque receiving, to provide electricity bill with the help of camera, geographical information, consumers information and bills load information. Amnesty scheme was introduced to increase the revenue and delay payment charges were discontinued.
- Introduction of IRDA and LPRF based communication meters in the system in order to reduce manual errors in meter reading and make the billing faster.
- Starting of digitization project for effective planning of distribution networks and systematic maintenance of the equipments, reduction of technical losses, reducing the supply interruption events and increasing revenue generation.
- Successfully implemented Pilot project of distribution as well as automation of the substation.
- Received a silver medal for the second best distribution utility in India at the hands of Hon'ble President of India.
- The organization is also honoured by the Jury Award by Council of Power Utilities

BEST Undertaking has since implemented various schemes in its endeavour to increase revenue and curtail expenditure

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AS 54TH INSTITUTIONAL MEMBER

KransuQb Logistics

KransuQb is group company of KransuQb Logistics, KransuQb Botswana (Prop.) Ltd. and KransuQb Solutions. Its project associates, viz. M/s EDMAC Consulting of UAE and M/s TPA Engg. Consultancy Pvt. Ltd. have been working for the National and International organizations in the Urban Infrastructure & multimodal transport areas of Town Planning, Traffic Engineering, Highway, Railways, Airport, Shipping related projects.

The Core Team for Urban Planning, Transportation & Traffic Studies and QC / Supervision of Works comprises of Er. Ranjit Kr. Sinha, Development Specialist; Shri Chaman Lal Kaul, Architect cum Urban Planner; Er. Prashant Joshi, Highway Engineer; Er. Pramod Kumar, Structural and Bridge Engineer; Shri Rajeev Roy, Traffic Engineer / Transport Planner; and Er. Shakeel Imam, Civil Engineer & Urban Planner. The organization has competent engineers, town planners and architects to supplement the efforts of core team.

The Professionals / Associates of KransuQb have executed **Traffic Engineering & Transport Planning Projects (TT) - (i) Regional Transport Studies**, which cover Classified Hourly Traffic Counts at Midblocks, Outer Cordon, Screen Line Locations; Occupancy Survey; Origin-Destination Survey; Network Inventory Survey; Bus Terminal-Boarding; Passenger Count and Origin-Destination Survey; and Rail Terminal-Boarding Passenger Count and Origin-Destination Survey & **(ii) Comprehensive Traffic and Transportation Study**, which cover Traffic Studies for BOT Projects; and Freight Complex/ Bus Terminal Studies.

They have also executed **Topographical Surveys Projects (TS)**, which cover Preparation of Detailed Topographical Plan showing all existing features, superimposition of Khasra Plan; Development of contour plan and studies on Preliminary reconnaissance survey and identification of control points; Conducting closed traverse survey; Conducting leveling survey to transfer Temporary Bench Mark (TBM) on traverse points; and Conducting detailed topographical survey.

The core team is supported by a number of experts empanelled with KransuQb, as well as support staff viz. (i) Field Investigators on project basis (for OD Survey, Traffic Informations, Geotech Investigations); (ii) Research Executives (for Govt. Policy, Legalities, Traffic Data Analysis); (iii) DTP operators (for Documentation); (iv) CAD operators (for Technical Drawings); (v) Technical English Editor (for Editing of the DPR from language point of view); (vi) Graphic Designer (for Presentation of the DPR); and (vii) Statisticians (for Projections' assistance).

KransuQb is well resourced to optimize the "mobility pattern of people and goods" rather than of vehicles; with focus on the improvement and promotion of public transport, NMVs and pedestrians.

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AS 55TH INSTITUTIONAL MEMBER

New Institutional Member

Thane Municipal Corporation

Thane Municipal Corporation established on October 1, 1982; is a statutory authority and is governed by the Bombay Provincial Municipal Corporation Act (BPMC), 1949. TMC performs key functions like planning of economic and social development, cleaning of public places, provision of core civic amenities like water supply, sanitation and sewerage, roads, street lights and solid waste management and a number of other social functions.

TMC's administration is clearly spelt out in the BPMC Act. It has 116 elected representatives and 5 co-opted members constituting the General Body. The political wing is headed by the mayor, an elected representative and the executive wing by the commissioner appointed by the state government. The corporation comprises of main statutory committees viz., the standing committee and 9 ward committees, special committees like women and child welfare, sports and culture, backward class development, secondary education and establishment improvement. In addition to this, the corporation has constituted a separate transport undertaking and education board as per the provisions in the Act.

Thane Municipal Corporation has prepared a VISION document for the city wherein the intent of vision for the city is to facilitate, promote the economic growth of the city with special emphasis on environment of the city. The Corporation has also focused on and aimed at improving the quality of life of the people, particularly the urban poor. Keeping a holistic approach the Corporation tried to prepare a realistic action plan. With the Government of India launching the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), the Corporation has translated the action plan into business plan while formulating the city development plan

The initiatives under JNNURM are not adequate to meet the rising expectations of the citizens, thereby the Corporation has tried to foster partnerships with stakeholders having specific interest in the development of the city. The Corporation has formulated a social development strategy in April 2007 facilitating effective exploitation of the in-built PPP provisions, wherein the corporation has identified Accommodation Reservation & Transferable Development Rights for the development of various amenities. The PPP program comprises of 57 projects costing Rs.353.36 crs. with the magnitude of projects varying from small community center to huge Drama theatre & Convention centre

Apart from this the Corporation has proposed to constitute a separate PPP cell to undertake PPP projects as per the guidelines of Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Dept. of Economic Affairs. TMC has taken efforts in identifying qualitative and quantitative bankable projects in a systematic technical manner. On a modest scale the corporation is structuring a policy of public and private sector participation with a view to enhance the scope of existing PPP strategy being executed by TMC.

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WE WELCOME **THANE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**
AS 56TH INSTITUTIONAL MEMBER

The Members are informed that as a result of Elections the following office bearers have been elected to the **New IUT Governing Council**:

Vice Presidents

1. Dr. P.K. Sikdar, Director, ICT, New Delhi
2. Shri S.K. Manglik, Consulting Engineer

Hony. Secretary

Shri Rajiv Chaudhry, Executive Director, Rly. Bd.,

Hony. Treasurer

Sh. A.A. Sahay, Former CEE, Railways

Hony. Jt. Secretary

Sh. S.K. Jagdhari, ED, IPWE, New Delhi

Members

1. Shri Abhay Negi, Dy. Genl. Mgr./ RITES
2. Ms. Kanika Kalra, Asstt. Manager UMTC
3. Dr. N.B. Johri, Former Jt. Director, NCRPB
4. Ms. Nimisha Pal, Vice President, ICT
5. Shri Pran Nath, Transport Advisor
6. Shri Rakesh Kaul, Vice President, SREI
7. Ms. Sujata Savant, Addl. G.M. RITES

In addition to Elected Members, the President also nominated to the Governing Council, (i) three officers of the Ministry of Urban Development viz., Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, OSD (MRTS) and Deputy Secretary (UT); (ii) former Hony. Secretary Prof. P.K. Sarkar, SPA; (iii) a representative each of Ministries of Road Transport & Highways and Railways; (iv) one representative each of Institutional Members, viz., Engineering Projects India Ltd. and Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd.; (iv) one representative each of IUT Chapters at Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad, Mumbai and Roorkee; and (v) one representative each of Technical Organizations viz., NIUA, CEPT University, SIAM, AMDA & TCPO.

Achievements of Members

We have been requesting Members of the Institute to advise whenever they are promoted, get awards, etc., so that all the members can share their achievements.

Training Workshop on Guidelines and Toolkits for Urban Transport Development in Medium Sized Cities in India (Nov 2-6, 2009, Hyderabad)

The Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD), Government of India in cooperation with Asian Development Bank (ADB) had commissioned an Urban Transport Strategy Study to assist Indian medium sized cities for preparing urban transport improvement projects that can be funded under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). The purpose of the study was to develop guidelines and toolkits based on worldwide experience and best practices, which can be utilized to select the most appropriate transport interventions and to subsequently securing funds for improvements in urban transport. These guidelines/toolkits have since been prepared and officially inaugurated for distribution by honorable Secretary of MoUD in May 2009.

A training programme was organized on guidelines and toolkits developed with ADB assistance, at the Engineering Staff College of India, Hyderabad from the 2nd to 6th November, 2009. This Training Workshop will be the first step in the dissemination process. It is expected that each of the participants trained in this workshop would become a focal person to further disseminate the use of the guidelines and toolkits within the respective agency.

Current status of updation of the data base of the Members of the IUT

Based on the efforts made by M/s. Vision Vibes, the vendor entrusted with the updation of the data base, only 214 members have updated their information in the data base out of the total membership of 1103. The remaining members have not responded to the request for updating the data base. This is for various reasons, including incorrect address, incorrect phone number, incorrect e-mail Id etc. Along with this Newsletter, a hard copy of the format for the data base is enclosed. It is requested that the same may please be filled in and returned to the IUT, who will ensure that the data base is updated based on the information now furnished.

IUT extends support to Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation in sensitizing different stake holders of the city on the Visakhapatnam Unified Metropolis Transport Authority (VUMTA) being set up

The Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) which was planning to constitute an apex body i.e. Visakhapatnam Unified Metropolis Transport Authority (VUMTA) at the city level to take decisions, suggestions and improvements in the city with participation of different stake holders both Government and Non-Government organisations. With a view to creating awareness amongst the different stake holders about the VUMTA, the GVMC conducted a one day workshop on 8th October, 2009 at Visakhapatnam. The assistance of IUT was requested for by the GVMC to sensitise the stakeholders on the proposed UMTA to be set up. In response to the request, IUT provided a team of resource persons consisting of Shri O.P. Agarwal, Vice President, IUT and Managing Director, UMTC, Shri B.I. Singal, Director General of IUT and Dr. S.Padam, Professor of Management and Transport Studies, to speak at the workshop on various aspects of the UMTA that is proposed to be set up.

Activities of the Institute

The Members are informed that the Institute, which was established in 1997, has now grown to be reckoned with Important Institutions in the country. The Institute is ready to help the Municipal Corporations to undertake various Urban Transport Projects, if they so desire. The present membership of the Institute is 1103 Individual Members, 70 Associate Members and 56 Institutional Members.

IUT Hony. Secy speaks at the World Habitat Day function at Imphal (Manipur)

At the invitation from the Town and Country Planning Department, Govt. of Manipur, Prof. P.K. Sarkar, Hony. Secy., IUT, participated as a key speaker in the World Habitat Day on 5th, Oct, 2009, organized by the Department at Imphal and delivered a lecture on the theme "A System Approach to Transport Planning- A Future Vision"

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