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Conference & Exhibition on “Urban Mobility in India-2008”

Institute of Urban Transport organized a Conference on Urban Mobility India, 2008 on behalf of Ministry of Urban Development of India for which a Steering Committee Chaired by Secretary, Urban Development, an Organizing Committee chaired by Director, OSD (MRTS) was setup along with a number of sub-committees, consisting of members and officials of the IUT. All the logistics of the Conference including the invitation of resource persons, delegates, venue arrangements, logistics for reception and stay of international resource persons etc. were handled by these committees and sub-committees. The Conference was partially funded by the Ministry of Urban Development and partially through delegate fees and sponsorship fees.

The aim of this Conference cum Exhibition was to bring all the technology and service providers from India and abroad, in all the fields of urban transport like Pedestrians, non motorized transport, Metro, Bus, BRTS, LRT, Trams, Inland water Transport, Ropeways, Parking and ITS as well as all the policy makers, practitioners and officials under one roof.

The conference and the exhibition were inaugurated by Shri S. Jaipal Reddy, Hon'ble Minister of Urban



Hon'ble Minister inaugurating the event
Dr. M. Ramachandran, Secretary, Urban Development & Smt. Kiran Dhingra, Secretary (HUPA) also in the picture

Development, Government of India on the 3rd December, 2008. Dr. M. Ramachandran, Secretary (Urban Development) and Ms. Kiran Dhingra, Secretary (HUPA) were also present in the inaugural session, which was attended by about 450 invitees and delegates. The Exhibition was also organized simultaneously with the Conference and had 35 exhibitors.

***We Wish
Prosperous & Happy
New Year
to All Members***

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Hon'ble Minister of Urban Development, Shri S. Jaipal Reddy, Minister mentioned that, keeping in view the pace of urbanization and the rapid growth of the urban economy, there is a need to support the process of urbanization with a particular emphasis on bringing about improvements in urban governance, infrastructure development and service delivery. Cities and urban centres in India are facing a significant deficiency as far as quality infrastructure and basic services are concerned. The three major gaps/challenges facing our cities are infrastructure, finance and governance. He noted that the JNNURM has been launched with the goal of achieving “reforms-drives” fast track and planned development of identified mission cities. He also noted that the States and Cities have been actively reaping the benefits of the Mission.

He also mentioned that, to address the challenges of providing an incentive to the adoption of public transport, Government has approved a comprehensive National Urban Transport Policy. Substantial financing is being made available under JnNURM and other schemes of the Central Government for implementing the NUTP by various states.



Hon'ble Minister addressing the Conference

The Hon'ble Minister mentioned that several initiatives have been taken up by the Government for improving the quality of urban mobility which include

- Setting up of an ITS – enabled modern city bus service in all the cities
- Standardisation of the quality of buses for urban transport for which Urban Bus Specifications have been formulated in consultation with all Stakeholders
- A new scheme for capacity building in urban transport has been prepared and for which the Institute of Urban

Transport will be strengthened to discharge this responsibility.

- 4 Centres of Excellence would be established in the field of urban transport from amongst various premier academic institutions.
- State Governments are being urged to set up a dedicated Urban Transport Fund - proceeds of which can come from earmarked state and local taxes – to exclusively meet investment requirements.

Finally he expressed optimism in overcoming the challenges in case we work in a milieu of collective and cooperative engagement and through which transform the future of our cities.



Dr. M. Ramachandran, Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development addressing the delegates

Dr. M. Ramachandran, Secretary Ministry of Urban Development while welcoming the delegates to the Joint session of the National Conference on JnNURM and Urban Mobility India, 2008 organized by Institute of Urban Transport observed that JNNURM has truly become a catalyst for implementation of the 74th Amendment to the Constitution. He noted with satisfaction that the twin approach of linking urban sector reforms with financial support for large scale capital investments for urban infrastructure has been well accepted by states and cities across the country. He highlighted some of the significant progress achieved by the Mission in triggering urban infrastructure investment and implementation of urban reforms across the country. He also observed that the JNNURM, has in addition to providing basic services in the urban area, has also initiated a strategic focus on urban mobility and transportation. In the area of Urban Mobility he highlighted the progress made so far, which included

introduction of modern city bus services with private sector participation in 8 cities, nine bus rapid transport projects being under implementation, metro projects being sanctioned for Bangalore and Kolkata with central and state assistance and Metro projects under PPP being taken up in Hyderabad and Mumbai.

He also touched upon some of the initiatives in urban mobility and transport which have been taken up under the Mission. These included the setting up of a dedicated Urban Transport Fund in a few cities, setting up of a Land Transport Authority in some cities, nomination of one department as the nodal department for urban transport in four states, 12 cities across India having developed Comprehensive Mobility Plan, launching of innovative projects for scientific management of auto rickshaws in some cities, reciprocal common transport agreement being signed between Delhi and neighboring states and finally, the Ministry of Urban Development recently appointing a national consultant for supporting cities in leveraging the Clean Development Mechanism in order to access carbon credits for their Urban Transport projects.

Dr. M. Ramachandran also shared with the delegates the decision of the Ministry about awards to be given for excellence in urban transport in various fields.

Finally he called upon the delegates and participants to constructively engage with one another to share their experiences and arrive at workable solution to address the challenges of urban transformation covering a broad range of issues from those relating to basic services to those of urban mobility.

Programme of the Conference

The Conference had 11 Technical sessions and panel discussions with eminent national and international panelists, on various subjects related to Urban Mobility.

The inaugural session on the 3rd December, 2008 was a joint session of the National Conference on JNNURM and Urban Mobility India 2008. The key note address was delivered by Prof. Ralph Gakenheimer of the Department of Urban Studies and Planning Massachusetts Institute of Technology on “Trends in Cities, Planning and Development”. He identified the trends affecting cities, planning and development viz. climate change, migration,

ethnic and racial conflict, technology, complex decision making, large scale development, emergence of hybrid public-private realm and holistic thinking about the city and its impact on urban transport. A comparative analysis of cities in India and China was also presented. Policy developments in India over the last 30 years were elaborated.



Prof. Ralph Gakenheimer giving key note address

In the end he mentioned that holistic thinking though not fully a trend was an important need.

Technical Session-1: On Comprehensive Mobility Planning & Land use-Transport Integration was chaired by Mr. Hans Rat Secretary General, International Association of Public Transport (UITP), Brussels

The speakers at the session included (i) Mr. Sam Zimmerman, now a senior urban transport specialist at the World Bank – who made a presentation on “Comprehensive Metropolitan Mobility Planning”; (ii) Mr. J.B. Kshirsagar, Chief Planner, Town and Country Planning Organisation, Ministry of Urban Development, a presentation on “Transit Oriented Development – Pros and Cons in the context of NCT, Delhi; ; (iii) Mr. Mohinder Singh, Director, Research & Planning, Dean, on “Mobility Planning & Land Use – Transport Integration in Singapore”; Mr. Fabio Duarte, a professor and director of the Master in Management of Urban Catholic University of Parana, Desenvolve pesquisas em Mobilidade Urbana, Redes, Tecnologias e Territorialidades, e Cidade e Mercado. who made a presentation on “ The Challenges of Success – Metropolitan Mobility – case study of Curitiba”; Mr. B.B. Mehta, Suptd. Engineer, CIDCO on “Integrated Transportation System for Navi Mumbai”. A

presentation was also made by the Urban Development Department of Government of Tripura on “Comprehensive Mobility Plan for Agartala”.

Technical Session-II A: On PPP in Urban Transport was chaired by Mr. Gaurav Gupta, Member – Convenor of Bangalore Metropolitan Land Transport Authority.

The Speakers at the session included: (i) Mr. Dario Hidalgo, a Senior Transport Engineer for EMBARQ, the World Resources Institute Centre of Sustainable Transport in Washington DC, USA, who made a presentation on “Public Private Partnership in the Transmilenio Bus System”; (ii) Mr. I.P. Gautam, IAS, Municipal Commissioner, Ahmedabad who made a presentation on “PPP Applications – BRTS, Ahmedabad”; (iii) Mr. S. Mulchandani, Executive Director, Ramratna Infrastructure Pvt Ltd, on “PPP in Parking Infrastructure”; (iv) Mr. Sachin Pant, President Structured Transaction Group, Innovest Advisory & Services Pvt. Ltd, on “Emerging Best Practices and Initiatives of PPP in Bus Terminal Development – A case study of Dehradun Bus Terminal”; (v) Mr. S. R. Ramanujam, Director, CRISIL, made a presentation on “Toolkit for PPP in Urban Bus Transport”

Technical Session II-B: Guided Mass Transit as Sustainable Options for Urban Mobility was Chaired by Dr. E. Sreedharan, Managing Director of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation.

The speakers at the session included: (i) Mr. Mangu Singh, Director, DMRC “A presentation of Metro Rail System”; (ii) Mr. Fredric Noel, of Veolia Transport, on “Tram Systems”; (iii) Mr. Ankur Bhatnagar, Vice President, International Business Affairs with Unimodal Systems on “Personal Rapid Transit Systems”; (iv) Mr. Kanesan Vellupillai, SCOMI, on “Mono Rail Systems”; (iv) Mr. Ouyama Yuji of Mitsumishi Electric Corporation, Japan on “Advance Technology of Electrical Equipment of Urban Train”; and (v) Dr. Raju Gottumukkala of AECOM, India on “Evolution of Mass Transit Railway in Hong Kong”.

Technical Session III : Best Practices in Organizing Para Transit and Travel Demand Management was chaired by Mr. O.P. Agarwal currently the MD of IIDC and UMTC. A transport specialist, an alumni of MIT.

The speakers at the session included: (i) Mr. Daniel Lim, currently head of FMS/Telematics Deptt, ST Electronics

(Info-Comm System) Pt. Ltd and made a presentation on “The New Generation of Taxi Booking and Dispatch System”; (ii) Dr. P.K. Sarkar, of the School of Planning & Architecture who made a presentation on “Application of Congestion Pricing Method as a part of Travel Demand Management in Central Area : Case of Study of Connaught Place, New Delhi”; (iii) Mr Niteen Kareer, IAS, Municipal Commissioner, Pune, on “Scientific Management of Auto Rickshaws”;

Technical Session III-B: PPP in Guided Mass Transit Systems Was chaired by Mr. B.I. Singal former MD RITES and well known Urban Transport Specialist.

The speakers at the session included (i) Mr. Tony Dufays, Director Regional Offices & Services, International Association of Public Transport (UITP) who made a presentation on “Experiences of PPP’s in Public Transport around the World”; (ii) Mr. Sam Zimmerman now a senior urban transport specialist at the World Bank made a presentation on “PPP’s for Rapid Transit: East Asia Case Studies”; (iii) Mr. P.R. K. Murthy, Chief, Transport and Communications, MMRDA who made a presentation on “Mumbai Metro – A Case Study of PPP”; and (iv) Mr. Fredric Noel of Veolia Transport who made a presentation on “PPP for the Provision of Public Transport Services and Delegated Management in France”.

Technical Session IV-A : Best Practices in promoting NMT was Chaired by Prof. Dinesh Mohan of the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi.

The speakers at the session included: (i) Mr. Roelof Wittink, Director, I-ce = Interface for Cycling Expertise, The Netherlands who made a presentation on “Cycling Inclusive Planning”; (ii) Mr. Pradeep Sachdeva of Pradeep Sachdeva Design Associates who made a presentation on “Planning Core Area Pedestrianisation”; (iii) Dr. Geetam Tewari, of IIT, Delhi on “NMT in Asian Cities”; and (iv) Prof. A.K. Das of Deptt. Of Design, IIT Guwahati, made a presentation on the “Dipbhan Rickshaw Bank Project”.

Technical Session IV-B : Planning Feeder System for Mass Transit was chaired by Mr. O.P. Agarwal, MD of IIDC and UMTC.

The speakers at the session included: (i) Mr. Dario Hidalgo a Senior Transport Engineer for EMBARQ, the World Resources Institute Centre of Sustainable Transport in Washington DC, USA, who made a presentation on

“Feeder Services in the TransMelenio Bus System”; (ii) Mr. Ajay Kumar of World Bank who made a presentation on “Developing New Frontiers to Improve Urban Mobility – Case Study of BRT, Lagos”; and (iii) Mr. Raj Kumar, Director (Operations), DMRC who made a presentation on “Feeder Bus Service of DMRC”.

Technical Session V: Mobility Planning & Management Using Intelligent Transport System was chaired by Prof. P.K. Sikdar, former Director of CRRI, who is currently Director at the Inter Continental Consultants & Technocrats Pvt. Ltd. (ICT), New Delhi.

The speakers at the session included: (i) Mr. Praveen Sood, Addl. Commissioner, Traffic Police, Bangalore who made a presentation on “Solutions to Traffic Congestion”; (ii) Mr. Muktesh Chandra, Addl. Commissioner of Police (Traffic), Delhi, who made a presentation on “Intelligent Traffic Management System for Delhi”; (iii) Mr. Bruno Corbucci of ATAC International Cooperation Unit as project manager, made a presentation on “Mobility Planning and Management using ITS in Rome”; (iii) Mr. Melvyn Haxby, Manager, International Business Development of Iteris who made a presentation on “Real Time Traffic Information System”. Presentation was also made on “Thane Railway Station Area Traffic Improvement Scheme (Multimode Integrated Project) by Mr. Kamal D. Lalla, City Engineer, Thane.

Technical Session-VI: Innovative Financing for Urban Transport was chaired by Mr. S.K Lohia, Officer on Special Duty (MRTS), Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India.

The speakers at the session included : (i) Mr. Huber Nove Josserand of the World Bank office at New Delhi who made a presentation on “Urban Public Transport Financing: employer’s transport charges”; (ii) Mr. Ashish Sharma, Municipal Commissioner, Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation, who made a presentation on “Financing Through Property Development and Advertising”; (iii) Ms. S. . Aparna, Municipal Commissioner, Surat (presentation made on her behalf) on “Urban transport fund in Surat”;(iv) Mr. O.P. Agarwal, Managing Director of UMTC who made a presentation on” Financing Modern City Bus Services”

Technical Session VII : Institutional Arrangement was chaired by Mr. O.P. Agarwal. is currently the MD of IIDC and UMTC.

The speakers at the session included: (i) Dr. Von Berlepsch Managing Director of Traffiq Frankfurt who made a presentation on “Urban transport integration – the case of Rhein Main and of Frankfurt transit association”; (ii) Mr Mohinder Singh on “Integrated Transport Management in Singapore – Institutional Framework”; (iii) Mr. Richard de Cani, Director of Major Transport Projects, Transport for London(TfL), who made a presentation on “Overview of Transport for London”; and Mr. Gaurav Gupta, Member-Convenor, Bangalore Metropolitan Land Transport Authority, who made a presentation on “Bangalore Metropolitan Land Transport Authority – UMTA for BMR”.

Technical Session VIII: Climate change and opportunities for clean development mechanism CDM for Urban Transport was Chaired by Mr.S. Sundar a retired distinguished civil servant of the IAS, currently NTPC Professor in Regulatory Studies in the TERI School of Advanced Studies, and a Distinguished Fellow at The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) who in his opening remark highlighted the need of CDM (Clean Development Mechanism) because of increasing reliance on Motor Vehicles, Energy Security.

Presentations were made by Ms. Divya Sharma of TERI on “Climate Change & Opportunitites for Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) in Urban Transport”; Mr. J. Adam, Country Director of Agence Francaise de Development on “Strategies Towards Low Carbon & Energy Efficient Urban Transport”; and Mr. Vinayak Bansal of Emergent Ventures on “CDM in Transportation Sector”.

Awards for Excellence

The Ministry of Urban Development had decided to give awards for “**Excellence in Urban Transport**” under different specific excellence in the following fields:

1. Best PPP initiative in Urban Transport Project
2. Best Cycle Rickshaw /Cycle Transport Project
3. Best Transit Project (BRTS, Metro/LRT etc.)
4. Best environmental friendly project
5. Best Intelligent Transport System Project
6. Best Multi Model Integrated Project
7. Best Comprehensive Integrated Plan having Integrated Land use and Transport Planning (for Consultant)

8. Best Project Management (for Consultant)
9. Best Research Work in Urban Transport in India (for Research Institution)
10. Any other aspects which committee deem fit for consideration.

Accordingly Institute of Urban Transport constituted a high level committee which invited proposals from all cities covered under JNNURM. In all 43 entries were received where projects for improvement of urban transport were under various plan are under implementation. These awards were evaluated on the basis of criteria fixed for evaluation. It was also decided that duration of the project from conception to implementation can also be given weightage in case there is a tie up for selection of the best award within the projects.

The basic aim of giving awards is to spread awareness for better Urban Mobility and encourage Urban Local Bodies to use latest technology and appropriate infrastructure for the mode they have to select for their urban areas. Hence all entries received were considered and deliberated in its High Level Committee meeting and finally decided to give awards as under :

1. Best PPP initiative in Urban Transport - **Surat Municipal Corporation** for its PPP initiative in City Bus Service, Traffic Island and Bus Stop Project for the award.
2. Best Cycle Rickshaw /Cycle Transport- **Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati** for its project “Diphahan Rickshaw Bank Project” improving Non motorized transport.
3. Best Mass Transit Project (BRTS, Metro/LRT etc.) – **Delhi Metro Rail Corporation** for planning, construction and Maintenance of Mass Rapid Transport System.
4. Best Environmental Friendly Project - **Surat Municipal Corporation** for the Transportation infrastructure and environment management in Surat for the award.
5. Best Intelligent Transport System Project – **Bangalore City Traffic Police** for adopting Best Intelligent Transport System (B-Trac 2010)
6. Best Multi Model Integrated Project–**Pune Municipal Corporation** for Station area traffic improvement project.

7. Special Awards were also given for following projects.
 - a) Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation for Electronic ticketing system in Public Transport System, Mysore.
 - b) Vadodara Municipal Corporation for Organized City Bus Service Vadodara
 - c) Regional Transport Authority, Pune for Scientific Management of Autorickshaw in Pune.
 - d) DDF Consultants Pvt. Ltd. Delhi. For the Preparation of “Comprehensive Mobility Plan for the Agartala City and its Metropolitan Area”

Valedictory Session of the Conference

These awards were given in the valedictory session of the conference which was presided by Shri O P Agrawal Vice President of the Institute, Shri Ajay Maken, Hon’ble Minister of State (Urban Development) who was the Chief Guest, gave away these awards of excellence to various winners in recognition of initiative and exemplary efforts made towards improvement in Urban Mobility.



Shri Ajay Maken, Minister of State for Urban Development addressing the Conference

Prof. P. K. Sikdar the other Vice President of the Institute thanked the Hon’ble Minister to grace the occasion. Prof. Sikdar also thanked the delegates who participated in the conference. He also thanked Expo World who arranged the Exhibition and thanked ITPO establishment for providing space for the Conference and Exhibition. In the end he thanked the Institute of Urban Transport staff for providing logistic support in organizing the event.

New Institutional Members

Mirabilis Advisory Pvt. Ltd.

Mirabilis advisory is a **boutique research-led consulting firm** that facilitates **global exchange** between India and the world's leading institutions, cities, regions and countries by building **partnerships** across the public and private sectors.

Functional areas of expertise include strategic marketing & brand consultancy, public-private Partnerships, business research, conference development and training. Clients are global brands that include governments, associations, public private partnerships, cultural & academic institutions, sports organisations, financial institutions, foundations and media organisations. As part of its focus on city development, Mirabilis Advisory is involved in the following areas:

- **Conferences and Seminars:**
 - Developed **Urban Habitats Forum (UHF)**, a public-private partnership with the India Habitat Centre. UHF serves as a collaborative platform for a network of multi-disciplinary thinkers and change-makers to push for innovation in shaping the next generation of cities in India. The forum has organised a number of seminars and events. The events have witnessed diverse participation from city-based stakeholder groups and decision makers.
 - Conducts events for **India Banao**, an independent platform for young Indians to participate in public affairs
- **Research on cities and urbanisation:**
 - Published original research including '**The Mirabilis Matrix: - An Analytical Framework for Urban thinking**'.
 - Commissioned by **WWF** to present strategy for sustainable urbanisation in India.
- **Market entry Strategy:**
 - Commissioned by **Volvo Ocean Race** to facilitate entry of the world's premier offshore yachting event to India
 - Commissioned by **UKIBC** to research business opportunities created by the rapid growth of 2nd tier cities in India for dissemination to UK SMEs.
- **Brand development:**
 - Commissioned by the **London Development Agency** to advise London's Emerging Markets Programme with a focus on India and China
 - Supported implementation of "**India Now**" - a 3-month cultural festival in London
 - Supported implementation of "**London-India: Partners in Globalisation**" - a 7-day market activation programme in India led by the Mayor of London and various agencies

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AS 48TH INSTITUTIONAL MEMBER

Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation

Pimpri Chinchwad is one of the fastest growing cities of Maharashtra. The Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation has always been on the forefront for urban development and in 2005, the corporation under the Jawarhal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission, revisited its resolve to provide better urban services, prepared a City Development Plan in consultation with the citizens of the city. Through this plan it has reaffirmed its long term commitment to the citizens and documented its intentions to be at the forefront of economic development and to contribute to maintaining and sustaining the vibrant economic growth of the region to be a principal service provider and facilitator by ensuring provision of universal access to urban poor, improving standard of education and providing an efficient administration. City connectivity through world class road infrastructure amounting to over Rs. 1500 crores will be developed with Private Sector Participation, these roads will enable bus and tram based mass transit systems through segregated corridors.

Providing Urban Services to a population that is doubling every 8 - 10 years will always be a challenge for PCMC. The city has embarked in many water supply, sewerage and solid waste management projects. The corporation is also experimenting with state of the art projects like converting plastic waste to fuel. PCMC is partnering the technology provider to make this venture scalable to city level waste disposal needs. The projects and initiatives aim to transform the city. These initiatives are being led by an able administration and a vibrant political establishment. The mayor, standing committee chairman along-with the elected corporators support the administration to reach greater heights. PCMC's e governance initiatives are aimed at getting the citizen closer to administration. The Citizen Facilitation Centre at PCMC covers 75 citizen related services and is governed by a Citizens Charter. The e governance initiatives also intend to make the city wire free by setting up a wifi network across the city under PPP framework.

In addition to discharging its mandatory duties, PCMC is also supporting economic development. It has partnered with Ministry of Commerce in developing Auto Cluster a Joint venture initiative for setting state of the art Automobile Research and Development centre. This auto cluster intends to support R&D works for the auto and auto ancillary units in the pune region. In order to bring about fast development of public amenities like shopping and entertainment, PCMC has released land on Public Private Partnership modes to the private sector for setting up shopping complex, hospitals, malls and entertainment centers.

The path ahead is long and filled with challenges, PCMC will take this challenge to deliver the city of tomorrow, we will not rest on its laurels and continue to strive to make Pimpri Chinchwad the city of the future. A city that encourages inclusive economic growth and prosperity for all its citizens.

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WE WELCOME PIMPRI CHINCHWAD MUNICIPAL
CORPORATION AS 49TH INSTITUTIONAL MEMBER

Annual General Meeting

The 12th Annual General Body Meeting of Institute of Urban Transport was held on 5th December 2008 in the absence of President, on that day Prof. P.K. Sikdar, Vice President of the Institute presided. The total numbers of 29 members were present. The meeting was adjourned for want of quorum and reconvened meeting held after half an hour transacted the following agenda.

1. **Confirmation of minutes** of the last Meeting The minutes of meeting of Annual General Body Meeting held on 5.12.2007 which had been circulated earlier along with agenda, was taken up.
2. **Hony. Secretary's Report:** The Hon. Secretary, Dr. P.K. Sarkar presented a report on the activities of the Institute for the year 2008, the salient features were as follows :
 - a) Conference on I.T.S. & Sustainable Mobility under JNNURM Initiatives in India in December, 2007 at New Delhi. This event coincided with the Institutes Annual Congress 2007
 - b) To review progress of BRTS in Indian Cities in May 2008 at New Delhi.
 - c) Workshop on Guidelines and Toolkits for Urban Transport Development in Medium sized Cities in India in June, 2008 in Goa.
 - d) Workshop on Guidelines and Toolkits for Sustainable Urban Transport Planning in India on 30th June 2008 was held at New Delhi.
 - e) During the year Institute brought out two News Letters and One issue of the Journal which were circulated to all the members.

Strengthening of Institute

Ministry of Urban Development was requested to provide technical and financial support based on the recommendations of an UNDP sponsored study for a National Level Institute of Urban Transport for which an initiative has been taken to prepare a draft document on strengthening of the IUT along with the detailed action plan for various activities of the Institute. This will be circulated in due course of time.

Membership Enrolment

During the last year 34 new members were enrolled as Individual Members bringing total individual membership as 1029. The Institute has also been able to enroll 10 Institutional Members during the year bringing the total Institutional membership on date as 48.

3. The Auditors report and the Audited Accounts for the year ending 31.3.2008

The report and Audited Accounts which had been circulated to the members in advance were considered and approved after a brief discussion.

4. Appointment of Auditor for the year 2008-09

Ms. Bindra & Associates, Auditor who have audited last year accounts were approved as the Auditor for the year 2008-09 at a fee same as that of the previous year i.e. Rs.15,000/- plus usual taxes and terms and conditions.

5. Budget for the year 2008-09

Hony. Treasurer, Shri A.A. Sahay proposed a budget for the next year. Vice President Prof. P.K. Sikdar read out the important features of the budget which showed the estimated expenditure as Rs.18.50 lakhs. It was also mentioned that the Institute expects earnings through Membership fee Interests on Fixed Deposits, fee for Technical Support to Ministry, Contribution for sponsorships etc. After brief discussion the members appreciated the work done by Institute and approved budget for next year.

6. Resolutions: The resolutions which were circulated along with the agenda were then discussed:

Resolution No. 1 : Tenure of the governing council to be increased from 2 years to 3 years.

After a brief discussion it was decided that the Institute will check up the factual position whether the Society Act 1860, has any such provision and then submit it to the Executive Committee for consideration.

Resolution No. 2 : It was proposed that since the Institute is quite known internationally the post of Executive Director may be upgraded as Secretary General or Director General and may be filled early.

After a brief discussion the General Body Meeting approved the post to be designated as Director General. Vice President clarified that this matter of appointing a suitable person after pro-active search will be left to the Executive Committee who will also decide the remuneration to be paid to the concerned person.

Resolution No. 3 : It was proposed that the representation of the Ministry may be increased to three by including OSD (MRTS) as the Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser and Director (UT) were earlier nominated. After a brief discussion the proposed resolution was approved.

7. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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