

# HARYANA PLANNERS Newsletter

INSTITUTE OF TOWN PLANNERS, INDIA

From: Editor's Desk



Dear Members,

I am glad to present the 23rd issue of Haryana Planners Newsletter of ITPI-HRC. The Institute of Town Planners, India, Haryana Regional Chapter (ITPI-HRC), Panchkula had organized one day seminar on 19.06.2021 on the theme "Riverfront Development: Ghaggar River", at Panchkula and the main focus of the seminar was to tap the latent potential of beauty of Ghaggar River by developing its riverfront.

The presentation was followed by very lively and thought provoking interactive session to emphasize. The seminar and AGM was attended by more than 30 delegates including Town Planners, Architects, Engineers and other professionals from Haryana, Punjab and Chandigarh physically and also via digital platform.

I hope the content of newsletter will be helpful in providing updates on the latest developments. I also request to contribute articles/news for publication in the next issue of newsletter.

ITPI-HRC is conducting research on the topic: "Urban Redevelopment of Core Area - Ambala City" and the next topic would be "Rental Housing". Members are requested to send their suggestions/ inputs on the structure of above studies. During last few months we have lost five of our senior members/ planners including our founding chairman Sh S.B Verma. It is a great loss to the town planning fraternity as well as HRC-ITPI.

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## SEMINAR ON THE THEME "RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT: GHAGGAR RIVER"



The Institute of Town Planners, India, Haryana Regional Chapter (ITPI-HRC), Panchkula had organized one day seminar on 19.07.2021 on the theme "Riverfront Development: Ghaggar River" at ITPI-HRC auditorium, Panchkula and the main focus of the seminar was to understand the techniques and strategies. The seminar was attended

by more than 30 delegates including Town Planners, Architects, Engineers and other professionals from Haryana, Punjab and Chandigarh.

Sh. Narender Kumar, the then Secretary, HRC welcomed the Chief Guest Sh. A.K. Singh, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government of Haryana Town and Country Planning Department, Haryana. He also

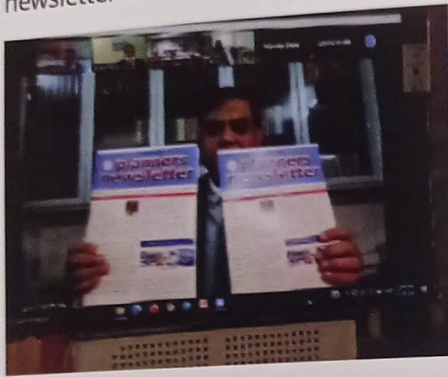


welcomed the delegates for attending the workshop and explained the necessity of conducting the workshop. A presentation on the theme of the seminar was also made by Ms. Gurpreet Kaur, Research Officer, ITPI-HRC. Speaking on the occasion, Sh. A.K. Singh congratulated ITPI-HRC for taking up a very relevant study on River Front Development: Ghaggar River.



He emphasized the role of the professionals particularly the town planners in shaping the urban forms of the towns, planning futuristic towns and channelizing the growth of urban areas. He appreciated the study conducted by HRC-ITPI and assured to take it further for its implementation. He recommended that the project should be financially self-sustainable. He released the research study published by HRC-ITPI.

Sh. K.K. Khandelwal, IAS (Retd.) Chairman, HARERA, Gurugram also graced the occasion and released the newsletter of HRC-ITPI. In his address, he requested Sh.



A.K. Singh to increase the strength of town planners in Haryana for ensuring proper planning and management of towns particularly in view of the rapid pace of

urbanization in the state. He emphasized the need for proper implementation and enforcement of the plans prepared by the town planners.



The seminar ended with the interactive session including discussions and suggestions given by the audience. Sh V.K. Goyal, the then Chairman, ITPI-HRC, extended vote of thanks to the gathering and the organizing committee.

### RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEMINAR

The findings and recommendations of the Seminar:-

1. The objective is to tap the latent potential of beauty of Ghaggar River by developing its riverfront and to save the precious land from encroachment by slums and squatters.
2. The study has brought out the current problems being faced by the people living in the surroundings of the River Ghaggar being caused due to improper utilization of available open land which otherwise has large potential for development as a beautiful riverfront.
3. It can act as a potential for not only tourists visiting the area but also the local residents of tri-city.

4. The main strategies to achieve is to understand the river flows, identifying preferred activities, defining edge conditions and levels to manage water flows, identifying phases that can be implemented now, raising awareness, interest and sense of ownership.

The implementation of the above relevant points would go a long way in solving the delicate issues related to the Ghaggar River.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The seminar was followed by the AGM, Sh. Narendra Kumar, the then Secretary, ITPI-HRC had presented Secretary's Report and Accounts of HRC for seeking approval of the same by the general body. The elections of office bearers and members of Executive Committee of ITPI-HRC, Panchkula for the year 2021-2022 were also conducted by Sh. S.D. Saini, Returning Officer.

### NEWS UPDATE

1. The AGM and elections of new executive committee (2021-22) were held on 19th June 2021 in which Sh. S.S Chauhan has been elected as Chairman, Sh. Vijay Kumar as Secretary and Sh. Pankaj Beniwal as Treasurer.



2. National Flag was hoisted on the occasion of Independence Day by members at ITPI-HRC building on 15th August, 2021.



3. HRC has successfully completed plantation in the green belt outside ITPI-HRC building and also distributed plants to the participating members and their families.
4. Research study on "Urban Redevelopment of Core Area - Ambala City" has been started under the guidance of Sh. S.D. Saini, Ex-Council Member and Ex-Vice President of ITPI-Delhi.



5. 69th National Town and Country Planners Conference was attended by Sh. S.S. Chauhan, Chairman, ITPI-HRC, which was held on the theme "SDGs in the context of Covid-19" on 26th-28th February, 2021 at Visakhapatnam, A.P.



6. Sh. V.K. Goyal has joined as a Member, HARERA, Gurugram in March, 2021 after his retirement as Chief Town Planner, Urban Local Bodies, Panchkula on 31st October, 2020.

7. Sh. S.S. Chauhan, Sh. S.D. Saini, Sh. P.P. Singh, Sh. Vijay Kumar attended the lecture on Land Pooling given by Sh. N.K. Patel, President, ITPI at Punjab Regional Chapter, ITPI, Chandigarh on 1st July, 2021.



8. Sh. N.K. Patel, President, ITPI visited ITPI-HRC and attended a Group Discussion on New Township Project of Panchkula on 2nd July.



9. The following officers have been promoted in Town and Country Planning Department, Haryana on 2nd August, 2021:

i. Smt. Madhusmita Moitra has been posted as Chief Town

Planner, Municipal Corporation, Gurugram.

ii. Sh. Devendra Nimbokar has been posted as Chief Town Planner, Haryana Enterprises Promotion Centre (HEPC).

iii. Sh. P.P. Singh has been posted as Chief Town Planner, Haryana.

10. Sh. K.K. Khandelwal, IAS (Retd.), Chairman, HARERA, Gurugram visited ITPI-HRC on 26th July, 2021 and appreciated the infrastructure and architecture of the ITPI-HRC building.



11. Sh. Devendra Nimbokar has joined in TERI School of Advanced Studies, Institutional Area, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi for pursuing Doctoral Research Programme in Regional Water Studies Department. He intends to pursue his Research on Water Sensitive City, Urban Sustainability and Virtual Water Concept for Gurugram Metropolitan Area and other prominent cities of Haryana.

12. Sh. N.S. Chauhan, Chief Town Planner, Town & Country Planning, Haryana took voluntary retirement on 31st July, 2021.

13. Sh. S.D. Saini, Ex-CTP has been elected as member, ITPI Council and Executive Committee for the year 2021-22.

14. Sh. S.D. Saini, Council Member and Sh. S.S. Chauhan, Chairman, ITPI-HRC attended the North Zone Conference on the theme "Transformation of Urban Planning and Development in Uttar Pradesh" held at Hyatt Regency, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow on 9th October, 2021.





## OBITUARIES

### Sh. Chaman Lal Bali (1942-2021)

Sh. Chaman Lal Bali was born in 1942. He did his Bachelors in Architecture from Chandigarh College of Architecture. He joined the Department of Town and Country Planning, Haryana as Planning Assistant in 1967-68. He retired as Senior Town Planner till his retirement and settled at Gurugram. He passed away on 01.09.2021.



### Sh. D.N. Juneja (1931-2021)

Sh. D.N. Juneja was born in 1931. He had joined the department as Assistant Town Planner in 1950. He has served the Town & Country Planning department in various capacities and retired in 1983 as Senior Town Planner. He left us on 17.10.2021.



### Sh. S.K. Kapur (1940-2021)

Sh. S.K. Kapur was born in 1940. He had joined the department as Assistant Town Planner in 1967. He served the department for 30 years and retired as Chief Town Planner in 1998. He left us on 23.10.2021.



### Smt. Madlasi Rani (1942-2021)

Smt. Madlasi Rani retired as Chief Town Planner, ULB, Haryana. After her retirement she was practising as a lawyer and settled at Yamunanagar, Haryana.

### Sh S.B. Verma (1948-2021)

Sh. S.B. Verma was born on 5th September, 1948. He retired as CCP, NCR in September, 2006. He was the Council Member of the ITPI, New Delhi and the founding Chairman of the ITPI-HRC. He was instrumental in getting land allotted to the ITPI, New Delhi for construction of HRC building and He got the design of the building prepared from renowned architect and supervised the construction work. He galvanized the members for arranging funds for construction of the chapter building. He left us for the heavenly abode on 22.11.21.



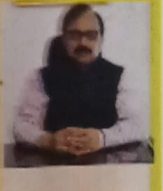
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## CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Dear members,

I am honored to express deep gratitude to all the members of ITPI-HRC for providing me another opportunity to serve as the chairman of this dignified body. I shall try my best to reenergize this professional institution by arranging seminars, workshops and conferences on relevant themes and other e-initiatives. I shall be making the best efforts to sustain the dignity of ITPI-HRC. Many activities have been initiated to foster the planning profession to facilitate the town planners and practitioners to achieve a balanced and healthy urban development. In this series, ITPI-HRC, Panchkula organized a seminar on the theme "Riverfront Development: Ghaggar River" on 19.07.2021 at ITPI-HRC auditorium, to enhance research activities, various research topics have been selected and research is being done on the same. To augment the quality of research work, a review committee has been constituted. ITPI-HRC is conducting research on the topic: "Urban Redevelopment of Core Area - Ambala City" and the next topic would be "Rental Housing". Various committees have been constituted this year such as Executive Committee, Building Committee, Professional and Library Committee are doing a commendable job. The Publication Committee also deserves special appreciation to bring out this newsletter. I take this opportunity to call upon every member to associate him/herself with activities of the chapter and take part in making the forthcoming seminars a big success.



**S.S. Chauhan**  
Chairman, ITPI-HRC

## WORKING COMMITTEE (2021-22)

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ii.	Sh. J.S. Redhu	Member	ii.	Dr. Virender Singh	Member
iii.	Sh. P.P. Singh	Member			

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