

KARNATAKA STATE CENTRE  
Seminar on Urban Planning  
August 19, 2011, Bengalooru

ISLE KSC organised a seminar on the Necessity of Urban Planning in Growing Cities in collaboration with Jasubhai Media Pvt Ltd, Mumbai. The seminar was sponsored by the International Federation for Highrise Structures, Society for Energy Engineers and Managers and the Fire and Security Association of India.

Swati Dhake from Jasubhai Media welcomed the gathering.

Mr. M.S.N. Swamy, Chairman, ISLE Karnataka State Centre addressed the Delegates on the Importance of Lighting and highlighted the need to associate with lighting specialists from the planning stage,

He pointed out that to conserve energy without compromising the quality of lighting it was necessary to select a proper light source suited to the task, select a luminaire depending on the light distribution required, integrate daylight, use proper controls and ensure proper management of the system. He illustrated these concepts with examples from the lighting of museums and artifacts and the lighting of flyovers.

The participants consisting mainly of Town Planners, Architects, Developers and Government officials were very impressed with the proposals and recommendations. This was evident from the Q & A session.

Mr. A. Ravindra, Advisor to the Hon'ble CM Karnataka State, Urban Affairs in his Keynote Address described how the budget estimate was made during the planning stage and how difficult it was to implement.

Prof. Dr. Eng. H.R. Viswanath, President of IFHS, Ar. Hariharan, Architect and Developer, Biodiversity Conservation India Limited, Dr. Srinivasa Murthy, Professor of Psychiatry (retd), The Association for the Mentally Challenged, Ms.Sujaya Rathi AICP, Principal Research Scientist, Center for Study of Science, Technology & Policy, Mr. P. Narsing Rao, Director, Urban Development Research Institute, Mr. Suresh Heblkar, Film Maker, Actor and Environmentalist, Chairman, Eco-Watch, Ar. Vidhyadhar Wodeyar, Architect and Town Planner all spoke on various aspects of planning for a better and healthier growth of a city

Ar. K. Jaisim, Principal Architect, Jaisim-Fountainhead, in his concluding remarks said that without political will no city can grow as planned. It could be seen how the cities were growing in our country and the problems being faced. He added that it was necessary to make politicians understand the importance of this issue to see results.