

PROFILE OF ARCHITECT I. M. ASTHANA.

- (1) Graduated from Department of Architecture, IIT Kharagpur as Bachelor of Architecture, with 1st Class Honours in 1959.
- (2) Started Professional Career in Architecture in 1959. FIIA and Registered with COA.
- (3) During this period, worked in all types of Building projects such as Cultural Centers, Educational Centers, Commercial Buildings, Residential Complexes, Sports Complexes, Banks, Religious Buildings and Industrial Complexes.
- (4) The landmark projects have been,
 - (a) Auxilium parish Church in Kolkata,
 - (b) Kala Mandir Auditorium,
 - (c) Hariyana Vidya Mandir School
 - (d) Our Lady Queen of the Missions school
 - (e) IIT Kharagpur Extension Center at Salt Lake
 - (f) Electronic Library at IIT Kharagpur
 - (g) Interiors for Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law at IIT Kharagpur
 - (h) Terry Waite Vocational Center at Ranaghat for Y-Care Foundation UK and Government of UK.
 - (i) Salt Lake Shiksha Sadan School.

Assignments Abroad

- (1) Operated an Architectural Practice in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, and designed buildings for Ministry of Housing and Ministry of Education, Corporate Building for Khaleej Times.
- (2) Operated an office in Fort Lauderdale, USA and designed huge warehouses for Walmart, hospital in Arizona, Residential Complex in California etc.

- (3) Residential Complex at Dhaka.
- (4) Anti Corrosive Chemical manufacturing plant at Tehran, Iran.
- (5) Poly Propylene Bags manufacturing plant at Sana, Yemen.
- (6) Low Cost Housing Residential Project in Nigeria.

Recipient of numerous Awards and Certificates of Appreciation and National and International recognition such as –

- (a) Special Invitation to meet Lord Mayor of Swansea, Wales in 1988 to receive Scroll of Excellence from Lord Mayor on behalf of Overseas Development Agency, Government of UK.
- (b) Recipient of Certificate of Appreciation from IIA in 1994, for contribution to Architecture in 1993.
- (c) Jury Member of Architect of The Year Award in 1996 and 1998.
- (d) Recipient of Shelter Award by Shelter Promotion Council of India in 1999.
- (e) Recipient of Scroll of Appreciation in 2008 for Founding the first Alumni Association of IIT Kharagpur and elected as Chairman Emeritus.
- (f) Former Chairman, West Bengal Chapter, IIA.
- (g) President, Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City, 2001-2002
- (h) Executive Council member Indian Society of Lighting Engineers, 2005-2009.
- (i) Life Member Technology Foundation, IIT Kharagpur.
- (j) Visiting Professor at Department of Architecture, IIT Kharagpur on numerous occasions.

As a prime mover, started the Technology Alumni Association of IIT Kharagpur with the blessings of past professors like Prof. R. Mishra, Prof. Keshav Murthy, Prof. Pandya etc over 50 years ago and continued relentlessly for the advancement of TAA. The association had its first meeting in his office and flourished for several years under his dynamic leadership. The movement of Alumni Association gained momentum and several chapters in various cities came up one by one in India and abroad, the crowning moment being the birth of Alumni Association in Silicone Valley, USA. The ultimate of the efforts was hosting of PAN IIT meet in Kolkata in 2012, under joint leadership of senior alumni such as Sandipan Chakraborty, Anirudha Roy and Pronab Guha.

