

## PROFILE



**Prof. Dr. P.S.N. Rao** (b.1964) is an eminent personality in the architecture, town planning and urban development sector in India, playing a proactive role as an academician, consultant, policy advocate and advisor for 32 years. He is trained an *architect, civil engineer and urban planner*. He is a recipient of the SPA Gold Medal, Indian Buildings Congress Medal, the AICTE Young Teachers' Award, *Shiksha Rattan Puraskar* and Best Citizens Award.

**Presently, he is Director ( equivalent to Vice Chancellor in Pay Scale of Rs.2,10,000 + Rs.11,250 special pay ) of the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi ( an ' Institution of National Importance' under an Act of the Parliament ) under the Ministry of HRD, Government of India.**

He is also currently the *Chairman, Delhi Urban Art Commission (DUAC)* since 2014, a statutory body under an Act of Parliament, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India. He was also *Chairman, Committee on Maintenance and Modernisation of Rashtrapati Bhawan* from 2014 – 2017.

**His professional work focuses on a range of areas in urban planning which include affordable housing and real estate, smart cities, urban land management, property valuation, public-private partnerships, water, sanitation and slums and urban governance. He has undertaken a large number of assignments and has widely published, over 130 papers and 4 books. He is also on the Visiting Faculty and Examiner at various universities for PG and Doctoral programmes.**

He was Chairman, Institute of Town Planners, India ( Delhi Regional Chapter ) from 2018-2020 and has been involved in various activities for promoting education and practice of town planning in India.

From the year 2003 to 2006, at the Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi, he was Professor of Urban Management and was engaged in *capacity building of senior public officials of the civil services including IAS, elected municipal officials and Mayors*. He also worked on appraisal of city development plans for several cities under the flagship programme called J.N. National Urban Renewal Mission ( JNNURM ) of the Government of India.

He has worked on various research projects funded by the World Bank, DFID, UNICEF, USAID and GIZ. He is also presently working on UKIERI research projects with various international universities and institutions located in various countries.

As a Member of the Mortgage Committee of Indian Banks' Association ( IBA ) and National Housing Bank ( NHB ), Prof. Rao was responsible for bringing out the *Handbook on Policy, Procedures and Standards for Real Estate Valuation by Banks and HFIs in India* which is being widely utilized by all banks and housing finance institutions across the country. Page | 2

As a part of the Rajiv Aawas Yojana ( RAY ) programme of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation ( MoHUPA ), Government of India, Prof. Rao was engaged in hand holding various state governments in North India for implementing RAY and Slum Free City Plans under the support programme of DFID of UK Government.

He was also actively associated with Ashoka – Innovators for the Public and TUV, for developing a rating system for affordable housing projects. Recently, he has undertaken a research project on Affordable Housing funded by GIZ, Germany.

He has been a Member of the CII as well as PHD Chamber National Committees on Urban Infrastructure, Housing and Cement for several years. As a Visiting Faculty at the National Institute of Construction Management and Research ( NICMAR ), he has guided 35 research studies. He was also Visiting Faculty to TERI University. He is also currently a *Member of the Research Projects Committee of the CSIR* for Fast Track Civil Engineering projects. Currently, he is also *Member of the Expert Appraisal Committee ( EAC ) – Infra 2 of the MOEF, GoI* for examining projects from all over India for granting environmental clearance. He is also a *Member of the National Wetlands Committee, MOEF, GoI, Member, Committee for Innovative Ideas for Tableaux in Republic Day Parade 2019, Ministry of Defence and Member, National Level Committee for Setting up Museum and Memorials for Tribals who Played a Role in Freedom Struggle, Ministry of Culture, GoI.* He is also a Member of the *Delhi Pollution Control Committee* of the Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

He is also *Chairman, Town and Country Planning Board, AICTE, Government of India.* He has been recently appointed as Member, Central Zoo Authority, MoEF, Government of India.

He was a *Member of the Task Force on Rental Housing, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India.* He was also a member of the *Committee on Prefabrication* at the BIS. Recently, he has been a Member of the Global Housing Technology Challenge ( GHTC ) under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India set up last year.

Prof. Rao advised the Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority on the new capital city of Amaravati. He has also undertaken various assignments for Government of Maharashtra, ONGC Townships in various cities, Numaligarh Township, RURBAN plans sponsored by Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India for several states, Land Monetisation and Redevelopment of Lands at Sarai Rohilla and Ashok Vihar, Delhi for RLDA,

Land Monetisation and Redevelopment of Government Lands for PWD, Maharashtra, Mumbai, etc. He has also been engaged in the preparation of master plans for several cities in India. Currently, he is a Consultant to the NCR Planning Board for the National Capital Region Plan 2041 and on the Apex Committee for preparation of the Master Plan for Delhi 2041.

Prof. Rao was on the Board of Directors of NAR, USA for the year 2014. Currently, he is an *Independent Director on the Board of the Ujjain Smart City Ltd.* He is also Member, Board of Studies of the Hyderabad Central University and Building and Works Committee of IIT Delhi. Recently, he was appointed Chairman of a Committee for Examining the Master Plan of BHU Campus in Varanasi. He has recently been appointed as a Member of the General Council of the National Board of Accreditation.

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He designed the 40 acres campus of the Kavikulaguru Kalidasa Sanskrit University at Nagpur. He was also an advisor for setting up a Vedic University in Gurugram, Haryana.

He has participated in seminars in various countries viz. USA, UK, Ethiopia, France, Japan, Singapore, China, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Nepal. Recently, he participated in the Knowledge Summit – 2 in Paris.

**In the year 2018, he was appointed as the Architect for designing ‘Sadaiv Atal’, the memorial for Shri. Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Bharat Ratna, Former PM of India.**

He was the *Chairman of the Jury for the new Parliament Building and Central Vista Redevelopment Plan* of the MoHUA, Government of India in 2019 and *Chairman, Jury for the National War Museum*, Ministry of Defence, Government of India in 2020..

He was also appointed *Member, Committee for Display of Art Works in Rashtrapati Bhawan.*

**He has also been recently involved in the redesigning of the Study of the Honourable President of India and the North Gardens at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.**

He was a Member of the Governing Council of the India Habitat Centre from 2018 to 2020. He is also a Member of the India International Centre.

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