

### From Editors Desk

I hope all my Peata friends are back from summer holidays and are ready to face the Mumbai monsoon . On a lighter note are also ready to face new policy' s if any as may be brought by our new Hon Commissioner Shri Sitaram Kunte .

As you all know Peata has been organizing fruitful and successful seminars by efforts taken by our President Shri Pavin Kanekar and Vice President Shri Shirish Sukhatme.. One of such Seminar was held in month of June on the topic Rising Skyline of Mumbai. Peata also arranged a tour to unusual office building at Santacruz, for executive committee members , coordinated by Shri Dinesh Shah.our Tour Committee Chairman.

As far as file approvals in building proposal and head office is concerned , I would only sum it up in two word.....**No comments**....this say it all



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## Rising Skyline of Mumbai 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012

PEATA (I) held seminar On Rising Skyline of Mumbai on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at Manek hall. and as always the seminar was attended with over 500 architects and engineers from all over Mumbai. President Shri Pravin Kanekar thanked all the Peata members for attending the seminar in large numbers. He also appreciated his team in executive committee for organizing the seminar Below are some of the points he raised in presence of Chief guest Municipal Commissioner Shri Sitaram Kunte

- We are well aware about recommendation to U. D. by Former Hon'ble Municipal Commissioner Shri. Subodh kumarji about revamping the whole structure of High Rise Committee. In one of our close door meeting even U. D. Secretary has clearly indicated about the ht. 120.0 or 150.0 M. insted 70.0 M. Notification is yet to be issued. Our fraternity is looking for that day to come

Today we are very proud to have Hon'ble Municipal Commissioner Shri. Sitaram Kunte with us as Chief Guest. We have no interaction with him before. It is heard, he is very soft spoken. Sir, We have to interact with you a lot. We have already submitted our representation and requested you to give us an appointment independently as a professional Body. Before moving towards the rising sky and counting the twinkling stars on the sky line with your kind permission I would like to uprise about PEATA and the present scenario in the Building Industry and the problem being faced by us.

Very recently after sanction of modifications to D. C. R. while issuing the circular for clarification, for a change the earlier practice was discontinued, we were not involved in the process. The result was circulars for clarification dated 24<sup>th</sup> Jan. and dated 30<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2012 and thereafter one more circular dated 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. for correction of earlier circular. So much so there are few lacunas remained in the circular dated 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. which we have already pointed out in our representation submitted to you. In short please continue the earlier practice of involving us while preparing policies, circular pertaining to our Industry.



While summing up one humble request to Hon'ble Municipal Commissioner. It is always said for meeting we need to have common Agenda, today we are on "High Rise". However if you consider entire building industry and our fraternity at large a very small section is working on it. At large the problems are different. Since last two years the Building Industry is slowed down tremendously. Since last six months i.e. after inception of modification the parameter and also the Barometer is changed. Mentally we are prepared for the same. To bring everybody on level playing field was certainly a courageous decision and a bold step, we all have well taken it, in fact during our last seminar on modification to D. C. R. we appreciated modifications and its creator from bottom of our heart. We have emphasized on "Implementation" and dreaming for speedy approval. Sir the pace is very slow. We have to face lots of constrains due to few of modification. Modifications to modification were suggested by us, which were upheld and recommended to U. D. by former Municipal commissioner Shri. Subodhkumarji during End of March 2012. We need to pursue with Government on priority.

We all are eager to listen to you. Your views, your direction to learned staff and to our fraternity is absolute essential. Industry need to survive. It need not die. It is a question of bread and butter for the weakest person in the Industry.

Speakers for the Evening were

Hon'ble Justice Shafi Parkar, who is Chairman of High Rise Committee .

Ar. Suhas Deshpande of Deshpande – Paranjpe a versitle Designer.

Shri. G. D. Chiplunkar,

Dr. Rakesh Kumar, an Environmentalist, Chief

Dr. V. V. Nori, eminent personality in the field of structural designing

Shri. Sunil Nesrikar, Dy. C. F. O. (I. C.)

Shri Shirish Sukhatme Vice President of Peata(i) as always was at his best in conducting the seminar, Dr H.M. Rajee was convener along with Shri Ajit Khatri.

## Tour to Grand Palladium 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012

PEATA arranged a study tour of its Executive committee to Grande Palladium a office building at Santacruz on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 .Around 15 members of committee were present. Shri Dinesh shah tour committee chairman had organized the tour on behalf of Peata along with tour committee team. Architect Jay from Malik architects explained the design concept in detail.

Below is the synopsis of the whole project.

The uniqueness of this project is that it operates on multiple levels. On one hand it uses technology and intelligent design to improve the working environment of its inhabitants, while working inclusively in an urban context. The GMS Grande Palladium is hoisted 8 meters above the ground to create a landscaped courtyard that is more interconnected with the street level. The main lobby of the building is located here as well as a cafe, where employees and visitors can enjoy the outdoor shaded space. A parking garage is located underground to maximize space and reduce the urban heat island effect. Above are four levels of generic commercial space for a variety of companies with the top floors reserved for the building's owner and his son.

Malik Architecture aimed to create a holistic and healthy working environment, so they incorporated operable windows for natural ventilation and lots of delighting through the specially placed horizontal windows and the north and east glazed facades. Indoor air quality management, an energy efficient HVAC system and intelligent lighting ensure a comfortable indoor climate.

The GMS Grande Palladium, office building in Kalina that's the official address, it's literally a stone throw from Bandra Kurla Complex, has drawn comparisons to a spaceship on international architecture blogs . The design had nothing to do with *Star Wars*, they say, but it did have a lot to do with one star in particular—the sun. The orientation of the sun played a big part in how the building looks, said architect Arjun Malik. So the south and west sides of the building, where the sun tends to be the harshest, have fewer windows while large parts of the north and east sides are covered in laminated glass. The reason that the building looks almost bent in the middle is because the glass and the aluminum that make up the façade has been “raked” or placed at an incline so that it deflects glare. The most distinguishing feature of the GMS Grande Palladium, which took two-and-a-half years to construct and was ready in March 2010, is the long aluminum strips that run across the façade or “skin” of the building.

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