

Projects Awarded

- ▣ **Environmental Friendly Road Construction (EFRC) Bhutan. Client : Ministry of Works and Human Settlement, Development of Roads, Bhutan.**

The main objectives of the EFRC support project is to further strengthen the institutional and organizational capacity of the Department of Roads and other road work implementing agencies in Bhutan. The districts that have been targeted for implementing the EFRC techniques are Zhemgang, Lhuentse, Trashiyangtse and Trashigang.

- ▣ **TA-4138-BHU Road Network Expansion Project (TAR 32373) Bhutan. Client : Asian Development Bank.**

The main objective of this project is to assist the Government of Bhutan in improving transport efficiency by preparing:

- A mid term action plan (including monitoring system) to evolve strategies for institutional strengthening and solutions to the key problems being faced in the road sector besides establishing a Road Maintenance Fund.
- A Road network expansion project suitable for ADB financing comprising two National Highways totaling a length of 308 km, six new feeder roads of about 130.5 km and Phuntssholing Bypass.



- ▣ **Feasibility Study and Detailed Project Report for Four-Laning of Dholpur-Morena Section including Chambal Bridge from km 51 to km 61 of North-South Corridor on National Highway No. 3 in the States of Rajasthan/Madhya Pradesh. Client : NHAI.**

The main objective of the consultancy service is to establish the technical, economical and financial viability and prepare DPR for rehabilitation and upgrading of the existing 2-lane National Highway (NH) sections to 4-lane divided carriageway configuration including design of a major bridge over Chambal river.



- ▣ **West Bengal Corridor Development Project National Highway Component (Package A : Barasat Baharampur on NH-34) ADB Loan No. 1870-IND. Client : Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India (Joint Venture of ICT and Roughton International, UK).**

The project involves rehabilitation, improvement and strengthening of the existing carriageway of the NH-34, SH-10, SH-1 and the Rural Access Roads. The project stretch traverses through almost whole of the state of West Bengal in North-South direction. The project stretch upon improvement will contribute significantly towards overall development of this region as it provides an important road link to the states of North-East region, Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh.



Photographs



*Inaugration of Project Road
by
HE Mr. Ato Girma Wolde-Giorgis, Honourable President of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia,
on 24th April 2004*



*At the Conclusion of signing ceremony of contract for Construction of Road Erdenet - Bulgan - Unt Road Junction
From Right to Left :*

HE Mr. Jigjid, Honourable Minister of Infrastructure, Government of Mongolia

Mr. Ch. Khurelbaatar, State Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Economy, Government of Mongolia,

Mr. K. K. Kapila, CMD, Intercontinental Consultants and Technocrats Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Charles Hyder, representative of combined group for construction from Kuwait

Developed India



Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam The President of India

"I have three visions for India."

In 3000 years of our history, people from all over the world have come and invaded us, captured our lands, conquered our minds. From Alexander onwards. The Greeks, the Turks, the Moguls, the Portuguese, the British, the French, the Dutch, all of them came and looted us, took over what was ours. Yet we have not done this to any other nation. We have not conquered anyone. We have not grabbed their land, their culture, their history and tried to enforce our way of life on them.

Why? Because we respect the freedom of others. That is why my first vision is that of FREEDOM. I believe that India got its first vision of this in 1857, when we started the war of independence. It is this freedom that we must protect and nurture and build on. If we are not free, no one will respect us.

My second vision for India is DEVELOPMENT. For fifty years we have been a developing nation. It is time we see ourselves as a developed nation. We are among top 5 nations of the world in terms of GDP. We have 10 percent growth rate in most areas. Our poverty levels are falling. Our achievements are being globally recognized today. Yet we lack the self-confidence to see ourselves as a developed nation, self-reliant and self-assured. Isn't this incorrect?

I have a THIRD vision.

India must stand up to the world. Because I believe that, unless India stands up to the world, no one will respect us. Only strength respects strength. We must be strong not only as a military power but also as an economic power. Both must go hand-in-hand. My good fortune was to have worked with three great minds. Dr. Vikram Sarabhai of the Dept. of space, Professor Satish Dhawan, who succeeded him and Dr. Brahm Prakash, father of nuclear material. I was lucky to have worked with all three of them closely and consider this the great opportunity of my life.

I see four milestones in my career:

Twenty years I spent in ISRO. I was given the opportunity to be the project director for India's first satellite launch vehicle, SLV3. The one that launched Rohini. These years played a very important role in my life of Scientist.

After my ISRO years, I joined DRDO and got a chance to be the part of India's guided missile program. It was my second bliss when Agni met its mission requirements in 1994.

The Dept. of Atomic Energy and DRDO had this tremendous partnership in the recent nuclear tests, on May 11 and 13. This was the third bliss.

The joy of participating with my team in these nuclear tests and proving to the world that India can make it, that we are no longer a developing nation but one of them. It made me feel very proud as an Indian. The fact that we have now developed for Agni a re-entry structure, for which we have developed this new material. A very light material called carbon-carbon. One day an orthopedic surgeon from Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences visited my laboratory. He lifted the material and found it so light that he took me to his hospital and showed me his patients. There were these little girls and boys with heavy metallic calipers weighing over three Kg. each, dragging

their feet around. He said to me: Please remove the pain of my patients. In three weeks, we made these Floor reaction Orthosis 300-gram Calipers and took them to the orthopedic center. The children didn't believe their eyes. From dragging around a three kg. Load on their legs, they could now move around! Their parents had tears in their eyes. That was my fourth bliss!

Why is the media here so negative? Why are we in India so embarrassed to recognize our own strengths, our achievements? We are such a great nation. We have so many amazing success stories but we refuse to acknowledge them.

Why?

We are the first in milk production.

We are number one in Remote sensing satellites.

We are the second largest producer of wheat.

We are the second largest producer of rice.

Look at Dr. Sudarshan, he has transferred the tribal village into a self-sustaining, self-driving unit. There are millions of such achievements but our media is only obsessed in the bad news and failures and disasters.

I was in Tel Aviv once and I was reading the Israeli newspaper. It was the day after a lot of attacks and bombardments and deaths had taken place. The Hamas had struck. But the front page of the newspaper had the picture of a Jewish gentleman who in five years had transformed his desert land into an orchid and a granary. It was this inspiring picture that everyone woke up to. The gory details of killings, bombardments, deaths, were inside in the newspaper, buried among other news.

In India we only read about death, sickness, terrorism, crime. Why are we so NEGATIVE? Another question: Why are we, as a nation so obsessed with foreign things? We want foreign TVs, we want foreign shirts. We want foreign technology. Why this obsession with everything imported. Do we not realize that self-respect comes with self-reliance?

I was in Hyderabad giving this lecture, when a 14 year old girl asked me for my autograph. I asked her what her goal in life is. She replied:

I want to live in a developed India. For her, you and I will have to build this developed India. You must proclaim. India is not an under-developed nation; it is a highly developed nation.

Do you have 10 minutes? Allow me to come back with a vengeance. Got 10 minutes for your country? If yes, then read; otherwise, choice is yours.

YOU say that our government is inefficient.

YOU say that our laws are too old.

YOU say that the municipality does not pick up the garbage. YOU say that the phones don't work, the railways are a joke. The airline is the worst in the world, mails never reach their destination.

YOU say that our country has been fed to the dogs and is the absolute pits.

YOU say, say and say.

What do YOU do about it?

Take a person on his way to Singapore. Give him a name - YOURS. Give him a face YOURS. YOU walk out of the airport and you are at your international best. In Singapore you don't throw cigarette butts on the roads or eat in the stores. YOU are as proud of their Underground Links as they are.

You pay \$5 to drive through Orchard Road (equivalent of Mahim Causeway or Pedder Road) between 5 PM and 8 PM. YOU come back to the Parking lot to punch your parking ticket if you have over stayed in a restaurant or a shopping mall irrespective of your status identity.

In Singapore you don't say anything, DO YOU? YOU wouldn't dare to eat in public during Ramadan, in Dubai. YOU would not dare to go out without your head covered in Jeddah. YOU would not dare to buy an employee of the telephone exchange in London at 10 pounds a month to, "see to it that my STD and ISD calls are billed to someone else." YOU would not dare to speed beyond 55 mph (88 km/h) in Washington and

then tell the traffic cop, "Jaanta hai sala main kaun hoon (Do you know who I am?). I am so and so's son. Take your two bucks and get lost." YOU wouldn't chuck an empty coconut shell anywhere other than the garbage pail on the beaches in Australia and New Zealand. Why don't YOU spit Paan on the streets of Tokyo?

Why don't YOU use examination jockeys or buy fake certificates in Boston? We are still talking of the same YOU. YOU who can respect and conform to a foreign system in other countries but cannot in your own. You who will throw papers and cigarettes on the road the moment you touch Indian ground. If you can be an involved and appreciative citizen in an alien country, why cannot you be the same here in India?

Once in an interview, the famous Ex-municipal commissioner of Bombay, Mr. Tinaikar, had a point to make. "Rich people's dogs are walked on the streets to leave their affluent droppings all over the place," he said. "And then the same people turn around to criticize and blame the authorities for inefficiency and dirty pavements. What do they expect the officers to do? Go down with a broom every time their dog feels the pressure in his bowels?

In America every dog owner has to clean up after his pet has done the job. Same in Japan. Will the Indian citizen do that here?" He's right. We go to the polls to chose a government and after that forfeit all responsibility. We sit back wanting to be pampered and expect the government to do everything for us whilst our contribution is totally negative. We expect the government to clean up but we are not going to stop chucking garbage all over the place nor are we going to stop to pick up a stray piece of paper and throw it in the bin. We expect the railways to provide clean bathrooms but we are not going to learn the proper use of bathrooms.

We want Indian Airlines and Air India to provide the best of food and toiletries but we are not going to stop pilfering at the least opportunity.

This applies even to the staff who is known not to pass on the service to the public. When it comes to burning social issues like those related to women dowry, girl child and others, we make loud drawing room Protestations and continue to do the reverse at home. Our excuse? "It's the whole system which has to change, how will it mater if I alone forego my sons' rights to a dowry." So who's going to change the system?

What does a system consist of? Very conveniently for us it consists of our neighbors, other households, other cities, other communities and the government. But definitely not me and YOU. When it comes to us actually making a positive contribution to the system we lock ourselves along with our families into a safe cocoon and look into the distance at countries far away and wait for a Mr. Clean to come along & work miracles for us with a majestic sweep of his hand or we leave the country and run away.

Like lazy cowards hounded by our fears we run to America to bask in their glory and praise their system. When New York becomes insecure we run to England. When England experiences unemployment, we take the next flight out to the Gulf. When the Gulf is war struck, we demand to be rescued and brought home by the Indian government. Everybody is out to abuse and rape the country. Nobody thinks of feeding the system. Our conscience is mortgaged to money. Dear Indians, The article is highly thought inductive, calls for a great deal of introspection and pricks one's conscience too.... I am echoing J.F. Kennedy's words to his fellow Americans to relate to Indians....

"ASK WHAT WE CAN DO FOR INDIA

AND DO WHAT HAS TO BE DONE TO MAKE INDIA

WHAT AMERICA AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES ARE TODAY"

Lets do what India needs from us.

Thank you

Abdul Kalam

Articles

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With One Pack of Shampoo Get One Soap Free Or Buy One and Get One Free

Have you ever pondered why these big corporate giants use these sales gimmicks? Is it to lure the customer in buying a particular commodity or genuinely wanting to give that **Extra** within the same price or trying to have an edge over their counterpart??

With the liberalized economy, markets in India are experiencing a tough competition. They say **the heat is on** and probably, we as an infrastructural consultancy Company are also experiencing the **same heat!!**

Tough competition is the key word for today's world and you have to provide that **extra** to remain in the market. What is that **Extra** that should be provided by ICT to its clients, why should we expect a project when other companies are providing similar consultancy (*that is what they think! - Editor*) at much cheaper rates? Is our team of Specialist the best? These are some of the questions one needs to ponder over.

Now, what is that **Extra** that we as a consultancy firm should provide to our clients? Is it extra manpower, extra resources, or is it that **Extra** effort that should go into preparing the reports, analysis and ultimately the results?? Yes, perhaps it is that **Extra** effort that should go into the projects that we as professionals should take care of. The question is how to provide that **Extra** with such a shoestring budget.

The extra effort that a consultancy Company like ICT can put in is through the data analysis, generation of new ideas and proper presentation of reports and development plans. I will restrict to some of the issues pertaining to social and environmental aspects.

While collecting primary data at site, there is plenty of data that could be addressed. But we tend to overlook it, because we are looking at a narrow scope of work limited to the TOR. We do not want to trespass the limits of TOR. But why not that additional bit of information or analysis??

While preparing a Social Impact Assessment plan, preparing a small analytical dossier on prevalence of HIV / AIDS or suggesting mitigation measures to reduce HIV, especially where there is presence of CSWs in the impact area, or even coming out with a Road Safety Plan for the local users may be an excellent idea.

This **Extra** is what we should provide to the client so that we have a distinctive edge over others. Besides it should be our corporate social responsibility to deliver the best with a difference. R. W. Emerson rightly states:

"WE AIM ABOVE THE MARK TO HIT THE MARK"

- Vibhu Kapila

Images of Father as seen by a person at Different Ages

- 4 years of age - My daddy is great.
- 6 years of age - My daddy knows everybody.
- 10 years of age - My daddy is good but is short tempered.
- 12 years of age - My daddy was very nice to me when I was young.
- 14 years of age - My daddy is getting fastidious.
- 16 years of age - My daddy is not in line with the current times.
- 18 years of age - My daddy is becoming increasingly cranky.
- 20 years of age - Oh! Its becoming difficult to tolerate daddy. Wonder how Mother puts up with him.
- 25 years of age - Daddy is objecting to everything.
- 30 years of age - It's becoming difficult to manage my son, I was so scared of my father when I was young.
- 40 years of age - Daddy brought me up with so much discipline. Even should do the same.
- 45 years of age - I am baffled as to how my daddy brought us up.
- 50 years of age - My daddy faced so many hardships to bring us up.
I am unable to manage a single son.
- 55 years of age - My daddy was so far sighted and planned so many things for us. He is one of his kind and unique.
- 60 years of age - My daddy is great.

Thus, it took 56 years to complete the cycle and come back to the 1st stage.

- Contributed by Mr. Saurabh Khanna

Humour Section

- Suraj had this problem of getting up late in the morning and was always late for work. His boss was mad at him and threatened to fire him if he didn't do something about it. So Suraj went to his doctor who gave him a pill and told him to take it before he went to bed. Suraj slept well, and in fact, beat the alarm in the morning. He had a leisurely breakfast and drove cheerfully to work.

"Boss", he said, "The pill actually worked!"

"That's all fine." said the boss, "But where were you yesterday?"

- A man went to apply for a job. After filling out all his applications, he waited anxiously for the outcome.

The employer read all his applications and said, "We have an opening for people like you."

"Oh, great," he said, "What is it?"

"It's called the Door!"

- On the occasion of silver jubilee of their marriage, the wife reminded her husband : Do you remember when you proposed to me, I was so overwhelmed that I didn't talk for an hour?"

The hubby replied : "Yes, honey, that was the happiest hour of my life."

New Appointments

The following senior level staff have joined our Company. We take this opportunity to welcome them to the ICT Family.

General Manager

Mr. Suprio Ghosh

Consultant

Mr. Yogendra Popli

Mr. Raj Kumar Sagar

Mr. Jatander Sarup

Mr. Satish Kumar Mathur

Wedding Bells

The following of our staff have shed their bachelorhood and entered the 'Grihastha Ashram'. We wish them a very happy married life.

Mr. Gagan Puri married to Aarti - 10.03.2004

Mr. Ravinder Mohan married to Rekha - 30.04.2004

Kudos

- HYDRO-2003, the National yearly Convention of Hydraulic and Water Resources Engineers was held at CW&PRS, Pune on 26-27 December 2003. ICT Pvt. Ltd. was a co-sponsor. The session on "Hydraulic Structures" was chaired by Prof. S. K. Mazumder.
- The following two papers were presented during the conference by our experts:
 - "Computation of afflux in bridges with particular reference to a national road" by Prof. S. K. Mazumder and Ms. Rajni Dhiman. The paper was presented by Ms. Rajni Dhiman.
 - "Inter-linking Indian Rivers" by Prof. S. K. Mazumder paper was presented by Prof. Mazumder.

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