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## **Annual Report**

Nalanda University

**2013-2014**

## FOREWORD

In the year 2013-14, the University was engaged in preparing to admit the first batch of students in the coming year.

On the Governance front, Inter-Governmental Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) were signed to establish the University's international status with Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, New Zealand, Singapore, Republic of Korea and People's Republic of China. These MoUs will encourage networking and collaboration between the University and existing centres of excellence in the signatory countries. Another significant step in this direction was signing of the Headquarters Agreement to facilitate hiring of the best academicians from across the world. Further amendments to The Nalanda University (Amendment) Bill, 2013 suggested by the Parliament's Standing Committee on External Affairs were also approved by the Union Cabinet.

The International Advisory Panel held its first meeting Chaired by Mr. George Yeo in Rajgir. The participants included the Thai Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, Former Foreign Minister of Indonesia, Mr. Hassan Wirajuda, and Nalanda University (NU) Board Member, Professor Lord Meghnad Desai among others. The visitors at Rajgir this year included Finance Minister P. Chidambaram, Former Prime Minister of Nepal, Mr. Madhav Kumar Nepal, Singapore's Foreign Minister, Mr. K. Shanmugham, The French Ambassador, Mr. François Richier and European Union Delegation that had ambassadors from Belgium, Hungary, Portugal, Slovenia and the Head of Delegation of the European Union to India. The University also received endowments from Australia (AUD \$ 1 million) and Indonesia (\$30,000). A gift of land (110.99 acres) was also promised by the Bihar Government for use as an independent revenue stream.

On the Academic front, the major highlight was the start of the Nalanda Fellowship Programme with five fellows: Dr. M. B. Rajani, Mr. Aviram Sharma, Dr. Michiel Baas, Ms. Eleonor Marcussen and Dr. Yin Ker from India, Netherlands, Sweden and Singapore respectively. The University also worked on detailing the modalities of the Master's Programme and starting the faculty recruitment process. The Distinguished Lecture Series launched last year continued with lectures from: Professor Thomas Adam Lumpkin, Director General, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre, Mexico; Professor Sam Wineburg, Professor of Education and History at Stanford University; Professor Prasenjit Duara, Director of Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore; Sir Peter Crane, Dean of the School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, Yale University. The Nalanda Colloquium Series were also launched this year and over 10 colloquia were organised. An international conference was also organised in Rajgir in association with the International Institute for Asian Studies.

The most important development on the Campus front was the announcement of the winner of the Architectural Design Competition. An Ahmedabad based architectural firm, Vastu Shilpa Consultants won the competition. A public

exhibition of all the design models submitted by the eight finalists in the competition was held at the National Gallery of Modern Art at New Delhi. The University also moved ahead on the plan to participate in the Net Zero Energy Building (NZEB) Pilot Project. USAID Partnership to Advance Clean Energy-Deployment in collaboration with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power will offer technical assistance to NU for achieving NZEB status. When completed, NU will be the world's largest Net Zero project.

We hope you find this report helpful. In case you need any further details or clarifications please get in touch with us.

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## GOVERNANCE

### **Nalanda Mentor Group to Continue as Governing Board Until the Constitution of a New Board**

The Nalanda Mentor Group has been functioning as the Governing Board since the inception of the University in accordance with **The Nalanda University Act 2010**.

A clause in the Act lays down the powers and functions of the Governing Board as follows:

*8. (1) The Governing Board shall be responsible for all the policies and directions of the University and management of its affairs.*

*(2) The Governing Board shall exercise such powers as may be prescribed by the Statutes:*

*Provided that the Nalanda Mentor Group shall exercise the powers and discharge the functions of the Governing Board for a period of one year or till such time the members referred to in clauses (c) to (g) of sub-section (1) of section 7 are nominated, whichever is earlier.*

Following this clause the Nalanda Mentor Group has been requested by the Government of India to continue to discharge their duties as the Governing Board, until the Board may be reconstituted in accordance with the terms of the Act.

Thus the term of the Governing Board which was to expire on November 24, 2013 was further extended until the constitution of a new Board through a Gazette notification issued on November 22, 2013.

## Members of the Governing Board



**Professor Amartya Sen** is the Chancellor of Nalanda University and the Chair of the Board of Governors of the University. Professor Sen is also the Lamont University Professor, and Professor of Economics and Philosophy, at Harvard University. Prior to this he was Master of Trinity College, Cambridge. His wide ranging research spans economics, philosophy and decision theory, including social choice theory, welfare economics, theory of measurement, development economics, public health, gender studies, moral and political philosophy and the economics of peace and war. He has received the Bharat Ratna (the highest honour awarded by the President of India) and the Nobel Prize in Economics.



**Mr. George Yeo** is the Chair of the International Advisory Panel of the Nalanda University Governing Board. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan by the Indian Government in 2012. He is also a member of the Foundation Board of the World Economic Forum, the Nicolas Berggruen Institute's 21st Century Council and the International Advisory Boards of Harvard Business School and IESE Business School. Prior to this, he was with the Government of Singapore for 23 years, serving as Minister for Information and the Arts, Minister for Health, Minister for Trade and Industry and Minister for Foreign Affairs.



**Mr. N.K. Singh** is Member of the Rajya Sabha from the State of Bihar. He was a bureaucrat with the Indian Government and handled important portfolios such as India's Expenditure and Revenue Secretary. He has also served as Secretary to the Prime Minister and was Member of the National Planning Commission as well as Deputy Chairman of the Bihar State Planning Board. He has written a number of books and articles offering insightful analyses of the political economy of reform and the realities of coalition politics.

**Professor Lord Meghnad Desai** is Professor Emeritus at the Centre for the Study of Global Governance, which he founded in 1992 at the London School of Economics (LSE). He was made a life peer as Baron Desai, of St Clement Danes in the city of Westminster, in April 1991. Lord Desai was also a founding member of the Development Studies Institute (DESTIN) at the LSE in 1990. He has taught econometrics, macroeconomics, Marxian economics and development economics over the years.



**Professor Prapod Assavavirulhakarn** is Dean, Faculty of Arts at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. He was the Head of the Department of Eastern Languages at Chulalongkorn University. He did his PhD in Buddhist Studies from the University of California, Berkeley. He received a BA and MA in Pali-Sanskrit from the Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University. His research interests lie in etymology, language and society, Pali-Sanskrit literature, and scriptural readings.



**Professor Wang Gungwu** is the Chairman of the East-Asian Institute and University Professor, National University of Singapore. He is also Professor Emeritus of the Australian National University, Chairman of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at NUS, Vice Chairman of the Chinese Heritage Centre and Board Member of the Institute of Strategic and Defence Studies at Nanyang Technological University. Professor Wang is also the Commander of the British Empire (CBE). From 1986 to 1995, he was Vice Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong.





**Professor Susumu Nakanishi** is the Director of the Nara Prefecture Complex and an Honorary Professor of the International Research Centre for Japanese Studies. His research interests lie in the literary study review on Japanese culture, entering on comparative research of ancient literature such as the Man'yōshū Poetry Anthology. A well respected scholar of Shintoism, the Kojiki, Nihon Shoki, and other classical Japanese works, he has written several books on ancient Japanese writings.



**Professor Sugata Bose** is the Gardiner Professor of History at Harvard University. His scholarship has focused on colonial and postcolonial political economy, the relation between rural and urban domains, inter-regional arenas of travel, trade and imagination across the Indian Ocean, and Indian ethical discourses, political philosophy and economic thought. He has translated works into English and published recordings of Tagore's songs. He was awarded the Guggenheim Fellowship in 1997.



**Professor Wang Bangwei** is Professor and Director of the Institute of Oriental Studies and Oriental Literature Research Center at Peking University. He is also the Director of the India Research Center at Peking University. His research includes textual studies of Buddhist literature, history of Buddhism, Sino-Indian cultural interactions particularly those topics related to Buddhism, accounts of the Chinese Buddhist pilgrims to India—Faxian, Xuanzang and Yijing and the historical and religious sources related to these accounts.



**Dr. Tansen Sen** teaches Asian history and religions at Baruch College, The City University of New York. He is also visiting senior research fellow at the Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore. He is working on a monograph that examines cross-cultural trade in Asia during the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. A collaborative project on the Southern Silk Road, and is creating a website to archive the history and experiences of the Chinese community in India.

**Mr. Ashok K. Kantha** succeeded Mr Sanjay Singh as Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) with the Indian Government after the latter retired on April 30, 2013. Mr. Kantha has served as India's High Commissioner to Sri Lanka and Malaysia and as the Director General of the East Asia Division of the MEA. He has also served as the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Indian Embassy in Kathmandu, Nepal and as the Consul General of India to Hong Kong and Macau. A graduate in History from Patna University (1975), he joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1977 and studied Chinese Language at Nanyang University, Singapore from 1979 to 1981.



**Mr. Anil Wadhwa** joined as the Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) with the Indian Government on January 6, 2014 after Mr. Ashok K. Kantha moved to Beijing as India's Ambassador to China. Prior to this, Mr. Wadhwa was the Ambassador of India to Thailand. He has also served as the Indian Ambassador to Poland and the Sultanate of Oman besides being the Director/Joint Secretary on deputation to the Provisional Technical Secretariat and later the Technical Secretariat for the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in The Hague. Fluent in English, Hindi and Chinese, he has a Masters Degree in History with specialisation in Chinese history and Medieval Indian history and architecture. He joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1979.



**Dr. Gopa Sabharwal** is Vice Chancellor, Nalanda University. She comes to Nalanda from India's foremost liberal Arts college, Lady Shri Ram College for Women where she founded the Department of Sociology in 1993. Over the last two decades, this department has transformed into one of the best in the country with a remarkable field-work component and regular student exchange with countries like Australia, the United States, Singapore and Japan. Her wide ranging research has focused on ethnic groups in urban India, visual anthropology and the history of society. She has also published books on these subjects. She obtained a PhD in Sociology from the University of Delhi for her research on ethnic groups and ethnicity in Belgaum in Karnataka State.



## **Nalanda University Governing Board Meetings**

During the year 2013-2014, the Governing Board met once each in New Delhi and Patna.

As always, the Governing Board deliberated upon a whole range of issues pertaining to the establishment of the University, took stock of developments, accorded permission for various proposals and generally facilitated the University in its work.

### **Governing board meetings in 2013-2014:**

Sixth Meeting: July 20-21, 2013, New Delhi

Seventh Meeting: February 23, 2014, Patna

Facing Page: Seventh meeting of the University's Governing Board held at Patna on February 23, 2014

Sixth meeting of the University's Governing Board held at New Delhi on July 20-21, 2013





## Governing Board Members Meet the Visitor

On July 20, 2013, the Governing Board Members of Nalanda University called on the President of India, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, who is the Visitor of the University. He had a free exchange of views with the members and reviewed the progress on various fronts in establishment of the University.

He recalled his association with the University as External Affairs Minister at the conceptual stage of the establishment of the University. He also assured the members of his fullest support for the project.

The President of India and Visitor, Nalanda University, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee with members of the Governing Board



## International Advisory Panel Holds its First Meeting

The first meeting of the International Advisory Panel (IAP) of the University was held in Rajgir on February 24, 2014. The meeting was attended by Nalanda University Board Member and Chairperson of IAP, Mr. George Yeo; Thai Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn; Former Foreign Minister of Indonesia, Mr. Hassan

Thai Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn speaking at the first meeting of the International Advisory Panel held in Rajgir



Wirajuda; and Nalanda University Board Member and IAP Member, Professor Lord Meghnad Desai.

The Chancellor and other members of the Governing Board of the University were present as special invitees.

Speaking on the occasion, the Thai Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn said that she was very interested in the development of Nalanda University and that the people of Thailand will do all that is possible to support this effort. She added that the people of Thailand have deep emotional ties with the idea of Nalanda and they view the University as a beacon of hope for humanity. She, however cautioned, that the University should not depend too much on the Government for financial assistance or other matters. She expressed the hope that Nalanda would arrest the decline in the standards of education in Asia as a whole. She also offered to provide all possible assistance to Indian students who may want to go to Thailand for studies.

### **The Union Cabinet Approves Nalanda University (Amendment) Bill, 2013**

On February 28, 2014 the Union Cabinet gave its approval for further amendments to the Nalanda University (Amendment) Bill, 2013, as was suggested by Parliament's Standing Committee on External Affairs and accepted by the Government.

The Bill seeks to refine some of the provisions in the Nalanda University Act, 2010 to further streamline the governance structure of the University and provide it the financial support required for the establishment of a world class institution of high learning.

The Bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on August 26, 2013. The House referred it to the Standing Committee of Ministry of External Affairs which held two meetings on October 4 and 22, 2013 to discuss the Bill and tabled its Report in the House on December 17, 2013. Most of the suggestions made by the Committee have been taken on board by the Government.

**The major amendments proposed by the Standing Committee and accepted by the Government include:**

1. In respect of the University, inclusion of the words "non-state, non-profit, self-governing international institution having academic freedom for attainment of these objectives" in the Preamble
2. A mention of the inter-governmental Memorandum of Understanding on the establishment of Nalanda University that came into force on October 10, 2013 and the provision that any other State that subscribes to the object and purpose of the establishment of the University to become signatory to the MoU
3. Vice-Chancellor shall also perform the role of Member-Secretary of the Governing Board
4. The Nalanda Mentor Group will continue as Governing Board till members referred to in clauses (c) to (h) of sub-section (1) of section 7 are nominated
5. The Headquarters Agreement(HQA) specifying that privileges and immunities of the academic staff will be made applicable from the date of signing of such Agreement
6. Instead of five members from the participating countries of the East Asia Summit, the Governing Board will have seven members, one each nominated by seven participating and non-participating countries of the East Asia Summit

Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh with other dignitaries at the Eighth East Asia Summit at Bandar Seri Begawan, where inter-governmental MoUs were signed with seven countries for the establishment of Nalanda University on October 10, 2013



## **Inter-Governmental MoUs Signed with 7 Countries at the Eighth East Asia Summit to Support Nalanda University**

In a move that reinforces the international character of Nalanda University, India signed Inter-Governmental Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) for establishment of Nalanda University as an international institution with seven member participating countries of the East Asia Summit.

The MoUs were signed on October 10, 2013 at Bandar Seri Begawan, the capital of Brunei, on the margins of the Eighth East Asian Summit. The countries that signed the MoUs are Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, New Zealand and Singapore. Several other East Asia Summit countries indicated that they would sign the MoU after completing their internal approval procedures.

### **Some significant features of the MoU include:**

1. The signatory countries will “support the establishment of Nalanda University and encourage networking and collaboration between the proposed Nalanda University and existing centres of excellence in the participating countries of the East Asia Summit to build a community of learning where students, scholars, researchers and academicians can work together, symbolising the spirituality that unites all mankind.”
2. Nalanda University will enable participating countries to build an academic community where students, scholars, researchers and academicians can collaborate in developing Nalanda University as an international centre of excellence.
3. The University, the Vice Chancellor and its academic staff, and where applicable their dependents and members of the family, will be accorded such privileges and immunities in the Host Country as provided in the Headquarters Agreement(HQA) signed between Nalanda University and the Government of India.
4. The Host Country will provide appropriate visas

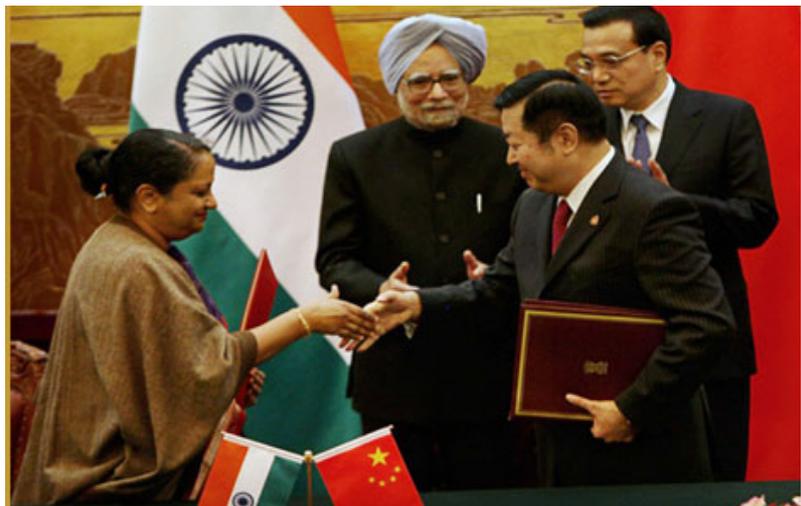
to the students, faculty and staff for travel to India to study or work in the University.

5. After the coming into effect of this Memorandum of Understanding, any participating country of the East Asia Summit or any other State that subscribes to the object and purpose of the establishment of Nalanda University may, as appropriate, become a signatory to this Memorandum of Understanding.

### **India and China Sign Inter-Governmental MoU on Establishment of Nalanda University**

People's Republic of China became the eighth country to sign with India, the Inter-Governmental Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for establishment of Nalanda University as an international institution. The MoU was signed by Ms. Sujatha Singh, Foreign Secretary of India and Mr. Wei Wei, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to India in Beijing on 23 October, 2013 during the visit of the Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh to China. Seven participating countries of the East Asia Summit had already signed the MoU on October 10, 2013 in Brunei on the margins of the Eighth East Asia Summit.

Foreign Secretary Sujatha Singh exchanging the documents with Ambassador of China to India Mr. Wei Wei, after signing of an MoU on establishment of Nalanda University as Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang look on



### **Republic of Korea Signs the Inter-Governmental MoU in January 2014**

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with Republic of Korea (RoK) on January 16, 2014 during the visit of the Korean President Ms. Park Geun-hye to India. India and RoK agreed to cooperate in reviving Nalanda University as an international institution that will advance the concept of an Asian community by bringing together future generations in a common objective of making new discoveries of old relationships to realise a unity of minds. The signatories were Mr. Vishnu Prakash, Ambassador of India to RoK and Dr. Lee Joon- Gyu, Ambassador of RoK in India.

### **Headquarters Agreement Signed between the Ministry of External Affairs and Nalanda University**

The Union Cabinet approved the signing of a Headquarters Agreement (HQA) between the Ministry of External Affairs and Nalanda University on June 27, 2013. This was signed by Foreign Secretary Mr. Rajan Mathai, on behalf of the Government of India, and the Chancellor Professor Amartya Sen on behalf of the University on July 20, 2013. This agreement confers on the University and members of its academic staff, privileges and immunities considered necessary to provide an overall framework for the efficient functioning and operation of the University, and allow it to obtain talent from across the globe. The Agreement came into force from the date of its issue, i.e. January 22, 2014. It was laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha on February 20, 2014.

The signing of the Headquarters Agreement(HQA) will facilitate hiring of the best academicians from across the world, well before the commencement of the first academic session. Recruitment of the University's faculty cannot take place without fixing their terms and conditions, for which the conclusion of the headquarters agreement is essential.

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**Here are a few of the significant features of the agreement:**

1. The host country shall take necessary steps to protect the University premises against any intrusion or damage and facilitate the work of the University.
2. The University, its assets, its income and other property shall be exempt from all direct taxes, customs duties and prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports for articles imported/exported for its official use.
3. The Vice-Chancellor and academic staff of the University, who are not from the host country shall be granted exemption from taxation in respect of their salaries, honoraria, allowances and other emoluments; the right to get the appropriate visa; the freedom to maintain moveable and immoveable property while in the employment of the University in the host country, and the right to import free of customs duties, taxes and other levies.
4. The Vice-Chancellor and academic staff of the host country that is India shall be granted exemption from taxation in respect of salaries, honoraria, allowances and other emoluments in connection with the services provided to the University.

**Expenditure Finance Committee Approves the Nalanda University Project**

Nalanda University, just like all other projects of the Government of India (GoI), needed financial approval from the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC), which is the apex body charged with clearing all projects of GoI.

Accordingly a meeting of the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC), under the Chairmanship of the Finance Secretary, was held on July 9, 2013. The Vice Chancellor, Dr. Gopa Sabharwal made a detailed presentation on the University and the proposed costs, both recurring and capital.

After consultations and revisions, the final figures were submitted and EFC approval was granted to the project for Rs. 2727.10 crores. Later, the revised estimates were approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on January 20, 2014.



Nalanda University  
Chancellor Professor  
Amartya Sen and Foreign  
Secretary Mr. Ranjan Mathai  
signing the Headquarters  
Agreement between  
Nalanda University and  
Ministry of External Affairs

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## **Nalanda University's Finance Committee Constituted**

The Finance Committee of the University was duly constituted on October 10, 2013. The Committee is chaired by the Vice-Chancellor and has six members in all.

### **Members of the Finance Committee are as follows:**

1. Dr. Gopa Sabharwal, Vice Chancellor, Nalanda University –**Chairperson**
2. Dr. Padmakar Mishra, Finance Officer, Nalanda University- **Member-Secretary**
3. Mr. Yogendra Tripathi, Joint Secretary (Financial Adviser), Ministry of Human Resource Development-**Member**
4. Ms. Dipali Khanna, Member Secretary, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts-**Member**
5. Ms. Janaki Kathpalia, Treasurer, University of Delhi-**Member**
6. Dr. Anjana Sharma, Dean Academic Planning-**Member**

It held three meetings during the year under report:

First meeting: November 14, 2013

Second meeting: December 24, 2013

Third meeting: February 20, 2014

## **Nalanda University's Building and Works Committee Constituted**

The Building and Works Committee of the University was constituted on January 16, 2014 after the notification of the Financial Regulations of the University. It is chaired by the Vice Chancellor and has eight members in all, including two from the Ministry of External Affairs. The first meeting of the Committee was held on January 27, 2014.

**The composition of the Building and Works Committee is as follows:**

1. Dr. Gopa Sabharwal, Vice Chancellor-**Chairperson**
2. Mr. A R Ramanathan, Professional Advisor, Architecture and Design, New Delhi-**Member**
3. Mr. A. K. Sinha, Former Additional Director General CPWD, New Delhi-**Member**
4. Mr. Sudhir Kumar, Chief Project Manager, IIT Patna Project Zone, CPWD Patna-**Member**
5. Mr. Binoy Kumar, Additional Secretary (Financial Adviser) in the Ministry of External Affairs or his representative-**Member**
6. Dr. Anupam Ray, Joint Secretary (Nalanda), Ministry of External Affairs or his representative-**Member**
7. Dr. Anjana Sharma, Dean Academic Planning, Nalanda University-**Member**
8. Dr. Padmakar Mishra, Finance Officer, Nalanda University-**Member- Secretary**

**Endowments offered to Nalanda University**

**Australia to provide AUD \$ 1 million to establish a Chair of Ecology and Environment Studies**

Nalanda University and the Government of Australia signed a Statement of Intent to support a three year arrangement under which Australia will provide up to AUD \$1 million towards the establishment of a Chair of Ecology and Environment Studies at the University. The Statement was signed by Dr. Gopa Sabharwal, Vice Chancellor, Nalanda University and Mr. Patrick Suckling, Australian High Commissioner to India in New Delhi on November 18, 2013 in the presence of the External Affairs Minister, Mr. Salman

Khurshid, and the Foreign Minister of Australia, Ms. Julie Bishop, who was on a visit to India.

The two sides noted that they are confident that establishment of the School of Ecology and Environment Studies at the University will ensure that the principles of sustainability are embedded across disciplines and sectors to ensure that the benefits of the University's revival are shared for generations to come. The statement also mentioned that the two sides will develop a grant arrangement by March 1, 2014 and commencement of funding by June 30, 2014.

### **Indonesia Gifts \$ 30,000 to the University**

A contribution of US\$ 30,000 was received by Nalanda University (NU) from the Government of Indonesia. In fact this was a payment to Professor Amartya Sen, the Chancellor of NU, for a lecture that he had delivered in Jakarta and on his request the Indonesian Government agreed to gift the money to the University.

### **Government of Bihar Gifts 110.99 acres to the University for Use as an Independent Revenue Stream**

The Government of Bihar in August 2013 announced that it would gift 110.99 acres to Nalanda University as an endowment. This additional land is under acquisition and will be transferred to the University later.

Dr. Gopa Sabharwal, Vice Chancellor, Nalanda University and Mr. Patrick Suckling, Australian High Commissioner to India signing the Statement of Intent in the presence of Mr. Salman Khurshid, India's Minister of External Affairs and Ms. Julie Bishop, Australia's Foreign Minister



The Bihar government decided to give land as an endowment to the University to further secure the University in terms of giving it an independent revenue stream. This additional land can be used by the University exclusively for commercial purposes.

### **India Appreciates Thailand's Contributions to Nalanda University**

At the invitation of the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra, the Prime Minister of the Republic of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh, paid an Official Visit to Thailand from May 30 to 31, 2013. On this occasion, they released a Joint Statement where the two Prime Ministers noted that institutional links between the two countries are progressing very well. They welcomed the increase in direct university-to-university collaboration and progress in the realisation of the shared goal of making the modern Nalanda University an international institution of excellence.

India appreciated the Government of Thailand's contribution of US \$100,000 to the University's Establishment Fund, as well as contributions totaling more than US \$33,000 by Thailand's private sector, particularly those having investments in India, to the Thailand Fund for Nalanda University. The private contributions will be used to finance students and academicians pursuing Buddhist Studies, Philosophy and Comparative Religion.

### **Significant Visits by Nalanda University Officials in 2013-14**

#### **Nalanda University Team Meets the Visitor**

The Vice Chancellor Dr. Gopa Sabharwal and the Dean Academic Planning, Dr. Anjana Sharma met the Visitor on May 29, 2013. Secretary (Economic Relations), Pinak Chakravarty and Joint Secretary, Dr. Jitendra Nath Misra (Nalanda) from Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) were also present.

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The Vice Chancellor briefed the Visitor about the progress on various fronts and the Visitor asked MEA to ensure early conclusion of pending issues and to be creative in their approach keeping in mind the unique status of Nalanda University.

#### **Vice Chancellor Attends the AGM of ECAF**

The Vice Chancellor, Dr. Gopa Sabharwal, visited France in June to attend the Annual General Meeting of the European Consortium for Asian Peace Study (ECAF) and signed the GIP ECAF Constitutive Charter on June 3, 2013. Nalanda University is collaborating with ECAF to create joint research programmes and other courses. Nalanda University is the only Indian institution to have collaborated with ECAF.

#### **VC Meets Academics and Officer of International Affairs at LSE**

The Vice Chancellor, Dr. Gopa Sabharwal, also visited UK in June 2013. Besides meeting the Chancellor Professor Amartya Sen and Board Member Professor Lord Meghnad Desai, she also had a number of meetings in the London School of Economics for consultations on various aspects of setting up campus with a special focus on library management.

#### **VC and Dean (AP) attend a 4-day Conference Organised by ICAS**

The Vice Chancellor, Dr. Gopa Sabharwal, and Dean Academic Planning, Dr. Anjana Sharma, visited Macau from June 23 to 27, 2013, to attend a 4-day conference organised by the International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) where the VC participated in a panel discussion on "Asian studies in Asia" organised by Governing Board Member, Dr. Tansen Sen. Other panelists were Professor Prasenjit Duara (National University of Singapore), Professor Maris Diokno (University of the Philippines), Dr. Simon Shen (Chinese University of Hong Kong) and Dr. Sraman Mukherjee (Presidency University).

The Vice Chancellor, Dr. Gopa Sabharwal, and Dean Academic Planning, Dr. Anjana Sharma at the ICAS conference



### **VC and Dean (AP) Visit Yale University and University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, (USA)**

In September 2013, the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Gopa Sabharwal and Dean Academic Planning, Dr. Anjana Sharma, were invited to further the partnerships with Yale University and the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, USA. They also visited the Chancellor at Harvard University where they had discussions on faculty hiring process. Nalanda University Board Member, Professor Sugata Bose also attended one of the meetings.

### **VC Attends Conference in London**

The Vice Chancellor, Dr. Gopa Sabharwal, attended a conference on "New Approaches of Higher Education: Partnership with India" in London in February 2014, on the invitation of the British Council.

### **Significant Visitors to Nalanda University Campus in 2013-14**

#### **Finance Minister P. Chidambaram Visits Rajgir**

The Finance Minister, Mr. P Chidambaram visited Rajgir along with the Chief Minister of Bihar, Mr. Nitish Kumar and met a few members of the Governing Board at the University on May 11, 2013 to review the progress of the project. He assured that funding will not be a problem for the University.



The Finance Minister, Mr. P Chidambaram with Mr. Nitish Kumar, the Chief Minister of Bihar, on a Visit to Rajgir on May 11, 2013

Dr. Gopa Sabharwal, Vice Chancellor, Nalanda University explaining the details of the Master Plan of the Campus to Mr. Madhav Kumar Nepal, former Primer Minister of Nepal.



### **Former PM of Nepal visits Nalanda University along with the Indian Ambassador to Nepal**

Former Prime Minister of Nepal, Mr. Madhav Kumar Nepal, visited Nalanda University, Rajgir on July 27, 2013. The Vice Chancellor briefed him about the developments at the University. During the visit, he showed keen interest in the model of the Master Plan and architectural design of the new Campus. He said that the new Nalanda University has the cooperation of many countries and expressed confidence that it will be a unique institution in the world. He spoke about the long historic links between India and Nepal and discussed plans for Buddhist sites in both countries to be integrated into a common tourist circuit. Mr. Jayant Prasad, Ambassador of India to Nepal, accompanied Mr. Madhav Kumar.

Dr. Gopa Sabharwal, Vice Chancellor, Nalanda University explaining the model of the Master Plan of the campus to Mr. Shanmugam, Foreign Minister, Singapore and his wife Dr. Seetha Shanmugam



### **Singapore's Foreign Minister Visits Nalanda University**

Singapore's Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Law, Mr. K. Shanmugam visited Nalanda University, Rajgir on July 29, 2013. He was accompanied by a 13 member delegation, which included members of the Committee set up to raise funds for the Library of Nalanda University. Mr. Shanmugam visited the ruins of ancient Nalanda University and the site of the new campus of the University. He expressed his pleasure that many Singaporeans are involved with the

The Singapore delegation with Nalanda University officials at the University Site



Nalanda project, as part of its wider engagement with East Asia. He expressed happiness at having been able to visit the historical site and added that the purpose of the visit was to see Nalanda University for himself and see how Singapore can continue to support it. Mr. Shanmugam visited the interim campus of Nalanda where he viewed the model of the Master Plan selected for the new campus and appreciated the design.

**European Union Delegation Visits NU**

Ambassadors from four countries of the European Union: Belgium, Hungary, Portugal, Slovenia and the Head of Delegation of the European Union to India visited Nalanda University, Rajgir on October 28, 2013. The Vice Chancellor briefed them about developments at the University and also about the Inter-Governmental Memorandum of Understanding on establishment of Nalanda University as an international institution which India has already signed with eight participating countries of the East Asia Summit. The Ambassadors hinted at the possibility of greater participation by their countries in the Nalanda University project. The Vice Chancellor expressed the hope that the visit of the Ambassadors will help establish close relations between the University and their countries.

Dr. Gopa Sabharwal, Vice Chancellor, Nalanda University showing the Master Plan to EU Ambassadors



Dr. Gopa Sabharwal, Vice Chancellor, Nalanda University with the EU Ambassadors at the Nalanda University Site

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### **EU Ambassadors from 28 countries meet Secretary (East) regarding Nalanda**

As a follow up to the visit of the four European Union Ambassadors, Secretary (East) invited EU Ambassadors from all 28 missions to brief them about Nalanda University and encouraged them to sign the MoU on 29 January in New Delhi. The VC, Dr. Gopa Sabharwal and Dean Academic Planning, Dr. Anjana Sharma made a presentation on behalf of the University.

### **French Ambassador Visits Nalanda University**

The French Ambassador, Mr François Richier, visited the Nalanda University, Rajgir on December 3, 2013. He was received and briefed by the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Gopa Sabharwal, who made a presentation on Nalanda.

### **University of Illinois Professor and IRRI Specialist Visit Nalanda University**

Professor Steven Sonka from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Mr. Alfred Schmidley, Business Model and Value Chain Specialist, at International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in the Philippines visited Rajgir on December 5, 2013. IRRI has a number of large-scale projects

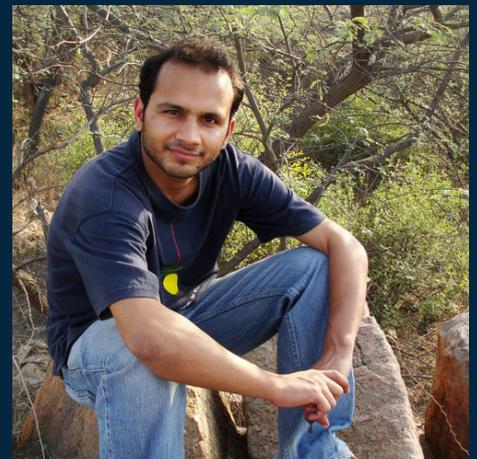
Dr. Gopa Sabharwal, Vice Chancellor, Nalanda University explaining future plans of the University Building to French Ambassador Mr François Richier



in rice with various donors, including US-AID; the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and various NARES and university partners. Bihar is currently a major area of focus for them in postharvest research and they came to Nalanda University in connection with this work. They are working on a collaboration with the School of Ecology and Environment Studies at Nalanda University.



Specialists from IRRI and the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign) at a village in Nalanda.



## ACADEMICS

### Nalanda Fellows Come on Board

The Nalanda Fellowships Programme was launched in January 2013 and the University had received 34 applications for the School of Ecology and Environment Studies and 53 for the School of Historical Studies.

The Selection Committee finally selected seven scholars for the award of the Nalanda Fellowship during 2013-14:

#### School of Ecology and Environment

1. Ms. Eleonor Marcussen- From Sweden
2. Mr. Aviram Sharma- From India

#### School of Historical Studies

1. Dr. Murari Jha- From India
2. Dr. Bill Mak- From Japan
3. Dr. Yin Ker- From Singapore
4. Dr. Michiel Baas- From Netherlands
5. Dr. M B Rajani- From India

However, Dr. Murari Jha and Dr. Bill Mak regretted their inability to join the University during 2013-14 due to their commitment to their concurrent academic engagement at Leiden and Tokyo respectively.

### The Nalanda Fellows 2013-14

**Dr. M. B. Rajani** joined as a Fellow on June 15, 2013. Her research title was: *A study of Nalanda using GIS and Remote Sensing.*

**Mr. Aviram Sharma**, PhD. student, Centre for Studies in Science Policy, Jawaharlal Nehru Universtiy, joined as a Junior Fellow on June 16, 2013. His research title was: *Understanding the agricultural transformation in South Bihar: Irrigation technologies, water rights and the sustainability challenges.*

**Dr. Michiel Baas** joined as a Fellow on July 8, 2013. His research title was: *New Professions in Bihar: A*

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*study of Mobility, Masculinity and the Middle Class*

**Ms. Eleonor Marcussen** PhD Student, History Department, South Asia Institute (SAI), Heidelberg University joined as Junior Fellow on August 1, 2013. The title of her research project was: *Acts of Aid: Politics of Relief and Reconstruction after the Bihar Earthquake 1934*.

**Dr. Yin Ker**, Sorbonne, Paris, joined the School of Historical Studies at the University as a Fellow on February 28, 2014. The title of her research project was: *Picturing and Seeing formless truths: the modern Buddhist paintings of Bagyi Aung Soe (1924-1990), Myanmar*. She is the first Nalanda Fellow based in Rajgir.

### **Modalities of the Master's Programme at Nalanda University Finalised**

During the sixth Governing Board meeting in July 2013, the course structure, duration and admission process for the Master's programme at the University was finalised.

The Board re-stated that the Nalanda University degree must connote excellence right from the start and there should be no doubt about the quality of its Graduate students.

The Master's programme at the University will be a two year programme. However one year's exemption may be granted *ad hominem* to well qualified candidates who could thus complete the programme in one year. Credits can be transferred from other Universities, but the procedure for this will be stringent.

With regard to admissions the Board said that proficiency in English should be considered a must.

### **Faculty Recruitment Process Defined and Retirement Age Fixed at 65 Years with Extension**

The Governing Board defined the kind of faculty that the University should hire and

decided that the age of retirement for the academic staff of Nalanda University should be 65 years, with a possible extension for three years and subsequently for two years.

### **University Receives 500 Applications for Faculty Positions**

Nalanda University received 500 applications for Founding Faculty positions at its two inaugural Schools: School of Ecology and Environment Studies and School of Historical Studies. The applicants span the globe with a high proportion of international applications.

The application process started in December 2013 and closed on January 25, 2014.

The entire application process was handled on-line. All applicants submitted their applications at a dedicated web-mail id and these forms were then processed by the University.

All the applications were scrutinised by a Shortlisting Committee and Selection Committees for both the Schools were constituted. By the end of the year, the process for interviewing the candidates was well underway. It was proposed to appoint ten teachers for each of the first two Schools.

### **Academic Calendar for 2014-15 Finalised**

The University will have two semesters of sixteen weeks each. The Fall Semester will begin on August 27, 2014 and the Spring Semester on January 6, 2015. These will be followed by a short 2-week Summer Semester from May 4 to 15, 2015.

### **Nalanda University Organises an International Conference in partnership with IAS in January**

As part of the development of the international character of Nalanda University, the University organised a conference in Rajgir from

January 6 to 8, 2014. This conference entitled "Cultural Heritage: Environment, Ecology and History" was jointly organised by NU and the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS). IIAS is principally a research and exchange platform based in Leiden, the Netherlands. It encourages the multidisciplinary and comparative study of Asia and as such actively promotes (inter)national cooperation.

The Keynote speakers at the conference were:

1. Engseng Ho, Professor of Cultural Anthropology, Duke University.
2. Frederick Asher, Professor of Art History, University of Minnesota, President of the National Committee for the History of Art and South Asian Editor for the Archives of Asian Art.
3. Akira Matsui, Director of the Centre of Archaeological Operations, Nara National Research Institute for Cultural Properties and Professor of Environmental Archaeology, Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies, Kyoto University.

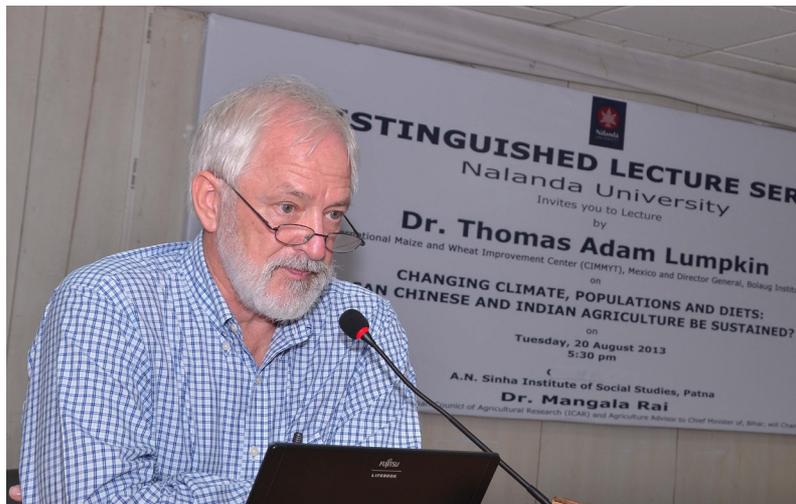
The International Conference in partnership with IIAS at Rajgir.



Apart from these three Keynote Speakers, twenty international speakers and 7 speakers from within the country participated in the Conference spread over nine sessions.

### Distinguished Lecture Series 2013-14

**Lecture by Professor Thomas Adam Lumpkin:** Professor Thomas Adam Lumpkin the Director General of International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre (Mexico) and Director General, Borlaug Institute of South Asia (India) delivered a Distinguished Lecture on **“Changing Climate, Populations and Diets: Can Chinese and Indian Agriculture be Sustained?”** on August 19, 2013 at Delhi and on August 20, 2013 at Patna.

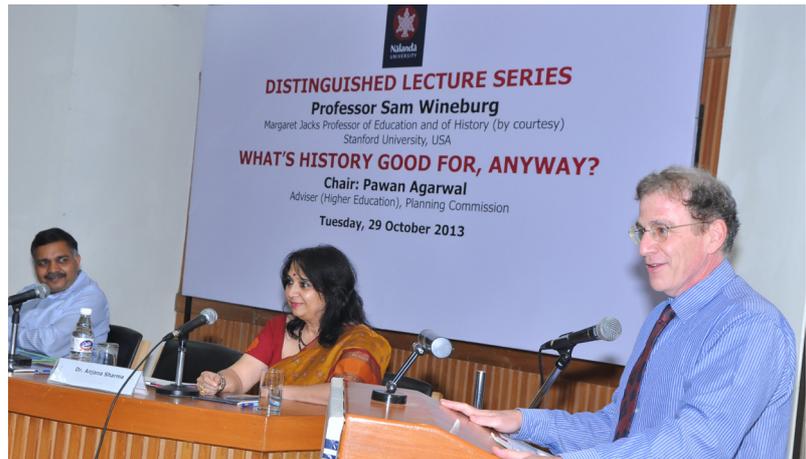


Thomas Adam Lumpkin delivering a Distinguished Lecture on “Changing Climate, Populations and Diets: Can Chinese and Indian Agriculture be Sustained?”

**Lecture by Professor Sam Wineburg:** Professor Sam Wineburg, Margaret Jacks Professor of Education and of History at Stanford University (USA) delivered a Distinguished Lecture on **“What’s History Good for, Anyway?”** on October 29, 2013 in Delhi

**Lecture by Professor Prasenjit Duara:** Professor Prasenjit Duara, Raffles Professor of Humanities and Director, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore delivered a Distinguished Lecture on **“Sustainability and the Crisis of Transcendence: The Long View from Asia”** on November 25, 2013 in Patna and November 28, 2013 in Delhi

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**Lecture by Sir Peter Crane:** Sir Peter Crane, Carl W. Knobloch, Jr. Dean of the School of Forestry & Environmental Studies and Professor of Botany, Yale University, delivered the Distinguished Lecture on **"Ginkgo: The Tree That Time Forgot"** on March 20, 2014, in Delhi and March 21, 2014 in Patna



Sir Peter Crane, delivering the Distinguished Lecture on "Ginkgo: The Tree That Time Forgot"

### The Nalanda Colloquium Series Launched

The Nalanda University Colloquium series was launched in July 2013 with a lecture by Nalanda Fellow, Dr. M. B. Rajani on **"A Study of Nalanda using GIS and Remote Sensing."**

The other colloquia organised during the year were as follows:

**"Nationalism and Big Dams: Making Modern India with Flood Control"** by Rohan D'Souza, Assistant Professor, Centre for Studies in Science Policy, Jawaharlal Nehru University (New Delhi) on August 8, 2013 in Delhi.

**"Understanding the Agricultural Transformation in South Bihar: Irrigation Technologies, Water Rights and the Sustainability Challenges"**

by Aviram Sharma, Junior Fellow, Nalanda University and PhD Student, Centre for Studies in Science Policy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, (New Delhi) on August 14, 2013 in Delhi.

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**“Fluvial Landscape and the State: Property and the Gangetic Diaras in Colonial India, 1790s-1890s”** by Nitin Sinha, Lecturer in Modern History, the University of York (UK) on September 4, 2013 in Delhi.

**“Networks of Technology and News: Towards a History of Journalistic Form and Content in Nineteenth-Century South and East Asia”** by Ameila Bonae, Postdoctoral Research, University of Oxford (UK) on September 26, 2013 in Delhi.

**“Acts of Aid: Politics of Relief after the Bihar Earthquake 1934”** by Eleonor Marcussen, Junior Fellow, Nalanda University and PhD Candidate, Department of History, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University (Germany) on October 3, 2013 in Delhi.

**“Further Investigations of Nalanda Using GIS and Remote Sensing”** by Dr. M.B. Rajani, Fellow, Nalanda University on October 10, 2013 in Delhi.

**“Indian Students in Australia: Migration, Transnationalism and the Question of Racism”** by Dr. Michiel Baas, Fellow, Nalanda University on October 24, 2013 in Delhi

**“A Study of Nalanda’s expanse using GIS and Remote Sensing”** by Dr. M.B. Rajani, Fellow, Nalanda University on March 10, 2013 in Delhi.

**“The New Middle Class Professional: Muscles, Masculinity and Mobility”** by Dr. Michiel Baas, Fellow, Nalanda University on March 27 in Delhi.

### **Nalanda University Supports the World Heritage Status Workshops**

Nalanda University supported a workshop titled “Excavated Remains of Nalanda Mahavihara” organised by Archaeological Survey of India on November 11 and 12, 2013 (Rajgir). This workshop was organised as a part of the preparation of a UNESCO dossier for nomination of the ruins of the ancient Nalanda University as a World Heritage Site.

## Nalanda University Tie-up with Peking University: A Proposal

The University received a proposal regarding a possible tie-up with Peking University to establish academic links between the two institutions. Broadly the proposal included developing exchange programmes and collaboration on teaching and scientific research.

There's also a proposal to put in joint effort in establishing a Xuanzang Center for India-China Studies at Nalanda University besides joint research (which may include a joint-degree programme) and publication projects on India-China interactions.



Participants of the workshop titled "Excavated Remains of Nalanda Mahavihara" organised by Archaeological Survey of India with Nalanda University's support on November 11 and 12, 2013 in Rajgir



## CAMPUS

### **Vastu Shilpa Consultants win the Architectural Design Competition**

On May 6, 2013, Vastu Shilpa Consultants, an Ahmedabad based architectural firm was declared the winner of the Architectural Design Competition conducted by Nalanda University for designing the campus at Rajgir. The principals in Vastu Shilpa consultants are Dr. B.V. Doshi and Mr. Rajeev Kathpalia.

Eight architects and architectural firms were chosen to participate in the design competition through a pre-qualification round of elimination on January 17, 2013. Following this, the firms were given a Competition Dossier that outlined among other things, the competition regulations and guidelines, design guidelines, architectural programmes and spatial requirements, sustainable initiative and other directions for information of the participating architects.

The pre-qualified firms were asked to submit their designs and models for the campus as well as for one sample building, which will come up in the first phase of construction, to the University by April 25, 2013.

The competition was conducted in accordance with norms specified by Council of Architecture (CoA) and the selection of the Architect/Architectural Firm was also in conformity with CoA guidelines.

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Top Row and Center: The models of the winning entry by Vastu Shilpa Consultants. Bottom Rows: Models of other entries.

## The Architectural Design Jury for the competition comprised the following:

1. Dr. Liu Thai Ker, former Chief Town Planner for Singapore
2. Professor Osamu Ishiyama, Waseda University, Japan
3. Professor Li Xiaodong, Tsinghua University Beijing
4. Professor Neelkanth Chhaya, CEPT University, Ahmedabad.
5. Mr. N.K.Singh, Member of Parliament and Member, Nalanda University Governing Board
6. Professor Lord Meghnad Desai, Professor Emeritus, London School of Economics and Member, Nalanda University Governing Board
7. Dr. Gopa Sabharwal, Vice Chancellor, Nalanda University

The Jury for Architectural Design Competition



A two-member technical committee of internationally acclaimed experts (Mr. Prasad Vaidya and Mr. Sanjay Prakash) was constituted to evaluate the Net-Zero projections by the participants. This Committee met on April 29 and 30, 2013 to examine the submissions from a Net-Zero perspective and share a report with the Design Jury.

The members of the Architectural Design Jury also visited the site at Rajgir on May 3 and 4, 2013 to get a feel of the site and its surroundings, in order to be able to assess the submissions and the relevance of the proposed designs with the immediate neighbourhood of the campus.

The Architectural Design Jury met on May 5 and 6, 2013 to make its assessment on the submissions. The rule of anonymity was applied throughout the duration of the competition. The competitors were asked to choose a 4-digit personal identification number which was submitted by them sealed in an envelope and not known to the Jury till the final decision had been made.



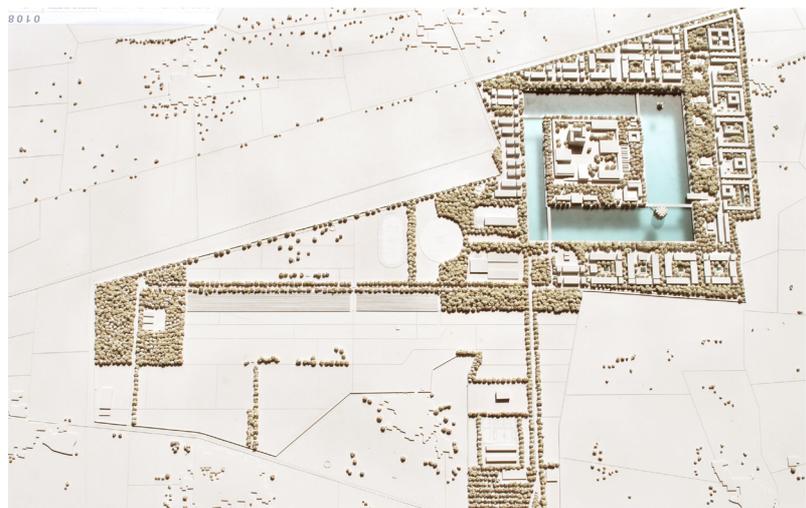
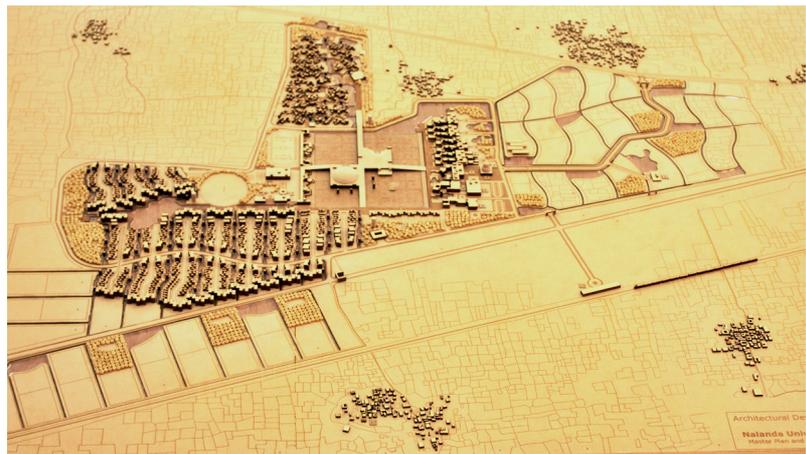
The Architectural Design Jury at the meeting to assess submissions



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After detailed deliberations the jury selected two entries: Vastu Shilpa Consultants and Virender Khanna & Associates and IDOM Ingenieria y Consultoria, S.A JV, respectively ranked first and second.

The jury reflected upon the merits of both proposals at length and then decided upon the winning entry in terms of its conceptual planning, clarity of thought and ability to take forward the vision of Nalanda. The Jury declared Vastu Shilpa Consultants as the winner of the competition saying that their entry most closely conveys the aspirations and objectives of the University and embodies the legacy of ancient Nalanda.



Top: The model of the entry by Vastu Shilpa Consultants, ranked First

Bottom: Model of the entry by Virender Khanna & Associates and IDOM Ingenieria y Consultoria, ranked Second

## Public Exhibition of the Design Models Held at NGMA

After the competition, the University decided to organise a public exhibition of the models and drawings for all the eight entries received by it for general viewing. The exhibition received a very good response from professional architects, students as well as from the general public. This was organised at the prestigious National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), New Delhi and was initially planned from May 8 to 18, but on popular demand the period was extended first till May 31 and later till June 7, 2013.



Public exhibition of the models and drawings of the eight entries of the Architectural Design Competition held at National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), New Delhi

## Press Conference Organised to Talk About the First Net Zero Campus in India

At the request of the University, Padma Shri Awardee Dr. B.V Doshi and Mr. Rajeev Kathpalia, the principals of Vastu Shilpa Consultants and the winners of the Architectural Design competition, met the Press at New Delhi on May 16, 2013 and answered their queries on the design.

The principals of Vastu Shilpa Consultants, the winning firm, meet the Governing Board Members

The principals of Vastu Shilpa Consultants, Padma Shri Awardee Shri Dr. B.V Doshi and Mr. Rajeev Kathpalia along with Dr. Gopa Sabharwal, Vice Chancellor, Nalanda University at the Press Conference in Delhi



### **University to Enter into a Tripartite Agreement with Vastu Shilpa Consultants and Singapore Architect to Design the Library**

Singapore has offered to design, build and deliver the library to the University and designated Mr. Liu Thai Ker as the Principal Architect for the library.

The University has an understanding with Singapore that the library design will have to meet the needs of the University and conform to the final master-plan.

The University is planning to enter into a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding with Vastu Shilpa Consultants and Mr. Liu Thai Ker to establish the guidelines and parameters which will shape the Library design.

### **Renovation of the Interim Campus at Rajgir**

The University had engaged an architect, M/s Kapoor Associates of Patna on November 19, 2012 to provide consultancy and architectural services for the renovation of the 4-acre interim campus at Rajgir, housing the office and some residential buildings. The cost of renovation was estimated to be approximately ₹2.52 crores. The Road Construction Department of the Government of Bihar gave a technical approval on August 21, 2013.

Thereafter bids for undertaking the work were invited through an open tender but none of the four bidders were found to be technically qualified for the job.

The issue was discussed with the Bihar Government including the Chief Minister and it was suggested that the University award the work to Bihar Rajya Pul Nirman Nigam Ltd. (BRPNL), an agency of the Government of Bihar, which had earlier constructed the boundary wall around the main campus of the University.

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In the absence of a Building and Works Committee, the University placed this matter before its Finance Committee in their meeting on December 24, 2013. The Committee agreed that the renovation be assigned to BRPNL.

Meanwhile, on the advice of MEA, BRPNL was requested to start preliminary preparations for the work pending approval from the Ministry of Urban Development. In the mean time, the Financial Regulations were published and the Building and Works Committee formally constituted. In its meeting on January 27, 2014, the Committee discussed this issue and the fact that no approval had as yet been received from the Ministry of Urban Development.

The Committee advised the University to directly ask the Government of Bihar to get the work done by one of its agencies. Accordingly, a request was sent to the Chief Secretary, Bihar Government to have this work undertaken. On February 7, 2014, the University received yet another letter from MEA asking it to inform the BRPNL to not proceed in the matter since the Ministry of Urban Development had not yet given its concurrence. As a result of these procedures, the renovation could not be started during the year 2014.

### **USAID (PACE-D) to Provide Technical Support to Nalanda University to Achieve Net Zero Energy Status**

On May 17, 2013, the University signed a "Letter of Participation" with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ministry of Power for participation in the Net-Zero Energy Building (NZEB) Pilot Project under the USAID Partnership to Advance Clean Energy-Deployment (PACE-D) Programme. Under this project, USAID (PACE-D) in collaboration with BEE will offer technical assistance to Nalanda University to achieve Net Zero Energy (NZE) status in its campus.

Net Zero Energy Building is a building that has a net zero energy consumption, which means that the energy used by the building annually is almost equal to the renewable energy

created on the site. These buildings do not increase the amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and hence they are called NZEBs.

The successful implementation of NZEBs in Nalanda University will be used to promote the design and construction of NZEBs in India.

### **University Plans to Take Temporary Accommodation on Rent at Rajgir**

Since the infrastructure at the University campus has not yet been developed, the University needs to rent accommodation temporarily for housing the faculty, non-academic staff and students. It looked around for suitable accommodation for all three categories and was also in negotiation with some hotels in the town. It has started the process of inviting bids from interested parties for providing accommodation to the University on long term basis.

### **Security Service Provider Hired for Main Campus and Interim Campus**

Following the completion of the boundary wall, the University took steps to secure the campus. After calling for tenders from experienced security service providers, the work of providing round-the-clock security to the main campus as well as to the Interim Campus was awarded to M/s AMS of Siliguri on June 16, 2013. This firm has deployed 36 security guards and three supervisors at Nalanda University.



## **FINANCE**

The unaudited Annual Accounts of the University for the Financial Year 2012-13 were approved by the Governing Board in its meeting in New Delhi in July 2013. Subsequently, they were audited by a team from the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. Later the Annual Accounts so audited along with the Audit Report were accepted by the Finance Committee and then by the Governing Board in its meeting of February 2014.

The Annual Accounts for the year 2011-12 along with Audit Report and Annual Report were placed in Lok Sabha on December 18, 2013 and in Rajya Sabha on February 13, 2014.

The Board was informed in its meeting in February 2014 that the requirement of funds for 2013-14 had been reduced to ₹14.63 crores as the process of awarding contract to the architects was delayed, thus not allowing the University to incur capital expenditure. The budget estimates for Financial Year 2014-15 which were worked out at ₹367.0 crores were approved by the Governing Board.

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