

# **INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY & MARINE ENGINEERING**

## **MEMBERS OF TRUST AND GOVERNING BODY AND THEIR BRIEF BACKGROUND**

### **Trustees :**

Mrs. Bimla Devi Poddar  
Mr. Suresh Kumar Neotia  
Mr. Harshavardhan Neotia  
Mr. Sujit Poddar  
Mr. P. J. Agrawal

### **Governing Body Members**

Mr. Harshavardhan Neotia  
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Dr. S. Dasgupta, D.T.E. Nominee, Govt. of West Bengal  
Prof. Samir Biswas, W.B.U.T. Nominee, Govt. of West Bengal  
Mr. Hirak Ghosh  
Dr. S. Chattopadhyay – Director & Member Secretary, ITME

### **Brief Background**

Educational Development Trust was constituted with renowned people from technical, industrial and educational sector with a view to offer students an academic experience par excellence through the most scientifically designed teaching-learning methods, supported by well experience academicians and professionals in an environment that matches world standard.

### **Brief Write up on Director / Promoters**

#### **Mrs. Bimla Devi Poddar**

**Mrs. Poddar**, belongs to a reputed business family with philanthropic mission. She has engaged herself with many more social activities and holding the post of Director of various companies like RKBK Ltd. SKJ Properties Pvt. Ltd. Ganesh Realty & Mall Development Pvt. Ltd. etc. She is the Managing Trustee of Sri Govind Deo Ji Trust.

### **Mr. Suresh Kumar Neotia**

**Mr. Neotia**, completed his Graduation from St. Xavier's College and obtained LLB degree from Calcutta University. After that , he engaged himself in business & social activities and associated with various major companies like Gujrat Ambuja Cement Ltd. – Founder Chairman, Balarampur Chini Mills Ltd. – Chairman, Dwarikesh Sugar Industries Ltd. – Director, Usha Martin Industries Ltd. – Director. He is a well-known collector of Indian Art and Antiquity.

### **Mr. Harshavardhan Neotia**

**Mr. Neotia**, a visionary, who came from a well established business family. After completing his Graduation from St. Xavier's College he went to USA where he achieved **Owner President Management Programme (OPM)** from Harvard Business School. He engaged himself in business and completed many more prestigious projects. Presently, he is holding as a Managing Director in Bengal Ambuja Housing Development Ltd. Apart from that got associated with various major companies / organisations like as Ambuja Realty Development Ltd. – Chairman, GGL Hotel & Resort Co. Ltd. – Chairman, Ganapati Parks Ltd. – Chairman, Bengal Ambuja Metro Deve. Ltd. – Director etc. He was awarded with Padmashri by Govt. of India in 1999 for his noble contribution to the society. He is the recipient of YPO Legacy of Honour Award in 2005.

### **Mr. Sujit Poddar**

**Mr. Poddar**, a practicing lawyer, who subsequently joined Government of West Bengal in 1977 and worked with Finance Minister and Chief Minister. Left the Government job in 1996 and got associated with various major companies as Consultant, Director and Advisor like West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation – Director, NICCO Park & Resorts – Director, Infinity Info. Tech. Lab. – Director, Globsyn Technology Ltd., Director, Peerless Group – Advisor, Webel Consumers Electronics Ltd. – Director, Bengal Ports Ltd. – Director, Luxmi Township Ltd. – Director, Chatterjee Management Services – Director, BESCO Ltd. – Director, Ambuja Eastern Ltd. – Director and many more.

### **Mr. P. J. Agrawal**

**Mr. Agrawal**, came from a well established family. After completing his Chartered Accountant degree he engaged himself in business and various social activities. Presently, he is holding the position as a O.S.D. in Ambuja Realty Development Ltd. . Apart from that he is also engaged as a Director in AIPL Ambuja Housing & Urban Infrastructure Ltd., Ganapati Parks Ltd. (Swabhumi) – a joint venture between KMC & Ambuja Realty. Also holds the membership of Conclave & Calcutta Rowing Club.

### **Mr. Hirak Ghosh**

**Mr. Ghosh**, an IAS officer of 1966 Batch started his career as an Administrative Head of various Government Departments in Central & State level. He retired as the Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of West Bengal. He also holds posts as Non-Official Director / Advisor in various Govt. & Private Organisations.

### **Dr. Subrata Chattopadhyay**

**Dr. Chattopadhyay**, an Architect and planner by profession, Prof. Subrata Chattopadhyay (B.Arch, Cal Univ.), (MURP, SPA Del), (Ph.D, IIT KGP) is currently Director at ITME.

He has also undertaken specialized courses on housing in the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, UK and Lund University, Sweden. He was a Nuffield Fellow in UK and SIDA and BITS fellowship holder in Sweden. He has over 26 years of professional experience including teaching at IIT Kharagpur for 21 years. He took his sabbatical in Lund University where he was a Visiting Professor and was among the initiators of a specialized postgraduate course on housing for international students jointly offered by the Lund University and IHS, Rotterdam. He has guided over 40 students at PhD, Postgraduate and Undergraduate levels and is in the Doctoral Scrutiny Committee of several others. He has published 42 technical papers in refereed journals and conference proceedings and several others are in the pipeline. His reference book on housing was recently published by Macmillan India, while Lund University has published one of his monographs. He was the Chairman of the 36<sup>th</sup> IAHS World Congress on Housing Science held on Nov. 2008. He has edited International Journal and International Conference Proceeding and has been in panel of referees of technical Journal as well. He is currently engaged in several consultancy projects on township development and study on ancillary industry.

An avid traveler, he has extensively traveled within the country and in Europe and North America, with an eye to the ground, observing people and their habitat.