



A house is not a home unless it contains food and fire for the mind as well as the body.

-Benjamin Franklin

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#### From Chief Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

The history of quest for dwelling place is almost synonymous with the history of human being itself. Early human being needed shelter to safeguard himself from the cruel animals and vagaries of nature like rain and Sun etc.

The nature of dwelling unit has been continuously evolving, starting from cave dwelling to the magnificent palaces, the size, design and materials used are varied.

The welfare of the citizen being the foremost objective of modern day governments across the globe, provision of housing occupies the primary duty of any government in achieving the welfare of the citizen.

Various models of providing the housing are seen across the world. Most of the western world governments follow the social housing or popular housing model. They prefer to provide housing place for the citizens to live rather than to

own. Many of the governments in developing world prefer to assist the citizen to own his house. They take up the role of 'Provider'. The dwelling units in the social housing are bigger and maintenance of the housing units and also its neighborhood services taken care of in this model.

The International Habitat Day is celebrated in October every year reminds of the need for providing Shelter For All.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh is fully committed for this noble objective. Andhra Pradesh is the leader in constructing the houses for poor. So far, Andhra Pradesh State Housing Corporation Limited (Government of Andhra Pradesh undertaking) has constructed 1,07,72,564 houses both in Urban and Rural areas (as on 25.9.2012).

I believe that this NEST Journal will be platform to share the ideas, thoughts and responses and will definitely useful to persons who are involving themselves by dedication in this marathon activity and striving for better results utilizing the technical know-how.

I also believe that not only Engineers, Professors of Universities, Journalists, Economists and Eminent Academicians of this state, but from other states and international dignitaries will contribute to this Journal. I invite your esteemed cooperation and suggestions to make this Journal as an International Platform. I also believe that this journal will be comprised with qualitative and valuable articles in future also.

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