

Let thyself drive in the breath of God and be as a leaf in the tempest. - Sri Aurobindo

When God created this world He made it such that it would look and feel - all so beautiful, so complete -

Sun, Moon, mountains, blue skies, leaves, birds, and bees - and then He finally sculpted His best, -- He created man and gave him a heart...

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Dated 9/5/12

30 April 2012

Sub: Some suggestions about the Master Plan - Request for Permitting Commercial activity at least on Ground Floor on the existing shops on all 80 ft. (18/24 mtr. & above) wide roads.

Respected Sir,

With due respect I seek to present before you some long-standing but deeply-felt suggestions and most genuine requests for your kind consideration. While numerous people have benefitted from the earlier version of the Master Plan 2021, there are some basic shortcomings because of which the shops/establishments which are on the unnotified roads are still suffering and languishing in misery. For a long time I have been pleading with the relevant authorities to take at least one of the following measures all of which are appropriate and justified on legal, human and moral grounds:-

To grant permission to shops existing till Jan. 2006. While this may preferably be done in all cases but specially in the case of roads with 18/24 mtr. or wider ROW, because these roads are mostly either peripheral (as they are on the periphery of the blocks) or on the main highways. Moreover, as most of the roads which had good number of shops have already been notified; only a few roads are left. Kindly allow mixed land use facility on these roads also. Thousands of new shops have come up on the notified roads. I hope you will agree that it is unfair and unjust to allow new shops on these roads and order the closure/sealing of the shops which have been in existence for so many years. Many middle class families have invested their life time savings in these shops. Your kind gesture will not only put an end to the unfortunate discrimination but also ensure a just and humane treatment of the people who have already suffered huge losses.

In a few words my request is:

- a) kindly allow the MLU facility on all roads (60/80 ft. Wide). Being confined only to the ground floor the commercial activity will be very very limited;
- b) at least permit the shops existing on these unnotified roads at the time of notification of the Master Plan;
- c) such a permission will not create any big problem because such shops are few in number;
- d) besides providing tremendous relief to the suffering business community it will also add a touch of fairness, equity, justice and generosity to the present govt.

I may assure you that besides, goodwill and grace that this gesture will bring you will be earning the blessings of so many suffering hearts.

With kind regards,

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I am certain of nothing but of the holiness of the Heart's affections - John Keats
Above all and in all, be sincere - Vivekananda

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Dr. Vikram Chopra: A Profile

Dr. Vikram Chopra taught English literature for more than four decades in ARSD College, University of Delhi. An ardent lover of Shakespeare, he has a doctorate on "Shakespeare's Major Tragedies: A Study in the Context of Indian Approaches" wherein he has explored the spiritual accent in Shakespeare's tragedies in the light of Indian thought. Founder Secretary of the Shakespeare Society of India (1987-1993), he is currently on its Executive Committee. He was Co-ordinating Editor for India in the *Shakespeare Data Bank*, Illinois. He is a member of the International Committee of Correspondents for *World Shakespeare Bibliography* maintained by *Shakespeare Quarterly*. Dr. Chopra has presented several papers in national and international seminars and has published in various Indian and foreign journals that include *The Literary Criterion*, *Indian Journal of English Studies*, *Bulletin of the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture*, *Hamlet Studies*, *Shakespeare Bulletin* (New York), and *Folio* (Holland). He has edited a volume of critical essays: *Shakespeare: Varied Perspectives*. This volume, with a Foreword by Professor Kenneth Muir, contains articles written by eminent scholars including those from Australia, Holland, Japan, U.K. and the U.S.A. The volume was well received both in India and abroad.



Dr. Chopra has recently brought out a book on Shakespeare entitled *Shakespeare: The Indian Icon* in which he has presented a broad and comprehensive view of Shakespeare's reception and his gradual assimilation into India's cultural ethos. The book covers a whole century of India's response: social, cultural, academic. The book was released by Hon'ble Dr. Karan Singh, Member of Parliament and Chairman, Indian Council of Cultural Relations in the presence of distinguished scholars and theatre personalities.

Dr. Chopra belongs to a family with great patriotic and humanitarian tradition. While his grandfather was highly religious minded spiritual thinker, his father Dr. Madan Mohan Chopra was a member of Shaheed Bhagat Singh's party and made substantial contribution to India's freedom struggle. He had the blessed privilege of working with Lala Lajpat Rai, Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Subhash Chander Bose, Sardar Patel and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. He was the Founder Secretary and later National President of the All India Freedom Fighters Samiti.

Dr. Vikram Chopra has also led a life dedicated to society. Service to Art and Literature and the promotion of love and joy in mankind are the basic creeds of his life. Shakespeare has been the love and raison d'être of his academic pursuits. *Shakespeare: The Indian Icon* is yet another proof of his devotion to the immortal Bard.

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31st January, 2007.

Dear Sh. Chopra,

This is in reference to your letter addressed to Hon'ble Minister, ~~Shri~~ Ajay Maken regarding suggestions for carrying out commercial activities in Delhi on 80 Ft. wide roads. The Minister has assured that your suggestions will get due consideration while finalizing MPD-2021.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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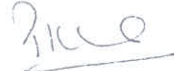
Dear Shri Chopra,

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Dt. 15-11-07

I am to acknowledge your letter dated 31st August 2007 addressed to Shri
Ajay Maken, Hon'ble MOS (UD) regarding suggestions about the Master Plan
2021 in regard to commercial activity on ground floor.

With regards,

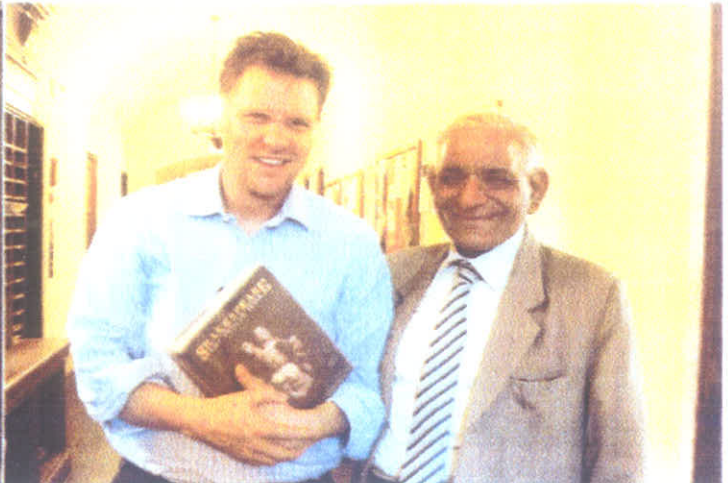
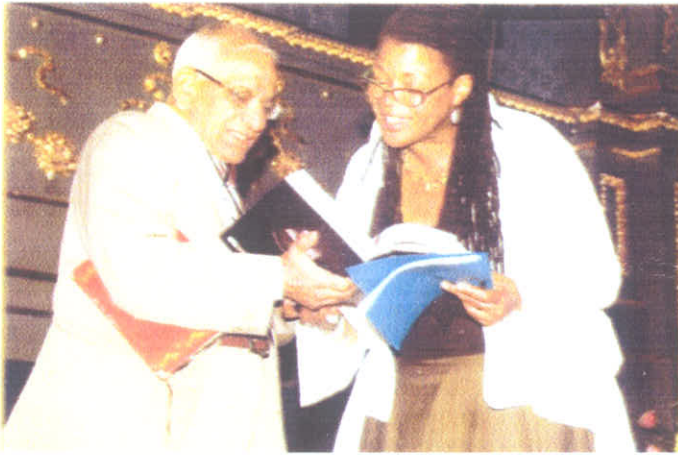
Yours sincerely,


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Shakespeare: The Indian Icon ~ a few glimpses
by ~ Vikram Chopra



- 1) Release of the book at India International Centre, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi – 11 July 2011.
(L to R) Lushin Dubey (Theatre Personality), Professor R.W. Desai (Delhi Univ.), Vikram Chopra, Hon'ble Dr. Karan Singh (Chairman, ICCR), Dr. Amal Allana (Chairperson, National School of Drama), Dr. Sandeep Marwah (Director, Asian Film & Television Academy), Professor Rajiva Verma (Delhi Univ.)
- 2) Professor Martin Prochazka, Charles University, Director, 9th World Shakespeare Congress at Prague (17-22 July '11).
- 3) Professor Jean Jennet (Toronto University, Canada)
- 4) Professor Anne Jennalie Cook (Emerita Professor of English, Vanderbilt University, USA and Vice Chairman, International Shakespeare Association).
- 5) Librarian – The Folger Shakespeare Library Washington D.C.
- 6) Professor Michael Witmore, Director Folger Shakespeare Library



Hon'ble Mahamahim Rashtrapati Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam with Dr. Madan Mohan Chopra, National President, All India Freedom Fighters Samiti (R), his son Dr. Vikram Chopra (C) and grandson Mr. Vivek Chopra (L) at Rashtrapati Bhawan