

Excerpts of email from Mr. Madhusudan Mehta to Prof. Errol D'Souza, Director of IIMA, sent on Aug 11, 2019.

Dear Dr D'Souza

You may be surprised to get this email from a Retired Forester who retired in 1993. I am currently in USA leading a quiet retired life.

I was Divisional Forest Officer Ahmedabad from 1972 to 1976. I was lucky to have met and interacted with Ravi Matthai of IIM. I never knew him but one day I got a call from his office that he would like to meet him on Sunday at his Home in IIM at 8.30 am over breakfast. He was very courteous and friendly. He took me round the campus. Most of the buildings had not come up but roads were laid. He requested me to help clothe the campus in greenery. I suggested that NEEM will be the best species. I supplied thousands of seedlings and sent my foresters to supervise. It prompted and inspired Director ATIRA Dr. Mehta ,PRL Director Dr. Devendra Lal, ISRO Thaltej Tekra by Dr Alag and Smt Mrinalini Sarabhai at Nehru Foundation ,to undertake massive plantation in their campus. I am glad that I was of help to see that the greenery that has established.

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Land given for IIMA Campus before greening, in the 1960s



The Horizon View from the Library in the 1970s



The Horizon View from the Library in the 2010s



Aerial View: IIMA Campus is a green pocket in Ahmedabad's concrete maze

