

**IIMA Foundation Ceremony in the 1960s (most likely Sep 9, 1964, day of ground-breaking ceremony)**



Note: Shri Prakash Tandon (Chairperson of the Board of Governors, 1964-69), Dr. Kamla Chowdhry (first faculty member at IIMA) and Ms. Dilnavaz Sidhwa (now Variava) (from first PGP 1964-66) in the photograph

Source: IIMA Archives

## Building Programme

*IIMA Third Annual Report, 1964-65, IIMA, Pg. 15.*

### BUILDING PROGRAMME

As reported earlier, the Building Committee met four times during the year. Detailed plans of the dormitories and of the houses types V, IV, III were finalised during the year and tenders were called for in July 1964. The contract for building dormitories and houses was given to Messrs Gannon Dunkerley & Company Limited, the lowest tenderer. The ground-breaking ceremony was done on 9th September 1964, the day of Ganesh Chaturthi, by Shri Madanmohan Mangaldas. There was a hold-up in the building programme consequent on certain architectural changes suggested by Prof: Louis Kahn during his visit to Ahmedabad in December 1964. There were a series of meetings of the Building Committee in the last week of December 1964 and later in the first week of February 1965 when Prof: Kahn visited Ahmedabad. Due to the unusual requirements of high standard of architectural construction, there has been some delay, so that only two dormitories are expected to be ready by August 1965. Faculty houses will be ready by December 1965.

Source: IIMA Archives

## Progress Report, Designing of the Institute Buildings

*Minutes of the Eleventh Meeting of the Board of Governors, September 4, 1964, Pg. 4.*

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### PROGRESS REPORT

#### a) Designing of the Institute Buildings

The Board was informed of the satisfactory progress of the Institute building plans. Of the 7 leading building firms that had been invited to tender and of the 4 who had tendered, the National Design Institute had recommended that the contract be given to M/s. Gannon Dunkerly & Co. Ltd., theirs being the lowest quotation of Rs.1,84,807.46 for the building and plumbing installation work for 2 units each of type V, IV and III. The contract for building the remaining houses and dormitories would be given to the same contractor at the same rate. It was expected that 4 dormitories would be ready by July 1965, of which 3 would be used for housing the students and one temporarily for Classroom and Offices, till the Administration School-complex was ready. As suggested by the architect Mr. Louis I. Kahn tree planting in the campus will begin.

(Since the Board meeting, the Building Committee has officially awarded the Contract to M/s. Gannon Dunkerly & Co. Ltd. and the ground-breaking ceremony was done on 9th September, the day of Ganesh Chaturthi)

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