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CELEBRATION

WORLD
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From the Chairperson's Desk

Dear Members

“For me, any kind of thing that has stood for 100 years tells me of the health of that thing. So, cinema completing a hundred years in India just says that it is very healthy.”
Said Anurag Kashyap and I think it holds good for IIA too.

Our Indian Institute of Architects has turned an important milestone and entered its 100th year. It is a special segment of the history of this great institution that we are fortunate to be a part of. IIA is older than independent India! I was trying to recreate for myself the atmosphere in the bungalow of Mr. Foster King in the verdant Sir J.J. College of Architecture campus when IIA was formed in its first avatar – the Architectural Students Association way back in 1917 on May 12th. George Wittet was unanimously selected as the first President. Would that small group who met that have ever imagined that they were creating history and 99 years hence we would be recalling that quiet meeting? What plans did they have for this organisation? Are we living up to those who ran the institute with passion in the early years? Are we doing justice in the way we conduct ourselves in the profession? This is a question each one of us needs to ask ourselves every time we act in profession because our action affects not only us but many other fellow-professionals as well.

I would like to end with one of my favourite quotes by Carl Sagan “Anything else you're interested in is not going to happen if you can't breathe the air and drink the water. Don't sit this one out. Do something. You are by accident of fate alive at an absolutely critical moment in the history of our planet.” And to me every moment is critical – let us make it count.

Yours in Service

Ar. Gita Balakrishnan
West Bengal Chapter
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Editorial

The pace of happenings around us has been exceeding the carrying capacity of our minds off-late.

The result of state assembly election in favour of the ruling Government showcased the confidence of common men on the direction of progress of the state amidst various odds. While in the centre, the controversies related to censorship of films to the extension of term for the RBI Governor made the headlines overshadowing the list of death toll all over the world either through natural calamities or by act of uncontrolled minds of some of our own kind (or are they really?), till finally, Raghuram Rajan himself putting the speculators out of their misery by deciding to return to academics, as India poises itself to lose yet another brilliant economic mind, who almost single handedly brought Indian economy back to the safe harbour amidst the global turmoil.

As the world waits to see fate of US, left to choose between either Trump or Hillary, Brexit from EU made the passionate David Cameron resign from his post of Britain's prime minister, almost conforms Lionel Messi deciding to put off Argentinian jersey for ever after his missed penalty in Copa-America Final.

On our own front, though, we had a few moments of happiness and pride, as we celebrated the onset of 100th year of IIA, clubbed together with the inaugural ADI Awards for the eastern region. When we planned to 'Go Wild for Life' during World Environment Day celebration, a giant step towards putting a transparent system for Fire NoC was taken by the Director General of WBFESD by publishing a long waited guidelines in book form for the first time on the occasion and we felt pride as he gave a lot of credit to IIA-WB for initiating the move and helping generously in the process.

We reached out to help a falling tree survive, as we found appreciation as a professional body contributing towards social good. IIA-WB has a lot more similar future plans, which need everyone of us to come out and support wholeheartedly as we all vow to carry the 100years legacy forward.

Yours In Profession,

Ar. Abhishek Dutta,
Editor, West Bengal Chapter
The Indian Institute of Architects



Architecture Design Interior AWARDS INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS WB CHAPTER & MULTIWYN INITIATIVE

The IIA WB Chapter & Multiwyn ADI Awards - Architecture Design Interior Awards 2016.

The idea of an Architects' Awards event exclusively for Eastern India germinated on fine evening a couple of years ago, in an informal chat between Indian Institute of Architects WB Chapter and Multiwyn Group. The vision that both IIA WB Chapter and Multiwyn Group shared was that of motivating and encouraging the architects from Eastern India and documenting their work, which for long had remained unnoticed and hence unlauded. This unique eastern regional awards programme initiated for the first time concluded with the awards night on the 12th of May 2016 at The Lalit Great Eastern Hotel.

The Awards programme was declared and entries were called for in two major categories – Architecture and Interior. There were 13 sub-categories under Architecture and 6 sub-categories under Interior. A unique feature of ADI Awards was the inclusion of students of Architecture from colleges in Eastern India. Both students and professionals submitted entries till April 9th 2016, after which 3 renowned architects were invited to adjudicate the professionals' entries on April 23rd 2016. The jury comprised of:

Padma Shri Ar. C.N. Raghavendran, Chennai Ar. Samir Mathur, Delhi, Ar. Dean D'Cruz, Goa.



The Jury of ADI Awards

In addition to the design awards, there were five lifetime achievement awards that were conferred on senior architects from different parts of eastern India. The Chairman of Bihar & Jharkhand Chapter, Ar. Vishnu Choudhary and the Chairman & Jt. Secretary of Odisha Chapter, Ar. Sagarendra Mohapatra and Ar. Nishant Suman respectively attended this function while the Assam Chapter was represented by Executive Committee Member Ar. Biswa Dutta.

List of Awardees in Category - Architecture

Commercial

Winner : Salient Design Studio for City Centre, Haldia
Commendation : Salient Design Studio for City Centre, Raipur

Hospitality

Winner : Ar. Ayan Sen for Ibiza Resort, West Bengal
Commendation : Salient Design Studio for Anaya Kutir, Kolkata

Institutional

Winner : Abin Design Studio for IMI, Bhubaneswar
Commendation : Abin Design Studio for IMI, Kolkata
Commendation : Abin Design Studio, Nazrul Tirtha

Group Housing

Winner : Ar. Ayan Sen, Nirvana Studio Apartment, Kolkata

Landscape

Commendation : Salient Design Studio, Ecospace, Kolkata

Conservation / Heritage (clubbed together with the same category in interior)

Commendation : Architectonic Servies for Retrofit of the Reserve Stand, RCTC, Race Course, Kolkata

Temporary Architecture (Galleries, Exhibition Space, Set Design, Temporary Installations)

Winner : Abin Design Studio for Pavilion of Canopies, Bansberia

Commendation : Square Consultancy for The Steel Symphony, Durga Puja Pavilion

Best Concept for an Unbuilt Project

Commendation : Sudipta Seal for Aviation Museum & Amusement Park, Bangladesh Airforce Base

Commendation : CPWD, Kolkata for Foreign Visitors' Accommodation At IIT Kharagpur

List of Awardees in Category - Interior

Office

Commendation : Ar. Monica Khosla Bhargava for JWT Office, Salt Lake, Kolkata

Commercial

Winner : Salient Design Studio for Marici Experience Centre, Salt Lake, Kolkata

Hospitality

Winner : Salient Design Studio for Orient Restaurant, New Town, Rajarhat

Commendation : Abin Design Studio for 6, Ballygunge Place, Kolkata



Abin Design Studio receiving the award



Ar. Vivek & Ar. Anuradha Rathod receiving Award

List of Awardees in Category – Student

Soumyajit Bagchi (Om Dayal School of Architecture, Student - 2nd Year, Project : Architect's Residence)

Usri Nirjhar Ganguly (Techno India University, Student - 3rd Year)

Project: The Comic Art & Animation Museum

Tamalee Basu (IEST – Shibpur, Student - 3rd Year)

Project: Navayana Buddhist Meditation Centre)

Shubhajit Bagchi (Om Dayal Group of Institutions, Student - 4th Year)

Project: Regional Art & Craft Centre

Gautam Kumar (BIT, Mesra, Student - 5th Year)

Project: Contemporary Villa for Art Director

Nikhil Bapna (IIT, Kharagpur, Student - 5th Year)

Project: Chinese Restaurant



Ar. Prabir Mitra being felicitated with the Lifetime Achievement Award with Mr.B.K. Jhajharia and Mr. Vishal Jhajharia of the Multiwyn Group and Ar. Gita Balakrishnan, Chairperson, IIAWB Chapter.



Ar. Biswa Dutta, Assam chapter receiving Lifetime Achievement Award from Ar. Debatosh Sahu and Ar. Sagar Mahapatra, Chairman, Odisha chapter



Chairpersons of IIA WB Chapter - past and present on the same stage

IIA Centenary Celebrations

Our Institute completed its 99th year on the 12th of May 2016 and entered its 100th year. This auspicious occasion was marked by our National Body with a ceremony at Sir JJ College of Architecture where the first meeting of IIA when it was formed as Architectural Students Association was held in 1917. Initially it was suggested that there will be only one celebration at Mumbai but in response to a request from our Chapter to have celebrations at Chapter level wherever possible in order to multiply the participation, the National body thought it fit to have celebrations at different Chapters and Centres.

Our Chapter celebrated the beginning of the 100th year in the midst of all our past Chapter Chairmen over the years. Ar. I.M.Asthana, Ar. K.P.Bhattacharya, Prof. Santosh Kumar Ghosh, Ar. Dulal Chandra Chatterjee, Ar. Prabir Mitra, Ar. Debabrata Ghosh, Ar. Debatosh Sahu, Ar. Subir Kumar Basu and Ar. Dilip Chandra Chatterjee were all invited on stage and felicitated. They along with the audience maintained a minute's silence in the memory of the Chapter Chairmen who are no more with us – Ar. Rustom Pastakia, Ar. K.A.Kirtikar, Ar. Gour Chandra Das, Ar. Dhruva Sen, Ar. V.P.Sanon, Ar. Satyabrata Roy and Ar. Kabir Ray. All the past Chapter Chairmen and the Chairmen from other Chapters in the eastern region on stage lit the lamp as a symbolic beginning of the 100th year. Earlier in the evening, Ar. Debaprasad Maitra from the first batch of graduates in architecture from India 1949-54 batch of Bengal Engineering College was felicitated and he moved the audience when he remembered his five other batchmates who are no more. The five other batchmates who were part of this first batch of graduates were Prof. Amiya Kumar Banerjee, Ar. V.Sundarasewaran, Ar. Biswa Kanta Dhar, Ar. Subir Majumdar and Ar. Arun Kumar Dasgupta.



Ar. Deba Prasad Maitra and Ar. Sunil Kumar Ghosh

IIA celebration at Mumbai

A report by Ar. Pritha Bose

A small seed was sown in 1917 and today that seed has grown into the mighty and prestigious Indian Institute of Architects (IIA). IIA has come a long way from what it was in 1917, and it is still growing in every possible aspect. So this year marks the beginning of Centenary Celebrations as IIA is about to complete a hundred years of glorified presence.

I have had the privilege to attend the IIA Centenary Celebrations - Launch Programme in Sir J J college of Architecture, Mumbai on 12th May, 2016. The venue for the Centenary Celebration – Launch programme was the perfect one because of the history of the institution blended perfectly with the weight of the event.

The programme began with the introduction by MC followed by the invocation. MC invites President, past Presidents of IIA, Office Bearers, past & present Trustees to the stage for the lighting the lamp ceremony.

The event also marked the launch of the Theme and Logo of the Centenary celebrations along with the gorgeous Theme Song Video. The release of the Special Postal Cover also took place on that day, along with the welcoming of Luminaries from other organizations. The address by Architect Divya Kush, President, Indian Institute of Architects was very relevant. He said that it was important to look back to the past, i.e. to keep in mind the different activities as decision taken up by the former presidents and evolve those into the next step so as to continue the growth of IIA and as well as India as a sustainable and architecturally developed nation.

Many alumni of Sir J J College of Architecture, who are also the elite members of IIA had an interactive session, recounting their memories, IIA and their student life.

The event came to an end with the vote of thanks by Architect C. R Raju, Jr. Hon. Sec., IIA followed by the singing of the National anthem.

For me architecture is taking from the past, keeping in mind the future to shape the present. And the Centenary Celebration – Launch Programme was just that. I would like to congratulate each and every individual for making IIA what it is today. Also the hundred years of existence is a small step for IIA, which will go a long way and will also help in shaping the future of India as well as the world.



Ar. Divya Kush, President, IIA lighting the lamp with other senior architects

Professional Lecture Series

The professional Lecture for the month of April was held at the chapter premises on 29th April. Ar. Mukul Mittra presented his array of works on mostly educational building. Ar. Mittra demonstrated how the changing needs of development of an educational campus over a period of time impacts the design decision of the architect. His insightful speech highlighted on the use of courtyard of different scale for educational buildings for different age groups and how spaces can be made more multi-functional to utilise the resources to the best extent.



Ar. Subir Basu & Prof. Samaresh Mukherjee presenting a token of appreciation to Ar. Mukul Mittra

World Environment Day Celebration with Exhibition of ADI Awards Entries & Release of Handbook on Fire Clearance

World Environment Day was observed on the 10th of June 2016 at Calcutta Rowing Club. This year's theme was "Go Wild for Life".

The programme started with a candid talk by Prof. Somnath Sen on the myths related to the world environment day through a brief history of the United Nations environmental Programme with all the previous themes and their relevance. He also highlighted the role of professional bodies such as IIA towards spreading awareness and making a knowledge bank for people willing to do their bit for the environment.



Mr. Sushil Mohta, Chairman, CREDAI and Prof. Somnath Sen, deliberating on the occasion

This was followed by an informative Presentation by the architectural firm 'Polaris' on "Sustainable Water Management Measures Integrated in Building Design. According to USGS Water Science School only 0.3% of all water on earth is renewable fresh water; so it is a precious resource & core to the life on earth. India is a water stressed country with less than 500 cubic meter renewable fresh water available per person per year. In this scenario Ar. Arindam Ghosh and Ar. Kalyan Chakraborty shared their understanding of sustainable water management with its context, crisis & possible solution.



Ar. Kalyan Chakraborty and Ar. Arindam Ghosh being felicitated by Ar. Dilip Ch. Chatterjee

The Chairman of CREDAI, Mr. Sushil Mohta, in his brief speech emphasised on how CREDAI & IIA can work hand in hand for overall betterment of society towards a sustainable Development.

A book on "General Requirement for obtaining Fire Directorate Clearance for any Building Plan" by Shri Sanjoy Mukherjee, Director General, West Bengal Fire and Emergency Services was officially released on the occasion. Shri Sanjoy Mukherjee, in his insightful engaging speech, stressed on how compliance is preferable than enforcement, as he emphasised that the sharing of knowledge removes the monopoly of knowledge and hence, the corruptions and encourages compliance which is a win-win for both the controlling authority and stakeholders of development. The thin, easy-to-read book is his attempt to make the knowledge free – as he quoted from Tagore and invited to break all narrow walls between architects and the Fire Department in front of his distinguished colleagues in uniform which boosted the confidence of the attendees. Copies of the book is made available for review by our members and feedback and recommendations from our Chapter will be sent to DG WBF&ES.



Ar. Gita Balakrishnan, Ar. Sunil Maniramka and Shri Sandip Roy Choudhury, Chairman, Indian Plumbing Association, Kolkata Chapter releasing the Book with Shri Sanjoy Mukherjee, Director General, WBF&ES

Rescue Operation Of The Full Grown Tree In Front Of Rajbhawan



IIA Sustainability Cell took an initiative to collect fund from a few members of our chapter, who contributed fund for several initiatives like saving or transplanting full grown trees affected due to different development works (through some NGOs). This particular case in front of Raj Bhawan caught public attention and IIA's contribution was recognised.

Workshop by GRIHA council



Ar. Sunil Maniramka and Mr. Debashis Sen, NKDA on Dais

TERI and GRIHA council organized an awareness program in association with NKDA and WBHIDCO on 25th June 2016 at Rabindra Thirtha focused mainly on the need/advantages of green rating system of GRIHA over other rating system such as IGBC. It was attended by over 100 professionals from the construction industry such as NKDA, HIDCO, IIA, CPWD, PWD etc.

Different green idea for New Town e.g. Additional 10% FAR, Cycle Tracks, E-Rickshaw, Roof Top solar Panels and organic garden etc. was discussed.

Ar. Sunil Maniramka, Vice Chairman, IIA WB Chapter, was a part of the inauguration and addressed the gathering.

Annual Charles Correa Memorial Lecture Launched

A year after sad demise of Ar. Charles Correa, the legendary architect, the Inaugural Annual Charles Correa Memorial Lecture, was organised by Mr. Harsh Neotia, Chairman of the Ambuja Neotia group, on 18th June, at the Royal Bengal Room at City Center Saltlake, as a tribute to the master as his wife Mrs. Monika Correa graced the occasion as the guest of honour.

Mr. Neotia candidly shared his experience with the master architect as he initially had hard times convincing Charles to design City Centre, a unique shopping centre which finally redefined the way it was perceived hitherto. He shared how Correa always hated mediocrity and was never compromised on what he thought was right even if that meant contradicting his own previous decisions. This experience, as Mr. Neotia continued, taught him a lot about sensibility needed for a good building and a good project.

Architect Rahul Mehrotra, eminent professor at Harvard Graduate School of Design and also Correa's son-in-law, spoke on his philosophies and journey. The recent Winner of prestigious Golden Lion award, renowned Paraguayan Architect Solano Benitez, was the Keynote speaker for the evening who took audience to a journey of a whole new dimension of sensibility as he explained his designs, among which especially, his signature brick lattice funicular shells and a small project around his father's tomb near the backyard jungle of their family house, where just by strategic use of mirror in a floating enclosure he created possibilities, where one can contemplate amidst the unbound nature and explore the infinity within. Through this programme the architect-fraternity of the city got a chance to pay homage to the great master. The Programme was conceptualised and spearheaded by Ar. Ashish Acharjee, a noted member of our chapter.



Change of Guard at Council of Architecture

IIA WB Chapter congratulates the newly elected team of Executive Committee of CoA

- President - Ar. Biswaranjan Nayak
- Vice President - Ar. Vijay Garg
- EC members - Ar. Alok Ranjan, Ar. Amitava Roy, Ar. Amogh Kumar Gupta, Ar. Raneer Maria Leonte Vedamuthu, Ar. Abhay Vinayak Purohit

We hope the team furthers the goals of CoA and contributes of the profession at large.



7 WB architects in i-Gen 50 2016

In the i-Gen list of top 50 young architects enumerated by the magazine "Architect and Interiors India", we are happy that there were seven young architects listed from West Bengal –Ar. Abhijit Rai Chaudhuri, Ar. Abhishek Dutta, Ar. Aditya Goswami, Ar. Anirban Bhaduri Mandal, Ar. Runa Dasgupta, Ar. Shayan De and Ar. Susweta (Das) Dutta. The chapter takes pride in the recognition of these achievers.



Ar. Ranjit Kumar Ganguly (1943-2016) passed away.

Architect who showed that government buildings could be more than matchboxes.

Ar. Ranjit Kumar Ganguly, who retired as Chief Architect of Central Public Works Department, Eastern Region, has passed away on the 8th of April, 2016 at the age of 73.

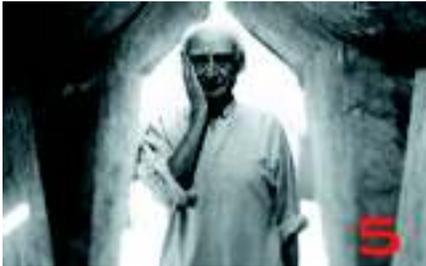
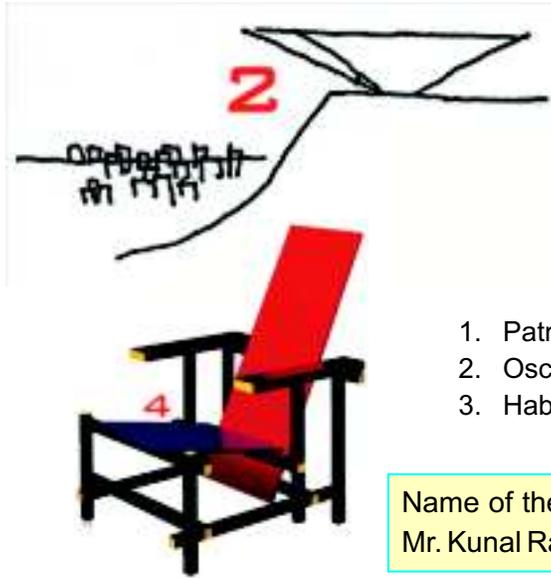
Ar. R.K. Ganguly led a team of motivated professionals who were eager to prove that government buildings too could command attention of the masses, surviving constraints of limited budget and limited array of materials. The prestigious projects that he has been associated with include the GSI and CGO Office Complex at Salt Lake, as well as Office of the Principal Chief Commissioner, Central Estate, Kolkata, at Rajdanga Main Road.

A man of amiable personality, Ar. R.K Ganguly has been lauded by his contemporaries for his zeal for excellence and exuberance, throughout his career.

May his soul rest in peace. IIA-WB Chapter conveys condolences to his son Ar. Neelanjan Ganguly, who contributed this obituary.

The Architect's challenge Set 3 Answer

Here are the answers



- 1. Patrick Geddes
- 2. Oscar Niemeyer
- 3. Habib Rahman
- 4. Gerrit Rietveld
- 5. Paolo Soleri

Name of the reader with all right answers :
Mr. Kunal Rakshit. Congratulations!

The Architect's challenge Set 4 Answer

Here are the answers



- 1. Jockey Club Innovation Tower- HongKong, Asia.
- 2. Galaxy SOHO Building, Beijing, China.
- 3. Zaragoza Bridge Pavillion, Zaragoza, Spain.
- 4. Glasgow Riverside Museum, Scotland, UK
- 5. Heydar Aliyev Centre, Baku, Azerbaijan.
- 6. The MAXXI, National Museum Of Arts, Rome
- 7. Phaeno Science Centre, Wolfsburg, Germany



Right Answers given by Mr. Kunal Rakshit (7/7), Ar. Indranil Ghosh (7/7), Ar. Arup Das (7/7), Ar. Somnath Sen (7/7) and Ar. Debjit Adhikari (7/7).

The Architect's Challenge Set 4

Please send your answers to
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Identify the building in Kolkata. Name the Architect.

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