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### UIA 2011 - TOKYO, 26 - 28 Sep 2011

#### DESIGN 2050 BEYOND DISASTERS, THROUGH SOLIDARITY, TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY

The XXIV UIA Congress was held in Tokyo from 26th to 28th September 2011, six and a half months after the historical disasters of March 2011 in Eastern Japan. It magnetized 5,000 professionals and students related to the architectural and urban fields, from more than 100 nations and territories around the world. Deeply affected by the devastating events, participants passionately discussed what had happened then and what should be done now, under the Congress theme.

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

IIA Awards 2011 for Excellence in Architecture.  
5 Feb 2011, New Delhi

The IIA Awards 2011 for Excellence in Architecture will be held on 5th Feb 2011 in New Delhi. The only awards for architects by architects will be held at the Siri Fort Auditorium in the Capital. There will be a live musical by Babla Mehta giving tribute to the great legend Mukesh.



The Siri Fort Auditorium



Ruins of the Siri Fort Wall

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International Architecture Festival of Kerala,  
26 - 28 Jan 2012, at Dubai

International Architecture Festival of Kerala is taking place at Dubai from 26th - 28th January, 2012.

Around 500 architects are likely to attend the festival (about 300 from India & about 200 from other countries).



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## EDITORIAL

Dear Fellow Professionals,

Conventions, Conferences and Celebrations marked the last quarter of the year 2011.

The underlying theme everywhere was Sustainability and Response to Climate Change. While, on the occasion of World Habitat Day, the United Nations urged its member countries to work towards making development more sustainable, both the Young Architects Festival and the National Convention of the IIA, had a session each on sensitive approach to the environment, and the UIA, at its meet in Tokyo, pledged itself to promote greater responsibility towards sustainability.

As always, we apologize for any error inadvertently made and shall ensure they never recur. Please feel free to contribute articles on issues of concern in the profession.

Looking forward to your valuable suggestions and views, so that we may be able to improve this periodical as we go along!

Ar Archana Khanna  
Editor

## Participation Invited

• We invite contributions in the form of Suggestions, Articles, News, and Advertisements including corrections in facts stated, if any.

• We also request for any corrections in the addresses/ contact nos./email ids as mentioned in the IIA Architects Directory.

## Members Who have Left Us

We regret to inform our members of the sad demise of Ar. Vinay Parelkar, Immediate Past President, IIA on 21 Oct, 2011.

Ar. Vinay Parelkar was the President of the IIA for the term 2008-2010.

He was a partner in the architectural firm Parelkar & Dallas, based in Mumbai, as also was the past President of the Rotary Club of Mumbai (Sion)



Ar. Vinay Manohar Parelkar

## Membership Drive

Since the strength of The Northern Chapter is limited, so on behalf of its Chairman, we request you to bring in more members to make our chapter a stronger professional body.

New members are requested to log on to <http://www.iaa-india.org/membership.shtml> and register.

• **The Northern Chapter of IIA requests all members to participate in the IIA awards ceremony to make it a success.**

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Dear Members

New Year Greetings from Northern Chapter of IIA. A series of big events have been planned ahead bringing members closer & getting more aware of the developments in the profession.

Starting with the IIA Awards – 2011 Presentation Ceremony, followed by monthly get togethers to have continuing discussions on Subjects of topical interest from March onwards, Members can also look forward to a Mega event at Pragati Maidan in the month of September with Institute-Industry partnership that should include an exhibition and two day conferencing event with relevant architectural theme.

CHEERS !!

Yours  
In the Profession,  
Ar. ABHIJITRAY.

## Snippets - Forthcoming Issues

- Student's Design Competitions.
- From the Academic Desk - Issues on Architectural Education.
- Inputs from Architectural Institutes covered under the geographical spread of The Northern Chapter.

## R.R. Kabel Society Interior Building Design Awards, 2011, New Delhi

The first ever RR Kabel Society Interiors Building Design Awards, were held at the Le Meridian Hotel, New Delhi on the 17th of December, 2011. The Mumbai edition of the same was held at the Taj Lands End, Mumbai on the 12th of December, 2011. The intent of the Award was to recognize, celebrate and facilitate design visionaries like Architects and Builders/ Property Developers, for their outstanding contribution in the field of design and community at large.

The Chief Guest for the occasion was Mr. Kamal Nath, Honorable Minister for Urban Development, Government of India. Apart from distinguished members of the architectural and building fraternity, imminent celebrities like M.P Kirti Azad, Actor Rahul Dev and socialite Ms. Neelam Pratap Rudy were present. Architect Raj Rawal, Present Chairman of the DUAC, Architect Pradeep Sachdev, Architect Ashok. B. Lall and Dr. P. C. Jain were honored with Life Time Achievement Award Imminent design firms, and their projects were recognized under various categories such as Commercial, Residential, Public and Retail Buildings.

Buildings such as Select City Walk & DLF Promenade Mall in Delhi, and Aralias Residence & DLF Corporate Park in Gurgaon, were among those that were awarded. For each category, awards were given both to the architect and the developer.

The glittering function, held at the Sovereign Banquet Hall, of the Hotel, was compered by model and actress Shikha Swaroop. The awards were interspersed with theatre performances of the highest order. The event was followed by interaction over cocktails and dinner.



# IIA AWARDS

## The Indian Institute of Architects Awards'2011 for Excellence in Architecture

& live musical by Babla Mehta

**FEB 5 SUN 5 PM**

**Siri Fort Auditorium**

Asiad Village Complex, New Delhi.

***Entry only for architects & family.***

To confirm your attendance & number of seats,  
Please call chapter office - 01123411699 / 9871093372.  
Contact Person:- Ravi & Ramesh

**Please bring your visiting card for a Grand Lucky Draw.**

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## UIA 2011 - TOKYO, 26 - 28 Sep 2011

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- **Council Members Region V**, Africa Côte d'Ivoire: Francis Sossah, member - Jacques Andoh Alle, alternate Egypt: Tawfik Elrashidy, member - Hesham Seoudy, alternate. Kenya: Mohammed Munyanya, member - Gideon Mutemi Mulyungi, alternate Morocco: Ms. Firdaous Oussidhoum, member - Omar Farkhani, alternate

Major discussions identified together, the forecasting and back casting visions of architecture and urban design 40 years hence, which would enlighten us on the role of our profession going forward from prior charters and declarations of UIA. These were sorted into themes, Environment, Culture and Life.

Consequently we committed ourselves to:

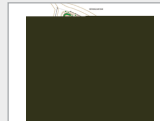
- Learn from moving beyond disasters around the globe to overcome the challenges to our profession of diversely related disciplines, in terms of environmental, social and economic sustainability,
- Exchange, using contemporary media, the many global and local initiatives for better equity and diversity, by moving beyond the existing boundaries of region and culture, whilst remembering and learning from the past, through solidarity,
- Promote responsibility within our profession, support architects and architecture, and enhance the regional quality of life for all people, together with governments and others, by closing the gaps in social justice, whilst working towards sustainability.

## Winners of National Architectural Design Competition for the NPM, New Delhi

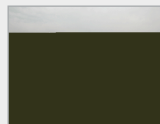
The Union Home Secretary, Shri R.K. Singh announced the results of the National Architectural Design Competition for the National Police Memorial (NADC for the NPM) at an official ceremony held here and gave away awards to the three prize winning competitors.

- The **First Prize** was awarded to a team of two professionals – Mr. Siddhartha Talwar (Architect), and Mr. Nikhil Dhar (Landscape Architect).
- The **Second Prize** was awarded to a team of three professionals comprising Mr. Saket Jain, (Architect) Mr. Sachin Jain, (Architect) and Ms Ritu Jain, (Landscape Architect).
- The **Third Prize** was awarded to a team of three professionals – Ms Anita Tikoo Matange, (Architect) Mr. Vijay Matange, (Architect) and Ms Sroboshi Das, (Landscape Architect).

All the three teams are based in New Delhi. Cash awards of Rs five lakh, Rs. three lakh, and Rs. one lakh were presented to the three prize winning entries along with citations.



The Context



The Site

## GRIHA (Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment) - Issues of Concern

The impact of GRIHA in directing the building and construction industry towards sustainability and its integration with national regulations and policy tools has been given momentum.



- Since 2009, it is mandatory for all building projects of the Government of India and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) to be minimum 3 Star GRIHA compliant.
- The MNRE offers financial incentives to various government and private projects to comply with GRIHA. The MNRE also offers incentives to Municipal Corporations to make GRIHA projects. (Information available on [www.grihindia.org](http://www.grihindia.org))
- Central Public Works Department (CPWD), Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India is committed to making all future (since 2009) buildings GRIHA compliant. The plinth area rates, other schedules and specifications are being revised to comply with GRIHA benchmarks.

## India, China high - rise boom spells Eco Crisis

### Construction of the World's tallest building has led to financial crises over the last 140 years, shows a Barclays Capital Report

- **87%** increase in China's stock of Skyscrapers has been planned.
- **14%** more skyscrapers have been planned in India, including the world's second tallest tower of India, in Mumbai.
- **80%** of new buildings are going up in tier two and three cities in China, away from developed coastal areas of the Pearl River Delta and Yangtze River Delta.
- **40-50%** decrease registered in the number of residential property sales in Beijing and Shanghai.
- **53%** of the 124 skyscrapers now under construction globally are in China.

### A skyscraper building boom in China and India may be a sign of an impending economic correction in two of Asia's largest economic, according to a new report by Barclays Capital.

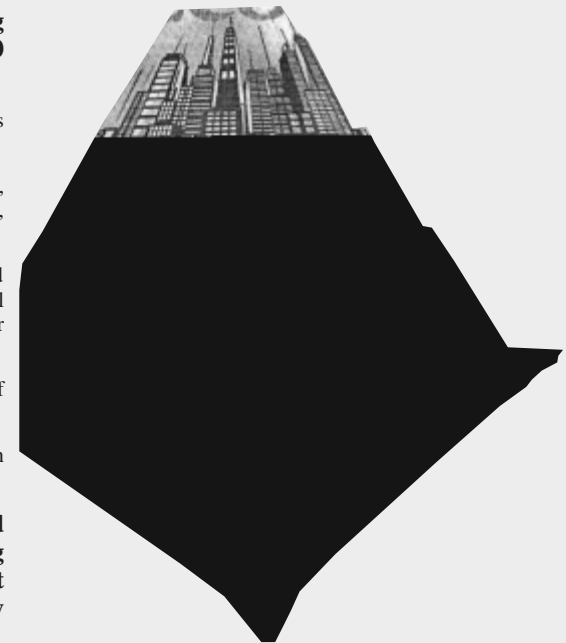
Barclays has mapped an "unhealthy correlation" between constructions of the world's tallest buildings and impending financial crises over the last 140 years. Today china is home to half of the world's skyscrapers – defined as building over 240 meters (787 feet) tall – currently under construction. India, which has just two skyscrapers, is building the world's second- tallest tower, the Tower of India, in Mumbai.

"Building booms are a sign of excess credit," Andrew Lawrence, director of property research at Barclays Capital in Hong Kong, said on Wednesday. Historically, skyscraper construction has been characterized by burst of sporadic, but intense activities that coincide with easy credit, rising land prices and excessive optimism, but often, by the time skyscrapers are finished the economy has slipped into recession, Lawrence said.

The Great Depression hit as the finishing touches were being put on three record breaking buildings in New York – 40 Wall Street, the Chrysler Building and the Empire State Building – Which were all completed between 1929 and 1931, Barclays noted in the report. The economic and oil crises of the 1970s coincided with the completion of the twin towers at New York's World Trade Center, in 1972 and 1973, and Chicago's Sears Tower in 1974. The Asian financial crises hit as Kuala Lumpur's Petronas Tower were finished in 1997. Dubai's \$ 4.1 billion Burj Khalifa, completed in 2010, is now the world's tallest building. As it was being built, Dubai nearly went bust and the world slid into the Great Recession.

Today, China gets the dubious distinction of being the world's "biggest bubble builder", Barclays said. Home to 53% of the 124 skyscrapers now under construction globally, China is primed to increase its stock of skyscrapers by 87%. About 80% of new buildings are going up in tier two and three cities, away from developed coastal areas of the Pearl River Delta and Yangtze River Delta, which Barclays called "evidence of the expanding building bubble."

**In India, nonperforming loans – a substantial number of them to real estate ventures – grew by nearly a third in the first half of this fiscal, more than triple the average annual growth rate since 2006, according to Reserve Bank of India.**



## World Habitat Day, 3 - 4 Oct 2011

The United Nations has designated the first Monday of October every year as World Habitat Day. This year, World Habitat Day was celebrated on 3 October 2011, and the Global Celebration hosted by the Government of Mexico.

**Day - 1** The Ceremony was held at the Aguascalientes Theater, Mexico. Statements were made by Lic. Heriberto Félix Guerra, Secretary of Social Development, Mexico, Dr. Joan Clos, Executive Director of UN-HABITAT and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations. Award Ceremony: Scroll of Honour was presented by UN-HABITAT, World Habitat Award by Building and Social Housing Foundation, Best City Living Award presented by the Federal Government of Mexico & Statements by Ing. Carlos Lozano de la Torre, State Governor of Aguascalientes as also, Statement by Lic. Felipe Calderón Hinojosa, President of Mexico.

This was followed by a presentation and discussions with experts and winners on Cities and Climate Change at the Descubre Museum, Presentation by the UN – Cities in the World – UN HABITAT State of the World’s Cities Report 2010- 2011 (two panelists, one from SEDESOL and one local), Cities and Climate Change – Global Report on Human Settlements 2011 (two panelists, one from SEDESOL and one local) & a Presentation of initiatives and good practices by 2011 Scroll of Honour and World Habitat Award Winners.

**Day - 2** Opening Ceremony with address by the Executive Director of UN-HABITAT, the Social Development Secretary, the Governor of the State of Aguascalientes and the Rector of the Autonomous University of Aguascalientes. Keynote address by Dr. Joan Clos, Executive Director of UN-HABITAT and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations on XIV National Congress for Institutions in education of territorial planning, Urbanism and Urban Design (ANPUD), XI Congress of the Latin American Association of Urbanism and Planning Schools (ALEUP), National Workshop for urban environmental projects was followed by a meeting of the Board of Directors – Global Parliamentarians on Habitat.

### Celebrations all over the World

**In Nairobi, Burkina Faso** celebrated World Habitat Day for a whole month this year for the 26th time. A public convention was held during which a storm water project at the Bangr ' Wéogo city park in Ouagadougou was launched.

**In Juba, South Sudan**, it was both tears and joy as the world's youngest nation celebrated its first ever World Habitat Day. This celebration comes at a time when newly independent South Sudan is embarking on reconstruction after years of stagnation and underdevelopment caused by a protracted civil war.

**In Kisumu, Kenya**, Song and dance took centre stage as top government officials, members of the diplomatic corps and ordinary people gathered at a sports ground in Kisumu to mark World Habitat Day.

**In Seychelles**, the celebrations in saw the President Mr. James Michael send a message. The head of state said his country has been a pioneer in pushing the Climate Change Agenda at every opportunity that arises.

**In Laos**, to mark the World Habitat Day 2011, representatives from the Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and UN-HABITAT got together at an event held in the UN House in Vientiane. The purpose of the event was to reflect on this year's theme 'Cities and Climate Change' and what this means in the Laos context.

**In Madrid**, the third Vice President of Spain Mr. Manuel Chaves, received the UN-HABITAT Scroll of Honour (Special Citation) on behalf of the Spanish organisation FEIL.



## World Habitat Day : Celebration A Project

World Habitat Day, celebrated in India at Hyderabad, was organised by the Turaga Foundation and supported by Vasaamha Consultants and CogNatives Collaborative.

A half an hour special discussion in local Telugu language took place on Doordarshan, India's National Television channel, on the theme of Cities and Climate Change. Participants included: Dr. Rao VBJ Chelikani, Former Head, NGOs' Forum UNESCO, Paris, and President, International Foundation for Human Development, Hyderabad, Dr. Prasanna Kumar, Social Scientist, Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Ms. Usha Turaga Revelli, Social Documentation Specialist, Journalist and Environmentalist.

An exhibition on the Theme of 'Cities and Climate Change' with focus on Micro climate and the significance of Micro level interventions for combating climate change was organised.

In association with APPCB: a gathering of citizens at Elders' Mela (Fair) on the significance of micro-level interventions in combating climate change and role of communities and citizens was arranged. The speakers included Dr. Akkineni Nageswara Rao, Veteran Film Actor, Smt. Turaga Janaki Rani, Writer-Broadcaster Communications specialist, Prof. Kalpana Manchali, Head of Department, SV College of Architecture, Vasanta Sobha Turaga, Conservation Architect- Urban Regional Planner, Sri Harsha Vadlamani, Chemical Engineer, Swathi, Akram and Other Volunteers

A mime (skit) on the Environment by Youth Theatre Group 'Savera' was presented.

Also, a long-term agreement between APPCB (Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board) International Foundation for Human Development and Sri Venkateswara College of Architecture has been signed, for taking the Movement forward.



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# MAJOR IIA EVENTS

YAF 2011, 14 - 16 Oct 2011, Chandigarh

IIA National Convention 2011, 2 - 3 Dec 2011, Hyderabad

The Indian Institute of Architects ( Andhra Pradesh Chapter) organized the IIA National Convention 2011 on 2nd & 3rd December, 2011. The theme was "**Emerging Trends and issues in Indian Architecture**". It was a historic event, held at the Shilpa Kala Vedika in Madhapur, Hyderabad.

The Convention was a mega event attracting national and international attention in a global milieu. More than 1500 participants including luminaries and veterans of Indian architecture, contemporary designers, academicians and students took part in the event.

# RECOGNITIONS

The ARCASIA Awards for Architecture 2011-2012 were held in Da Nang, Vietnam, proudly hosted by the Vietnam Association of Architects. In total, 132 entries were received. A total of 11 entries were sent from Pakistan.

## Final Results

### A1 - SINGLE FAMILY - RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS

- Atelier Bisque Doll, Architect: Keisuke Maeda, Institute: JIA
- Ting Residence, Architect: Wooi Lok Kuang, Institute: PAM

### A2 - MULTIPLE FAMILY - RESIDENTIAL COMPLEXES

- G-Flat, Architect: Koh Kitayama, JIA
- Al Azhar Garden, Architect: Yawar Jilani, IAP

### A3 - SOCIAL & PUBLIC HOUSING

- Pinnacle Duxton, Architect: Khoo Peng Beng, SIA

### B1 - PUBLIC AMENITY: COMMERCIAL BUILDING

- Olympic Plantation Farm Shop, Architect: Lee, Sang Leem, KIRA
- Beijing Olympic Green Sunken Garden, Architect: Shao wei ping, ASC

### B2 - PUBLIC AMENITY: RESORT BUILDINGS

- Villa Amanzi, Cape Sol, Architect: Fiona Overton, HKIA
- Bamboo Dome Binh Duong, Architect: Vo Trong Nghia, Nishizawa Shunri, VAA

### B3 - PUBLIC AMENITY: SOCIAL/RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS

- Kohitsuji no Mure Christian Church/ Church of the Wind, Architect: Kazuo Matsuo, JIA

### B4 - PUBLIC AMENITY: INSTITUTIONAL BUILDINGS

- Nanasawa Kiboo No Oka, Elementary School, Architect: Ben Nakamura, JIA
- Bangkok University Landmark Complex, Architect: ARCHITECTS 49, ASA

### B5 - SPECIALIZED BUILDINGS

- Dhoby Ghaut Green, Architect: Chan Soo Khian, SIA

### B6 - MIXED USE DEVELOPMENTS

- Iwamizawa Station Complex, Architect: Hiroshi Nishimura, JIA

### C - INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS

- JFE Chemical, Architect: Masahiro Kinoshita, JIA
- EcoPark Administration Building, Architect: Aedas Limited, HKIA

### D1 - CONSERVATION PROJECTS

- Innovative Historical, Renovation, Shieto, Architect: Yumi Kori, JIA

### D2 - RESTORATION AND ADAPTIVE RE-USE

- 1881 Heritage, Architect: A&T Design International Ltd. Daniel Lin Hsien Wen, HKIA
- The HSM House, Architect: Cho In Souk, KIRA

### Jury Members of ARCASIA Awards 2011-2012



- Ar. George Kunihiro, JIA, Japan, President ARCASIA.
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- Ar. Endy Sabijono, Indonesia, an eminent Architect from ARCASIA zones B
- Ar. Kalim A. Siddiqui, Pakistan, an eminent Architect from ARCASIA zones A
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## Humour !!!



- Q.: Which famous 20th century Swiss architect changed his name to match his drinking habits?  
A.: Le Cor**boozier**.
- Q.: How are building shown in the architectural bible?  
A.: Plans, sections and **revelations**.
- A man went in for a brain transplant operation and was offered a choice of two brains by the surgeon. He could choose either the Architect's brain which would cost him \$10,000 or the politician's which was \$100,000.  
"Does that mean that the politician's brain is much better than the Architect's?" exclaimed the clearly puzzled man.  
"not exactly" replied the surgeon, "**the politician's had never been used.**"