

REPORT ON IIA NATCON 2020...online

IIA NATCON 2020– **Transcend ...**

The National Convention of The Indian Institute of Architects is an annual event which Members look forward to meet, exchange ideas and learn from the presentations and interaction with renowned architects and panel discussions to understand and update their knowledge, apart from the opportunities for bonding, friendship and fellowship among the fraternity.

Due to the Pandemic situation the National convention was getting delayed due to restriction on physical movement. It was decided by the Office Bearers and at the National Council Meeting to hold the IIA Natcon 2020 on a virtual platform with Ar.CR Raju as Convenor.

Ar.CR Raju, Convenor formed a core committee with Ar. Lalichan Zacharias (Mentor), Ar. Jitendra Mehta (Co-Convenor-Programmes), Ar. Gyanendra Shekhavat (Co-Convenor – Sponsorship), Ar. Brijesh Saijal & Ar. Antony Morais (Creative Support), under the guidance of the office bearers and the National Council.

The team came up with the theme “**Transcend... Go Beyond... Towards a Self-Reliant, Resilient and Inclusive Architecture**” which will give an opportunity for all to introspect and discuss about the way forward to face the challenges and the opportunities to explore new ideas and strategies.

The organizing committee worked with great enthusiasm for a very balanced program involving Master Speakers, Moderators and Panel members from India and world-wide.

Various online Competitions like Sketching, Photography, Architectural Quiz and Music were organized

1. Sketching – Coordinated by Ar. Satish Mane , Ar. Sandeep Bawdekar
Jury members – Ar. Ravi Gadre, Ar. Hemant Lele & Ar. Kaushal Shah
2. Photography – Coordinated by Ar. Astutosh Agarwal , Ar. Akshaya Beuria
Jury members – Ar. Kavi Jain, Ar. Sugat Mohanty & Mr. Mayank Singh
3. Architectural Quiz – Coordinated by Ar. Gita Balakrishnan
as a run-up to the event with good participation.
4. Call for Papers - coordinated by Ar. Jayshree Deshpande
5. Ensemble – Musical Program coordinated by Darpan

Creative posters of the Master speakers, Panel Members for discussions, the various competitions, Ensemble (Musical Extravaganza of Architects from all parts of the country coordinated by Darpan) for all the sessions were circulated to all the members by mail and social media.

The chief guest for the inaugural ceremony was Shri. M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon.Vice President of India. He gave a very inspiring address exhorting the role of Architects, our history and legacy and the contribution architects can make to a socially inclusive society.

A pioneering initiative of IIA was to develop an exclusive CAD software for the members. The logo for IIA CAD, coordinated by Ar. Lalichan Zacharias, was launched at the inaugural ceremony. The logo was designed by Ar. Ritesh Gurukar.

Ar. Rahul Mehrotra, as a Master Speaker gave the key note address with a presentation of his architectural works.

Ar.Michael Sanuelian , Ar. Sonam Wangchuk, Ar. Moshe Safdie as Master Speakers gave an insight of their professional journey with a variety of projects, experiences and interaction with the audience.

Panel Discussion

Moderator - Ar.Bijoy Ramachandran, Panelists - Ar.Jelle Therry Ramboll, S'pore, Ar.Sanjay Mohe, Ar.Rita Soh, Ar.Debotosh Sahu.

Moderator- Ar.Naresh Narsimhan, Panelist - Ar. Parul Zaveri, Ar. Vivek Bhole, Ar. Mitesh Dixit, New York, Ar. Jit Kumar Gupta

Moderator - Ar.Jaisim, Panelists - Ar.Monolita Chatterjee,Ar.Vaissnavi Shukl, Ar.Sheila Sriprakash, Ar.Azmi Wadia.

Moderator - Ar. Biju kuriakose, Panelists - Ar.Sameep Padora, Ar.Abin Choudhary, Ar.Vinayak Bharne , Ar.Leena Kumar

Moderator - Ar.C.R.Raju, Jt.Hon.Sec. IIA, Panelists - Ar.Divya Kush, President-IIA, Ar.Habeeb Khan, President-COA,
Ar.Zabeen Zacharias, President-IIID, Mr.V.Suresh, Chairman-IGBC,
Mr. Satish Magar,President- CREDAI

Moderator - Ar.Tushar Sogaini, Panelist - Ar.Amarja Nimbalkar, Ar.Michael Sanuelian, Ar.Ameet Babbar, Ar.Fahed Majid

The valedictory session was preceded by an open forum. The office bearers participated in the valedictory session. The Baburao Mhatre gold medal and the Madhav Achwal gold medal recipients were announced and presented online. IIA Awards for the best chapter, Centre, Sub-Centre, Outstanding Members, Merit Certificates were presented online. Presidential awards to recognize deserving members for their contribution to the Institute and the profession were given away by Ar. Divya Kush.

The entire online event was conducted on an indigenous platform O dash as part of self-reliance. The login experience was enhanced by a video walk through. The event was supported by Viraj, Shradha and the entire team Foaid and MC Kaveah.

In conclusion it was a great team effort, excellent support from Office bearers, National Council, Core team, Speakers, Event coordinators, delegates and sponsors.

The total registration for the event was about 2411 which included IIA Members, Non-IIA Architects, members from allied organizations, international delegates, students of architecture, press and other service providers.

The online convention was supported by sponsors, JK Cements, Trimble, Jaquar, Daikin, Cera, Viva Composite Panels, Nippon Paints.

On the whole, it was a very engaging and exhilarating experience for all.

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