UIA - IIA
Architects’ Mahakumbh
29th November 2018 - 02nd December 2018

Venue:
Indira Gandhi Pratishthan,
Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow

Important Dates:
29th - 30th November, 2018 - UIA & IIA Council Meetings
30th November, 2018 (4:30 pm) - Inauguration of Exhibition
1st - 2nd December, 2018 - Sessions of Mahakumbh
1st December, 2018 10:30 am

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Valedictory:
2nd December, 2018 4:30 pm
ABOUT LUCKNOW

“Lucknow”, the capital of Uttar Pradesh, lies in the middle of the Heritage Arc. This bustling city, famed for its Nawabi era finesse and amazing food, is a unique mix of the ancient and the modern. It is home to extraordinary monuments depicting a fascinating blend of ancient, colonial and oriental architecture. Lucknow has always been known as a multicultural city that flourished as a North Indian cultural and artistic hub, and the seat of power of Nawabs in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Lucknow was the epicenter of the 1857 War of Independence, and much before that, it was the seat of a line of nawabs who gave the city its unique identity.

Literature, cuisine, performing arts and tehzeeb put Lucknow a cut above the rest – and the world acknowledges it. Among the magnificent monuments are Imambara, Rumi Darwaza, Kaiserbagh Heritage Zone, Residency and Dilkusha. Among the extant architecture, there are religious buildings such as Imambaras, mosques and other Islamic shrines as well as secular structures such as enclosed gardens, baradaris and palace complexes. Chikan embroidery and zardozi have made Lucknow a brand in global fashion. Kebabs and biryani are the two lip-smacking delicacies that beckon visitors again and again. It continues to be an important centre of governance, administration, education, commerce, aerospace, finance, pharmaceuticals, technology, design, culture, tourism, music and poetry. Lucknow, along with Agra and Varanasi, is in the Uttar Pradesh Heritage Arc, a chain of survey triangulations created by the Government of Uttar Pradesh to boost tourism in the state. The Gomti River, Lucknow’s chief geographical feature, meanders through the city and divides it into the Trans-Gomti and Cis-Gomti regions. Lucknow is a growing IT hub with software and IT companies resident in the city.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

As the name itself suggests, this program is going to be multilayered, starting from world level Union of International Architects (UIA) to massive participation by architects of state as well as local level.

1. **IIA ARCHITECTS MAHAKUMBH PROGRAMMES – 1st & 2nd December 2018**

   Architects from various cities UP and Uttarakhand shall participate in Architects’ Mahakumbh. Most of the Architects from Lucknow itself shall be there to witness the show and participate in conference and exhibition.

   1.1 Faculty and students from all institutions of the State shall be involved in various activities and competition organized for students. A large number of budding architects shall also be there. Exhibition of Architects work as well as building material exhibition shall be open for public for three days.

   1.2 Lectures by eminent architects on variety of relevant topics for professional architects.

   1.3 Lectures by eminent architects for students from various colleges of the state.

   1.4 There shall be Exhibitions of IIA National award winning projects of previous years from 30th November to 2nd December 2018.

   1.5 IIA STATE AWARDS: Architects having their offices in U.P. or Uttarakhand shall be acknowledged for the outstanding contribution in architecture. Various awards shall be a given to them. An exhibition of their work shall be organized from 30th November to 2nd December 2018.

   1.6 Building material exhibition from 30th November to 2nd December 2018.

2. **UIA MEETINGS – 29th & 30th November 2018**

3. **ARCAISA & SAARC MEETINGS – 29th & 30th November 2018**

4. **IIA MEETINGS**
Architecture of Tomorrow and Day After

- How architecture is linked with new technologies such as virtual / augmented reality and artificial intelligence, and how new technologies will transform cities and what the architect is to expect in the next 10-15 years.
- How VR/AR/AI are changing present and future of the architecture.
- 3D printing as a new shape for architecture.
- Zero energy architecture.
- Smart city as new platform for living.
- The sustainable strategies for the cities development.
- Mega projects, super tall and new cities within the existing cities.

TOPICS FOR SEMINAR / LECTURES / PANEL DISCUSSIONS

1. Diminishing Cultural boundaries and Style of local architecture:
   - The culture of each society is identified through its manifestations such as language, art and architecture, and analysis in the field of culture is related to the study of cultural manifestations. Architecture as a matter of human life reflects the culture in every society interacting closely with structural, historical, political, economic and social features of society.
   - People in every country try to follow their norms and maintain their value in making of architecture by applying the material things. Changing the cultural and social attitudes in communities has the greatest impact on the architecture. Therefore, the role of culture in promoting architectural identity seems essential.
   - The social order formed by civilization creates cultural progress and apart from the country’s political, moral and economic conditions, the pursuit of knowledge and that of the arts forms the basis of the culture of one’s country.

2. Outburst of Technologies and worldwide monotony:
   - Uniformity or lack of variation in pitch, intonation, or inflection related to architecture.
   - Tedious sameness or repetitiveness.

3. Present scenario of Architecture Practice prospects in Developing Countries:
   - Architectural and economic aspects are important. But beyond that, challenges and solutions need to be addressed comprehensively and viewed holistically in the cities of developing countries. Reducing inequality and achieving sustainability are two objectives that should be pursued, but the challenges will vary depending on each city and its degree of development.
   - The urban population is expected to double in the next 40 years, forcing cities to undertake a holistic and sustainable transformation of their model.
   - Cities are very important, not just for the world of architecture and urbanism but also for the economy and politics. In addition, the urban population is expected to double over the next 40 years, bringing about a rapid, large-scale change that has no precedent in human history. Whatever the reasons behind it, this growth pressure is having an impact on the functioning of cities, on their governance, and on quality of life. In light of this, we must ensure that cities remain spaces for innovation, culture and well-being.

4. Archipreneurship:
   - The ethos of being an archipreneur merges that of entrepreneurship and architecture, and often involves scenarios unlikely to play out in the conventional architectural business milieu. A number of relatively new challenges present themselves to those running architecture-related companies based innovative business models.
   - In response to the unnecessarily cumbersome back-and-forth process architects have between clients, developers, architects, contractors and subcontractors, archipreneurs are beginning to create new business models that push the boundaries of the profession.
Various organization participating in Architects Mahakumbh – 2018

UIA – The International Union of Architects (UIA) is the organisation representing the world’s architects, now estimated to number some 3.2 million in all. Founded in Lausanne, Switzerland, in 1948, the UIA advances policies and programmes that improve communities through design. 100 renowned Architects from its member countries will participate in this UIA Council Meeting scheduled for 2 full days on 29th & 30th November 2018. India will be the host for this UIA Council Meet for the first time since the inception of UIA.

ARCAISA – Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA) is the APEX body of Architects in Asia and its work for the enhancement of Architecture profession in this continent. Originated initially during the 1967 Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) New Delhi. This six Asian Institutes (the founding members) were India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong. ARCASIA currently has more than 20 ASIAN countries are member organization.

SAARC – South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation of Architects (SAARC) is the key recognized body of SAARC nations. It is aligned with the SAARC objective of promoting social, economic and cultural development of the region and also greatly foster for better coordination between the Architects and the Architecture as a profession in the region.

The Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) – The Indian Institute of Architects is more than hundred years old. It is the apex body of Architects professionals. IIA represents India in all the international bodies of the profession. More than 50 members of National Council across the country and observers shall attend the mega event along with their National Council Meeting at Lucknow.

IIA UP Chapter Architects Meet – The Indian Institute of Architects functions through its chapters and centers. UP & Uttarakhand is among one of its largest chapters. This meet will cater to the participation of more than 600 Architects from Lucknow and various other cities of the Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand in addition to 100 architects from various countries of the word 50 Architects from other Asian countries and 50/60 architects from other States of the Country. Total number of architects is expected to be around 800.

Students Activity – Around 1000 plus young & budding Architects from different Architectural colleges of the City and State shall be actively involved in this event. Students from Architectural Institutes across the State along with some of the Faculty will participate in this event. Students shall participate and engage in extra and co-curricular activities (debates, quiz etc.) design contest and the networking platform.

Sister organizations - Other organizations involved in creations of built environment like engineers and interior designers shall also be invited to participate in this Mega Event.

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