

Central Region Convention, Madhya '22

22nd & 23rd July, 2022, Indore, M.P.

The two day extravaganza which witnessed the presence of over 700 architects from not only the participating states but pan India, was started by the inauguration of the material exhibition of the trade and technology partners of the event. Ar. C.R. Raju, President, IIA along with other dignitaries visited the showcase. It was followed by the National Council Meeting and All Chapter Chairmen Meeting chaired by Ar. C.R. Raju, President, IIA.



The grand Inaugural Session with the dais showering welcome and warm wishes on behalf of the Institute of Architects to one and all, where stage was decorated with dignitaries including the Chief Guest **Ar. C. R. Raju** - President, IIA, **Mr. Gurmeet Singh Arora** - Chairman, Indian Green Building Council (IGBC), Guest of honour **Ar. Achal Choudhary** - President, IPS Academy, **Dr. Shubhashish Banerjee** - Chairman, Institute of Town Planners India (ITPI), Madhya Pradesh Regional Chapter, **Ar. Vilas Vasant Avachat** - Vice President, IIA, **Ar. Jitendra Mehta** - Jr. Vice President, IIA, Convener, Madhya 2022, **Ar. Ashutosh Kumar Agarwal**, IIA, **Ar. Leena Kumar**, **Ar. Satish Mane** - Jt, Honorary Secretary, IIA.



Ar. Jitendra Mehta – Chairman , felicitated the guests including **Ar. Anand Jayaram Tatu** - Chairman, IIA Gujarat Chapter, **Ar. Tushar Sogani** - Chairman, IIA Rajasthan Chapter, **Ar. Rajkumar Prajapati** - Chairman, IIA Chhattisgarh Chapter and **Ar. Amogh Gupta** - Immediate Past Chairman, IIA MP Chapter.



The Lighting of the lamp was followed by an auspicious **Shankanad** to mark the official inauguration of **'Madhya'** with welcome address by **Ar. Jitendra Mehta**, Jr. Vice President, IIA & Convener -Madhya. **Dr. Shubhashish Banerjee**, **Mr. Gurmeet Singh Arora** and **Ar. C.R. Raju** also addressed the gathering of architects. **Ar. Achal Choudhary**, whose contribution to the fraternity is beyond measures was conferred with Life Time Achievement Award. He spoke about the sense of duty in the profession which touched every heart.



This was followed by the unveiling of **'Manual of Architecture Practice by COA'** and unveiling of **'Dharohar'** magazine. The magazine was especially curated for the event, edited by **Ar. Sanjeev Bumb**, and supported by **Ar. Nitin Ghule**, **Ar. Darpan Bhalerao**, **Ar. Amber Vyas**, **Ar. Amit Sontakke** and **Ar. Siddharth Joshi**.

Ar. Deepesh Mehrotra started Madhya's First Technical Session based on Vernacular Architecture with a very involving on-line session by International speaker, New York based architect, **Ar. Diana Kelloggs**. The session covered the design of award winning Rajkumari

Ratnavati Girls School, located at Salkha, Rajasthan. Ar. Gunjan Badjatya conducted the session, with Keynote speaker **Ar. Jaigopal Rao**, whose life is entirely engaged in sustainable development. He gave an elaborate presentation on regional influences on built up design. This was followed by presentations by Ar. Twinkle Nathani, Ar. Mayank Wadhwa from Chhattisgarh and Ar. Hakimuddin Bharmal from Gujarat and Ar. Anu Mridul from Rajasthan.



The **Narration Competition**, moderated by Dr. Manita Saxena witnessed involving performances by Ar. Gaurav Agarwal, Ar. Sunil Laddha from Rajasthan and Ar. Manoj Kushwah from MP. Ar. Snehal Sontakke & Ar. Arush Shrivastava invited Ms. Meenal Chakradeo and Ms. Ketki Chakradeo, both Internationally acclaimed and U.S. based Kathak artists. The crowd was left mesmerized by their breathtaking dance performance. The Friendship Night Competition saw the performances by Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, MP & Gujarat. Ar. Ambika Bhargava, Ar. Anand Maroo showcased the **prestigious Indira Jain Award (IJA)** and the honours were conducted by dignitaries, **Ar. C.R. Raju, Mr. Gurmeet Singh Arora, Dr. Shubhashish Banerjee, Ar. Jitendra Mehta & Ms. Meenal Chakradeo.**



Thereafter the house went live almost till the morning with a thumping performance on Bollywood Remix by internationally acclaimed DVJ – Vicky.

On day two, the technical session on **Heritage & Conservation**, moderated by Dr. Vinay Shrivastava with expert lecture by Dr. Sumesh Modi, regional experts Ar. Sachin Vyas, Gujarat, Ar. Kavita Jain, Rajasthan and Ar. Nitin Shrimali, M.P. followed by keynote speaker **Ar. Sangeeta Bais**. who is an authority in the field of Conservation architecture especially with her experience and extensive research on traditional Lime plaster techniques.

Live Sketching was conducted magnificently by Ar. Dipti J Vyas. Ar. Dhaivat Panchal, Gujarat, Ar. Sunil Laddha, Rajasthan, Ar. Sameer Ghorpade, Chhattisgarh and Ar. Nitin Ghule, MP. showcased their sketching skills live to the audience. Ar. Shruti Patidar gloriously conducted the third technical session on **Contemporary Architecture**. It was star studded event with the presentations from regional Speakers, Ar. R.K Patel, Chhattisgarh, Ar. Ujwal Parekh, Gujarat, Ar. Tushar Sogani, Rajasthan and Ar. Akshay Selukar MP. The Keynote speaker **Ar. Biju Kuriakose** took the session from architectural detailing to the urban level with an outstanding presentation of his works.



Neelkanth Burkhawala & Ujjwal Parikh, Team Gujarat, Mukul Goyal & Ankur Dadheech, Team Rajasthan, Sameer Ghorpade & Ridul Sharma, Team Chhattisgarh and Puneet Pandey & Manita Saxena, Team MP answered the tough questions swung by the Quiz Master Duo of Ar. Atit Jain & Ar. Shubranshu Upadhyay during the **Architectural Quiz Show**.

The fourth technical session on **Socially Responsible Architecture** was moderated by Ar. Sumanyu Vasudeva. The presentation of the keynote speaker **Ar. Alan Abraham** was complimented by regional speakers, Ar. Rishabh Jain, Ar. Vishal Shah, Ar. Sunil Laddha & Ar. Nilesh Suman. Panel Discussion on **Social Responsibility Initiatives** was attended by Ar. C.R. Raju, Mr. Rohit Gada, Mr. Rajat Katiyal, Mr. Bhupesh Vyas, Mr. Mehra, Mr. Hajela and Ar. Jitendra Mehta. The **Poetry Competition** managed by Ar. Snehal Sontakke & Ar. Sachin Paliwal witnessed the echo of words of Ar. Deepak Sahajwani & Ar. Hakimuddin Bharmal, Gujarat, Ar. Gaurav Agarwal, Rajasthan and Ar. Kamini Badnore from MP.

Ar. B.R Mohan and Ar. Moen Haris from IIA Karnataka Chapter introduced the **IIA App** to the attendees of the event. This was followed by the IIA MP Chapter signing a **MOU with OSAAT**. Mrs. & Mr. Vadiraja Bhatt, Mr. Narsimha Jois Bhardwaj and Ar. Jitendra Mehta signed the MOU for the development of schools in rural areas.



The eminent Jury members of the **Madhya Trophy** adjudged Rajasthan Chapter as the winner to host the next edition of the Central Region Convention – “**MADHYA**”. After the vote of thanks given by Ar. Sanjeev Bumb, the stage was taken over by the architect’s band **VOID**. The electrifying performances by Ar. Nitin Ghule, Ar. Brijesh Sharma, Ar. Ajay Sharma, Ar. Darpan Bhalerao and Ar. Atit Jain enthralled the audience.



The organizing team thanks everyone for the attendance. For Times to remember.....
