



THE PLACE OF NATURE IN TOMORROW'S CITY



ISOLA CONFERENCE, BHOPAL
August 31 – September 1, 2012



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INDIAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS



The Place of Nature in Tomorrow's City

The value of natural elements in urban and rural environments, and the economic, social and environmental benefits they provide is widely recognized. These natural assets and processes have been well documented, defined and protected in the urban and rural plans of different regions. Yet little of this information has been applied directly in our modern day urban planning, designing and managing these assets to mould the form and pattern of the urban and rural development. Regulations and enforcements that exist have also proven vulnerable to shifts in public policy, at the mercy of political concerns. This approach fails to recognise the symbiosis between the quality and connectivity of natural assets with local environment and economic, physical well-being of people. The result is a disconnected series of inadequately-managed natural elements which deliver far fewer public benefits than could be provided.

As we move towards the future, we should strive to replenish and revive nature that has already been lost and degraded in cities by poor planning in the past and begin to consider natural assets that already exist within or near the city.

The seminar will focus on the issues and processes of integrating natural environment into healthy sustainable urban centres with respect to social, cultural, political aspects and urban planning, with examples from our cultural past and present.

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FACING PAGE [TOP TO BOTTOM]: YAMUNA FLOOD PLAINS; SILENT VALLEY NATIONAL PARK, PALAKKAD DISTRICT, KERALA; FOREST OF COORG, KARNATAKA; TSUNAMI WAVE, JAPAN EAST COAST; AND, FLAMINGOS, SASAN GIR NATIONAL PARK, GUJARAT

The Indian Society of Landscape Architects (ISOLA), the national body of Landscape Architects is almost nine years old, and today has about 350 members, spread all over the country. The organisation is a member of the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) – a world body representing the concerns of the profession worldwide.

Our previous conferences have been held annually over the last six years at Mumbai, Bangalore, Pune, Chennai, Delhi, Goa and Ahmedabad with significant international participation. For the year 2012 the venue of the Annual Conference is Bhopal.

Conference at Bhopal – 2012

The 8th Annual Conference of The Indian Society of Landscape Architects (ISOLA) is scheduled for Friday, 31st August and Saturday, 1st September 2012 at the Noor-U-Sabah Palace, Bhopal. The conference has invited speakers from within and outside the country to make presentations on several aspects of the theme. For this conference, ISOLA is being supported by the Department of Architecture, Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology and School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal.

Apart from the Inaugural Keynote session, there would be four technical sessions over the two days, comprising two or three major speakers per session followed by interactive panel discussions. The programme is as follows:

31 August 2012, Friday

0845–0930	Registration
0930–1100	Inauguration Presentation of Isola Awards Keynote Address by Prof. Neelkanth Chhaya
1130–1300	Session I: The City in Nature / Nature in City: Past and Present CHAIR: James L. Wescoat SPEAKERS: Narendra Dengle, Yatin Pandya
1430–1700	Session II: City–People–Water CHAIR: Ashok B. Lall SPEAKERS: James L. Wescoat, Farhad Contractor
1930–2030	Amratashya Narmada Ballet presented by Dr. Suchitra Harmalkar and troupe at Antarang, Bharat Bhawan, Bhopal

1 September 2012, Saturday

0700–0830	Heritage Walk by Prof. Savita Raje
0930–1300	Session III: Sustainable Cities CHAIR: Prof. Neelkanth Chhaya SPEAKERS: Dr. Vikram Soni, Romi Khosla, M. N. Buch, Bimal Patel, Ashok B. Lall
1400–1530	Session IV: Panorama CHAIR: M. Shaheer Short presentations on the theme by selected landscape architects
1530–1730	Panel Discussion / Closing Session





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BHOPAL, GOOGLE MAP, 2012



LEFT TO RIGHT: MANGAR BANI, A SACRED GROVE NEAR DELHI; DOWNTOWN BENGALURU FROM LAL BAGH; AND, VARANASI GHATS

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