











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.

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-Us-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

Presentation of Isola Awards

Keynote Address by Prof. Neelkanth Chhaya

Session I: The City in Nature /

Nature in City: Past and Present

SPEAKERS: Narendra Dengle, Yatin Pandya

Session II: City-People-Water

CHAIR: Ashok B. Lall

SPEAKERS: James L. Wescoat, Farhad Contractor

Amratashya Narmada Ballet

presented by Dr. Suchitra Harmalkar and troupe

at Antarang, Bharat Bhawan, Bhopal

1 September 2012, Saturday

Heritage Walk by Prof. Savita Raje

Session III: Sustainable Cities 0930-1300 CHAIR: Prof. Neelkanth Chhaya

SPEAKERS: Dr. Vikram Soni, Romi Khosla, M. N. Buch, Bimal Patel, Ashok B. Lall

Session IV: Panorama

CHAIR: M. Shaheer

Short presentations on the theme by selected

landscape architects

Panel Discussion / Closing Session







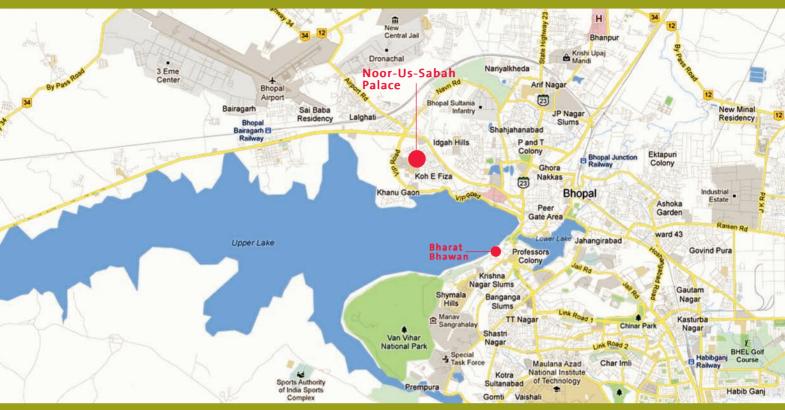






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