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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Cultural Evening

A retired civil services officer, Guru Shovana Narayan is India's most celebrated Kathak Guru, a maestro widely acknowledged for blazing new trails for the dance-form. She has spearheaded and staged several collaborative works with nationally and internationally renowned dancers and musicians and has been the creative director-choreographer of several international events. Ms. Narayan has been conferred with numerous awards, outstanding among which are the Padmashree Award for excellence and outstanding contribution in 1992; the Sangeet Natak Akademi award in 1999-2000; the Delhi Government's Parishad Samman; the Bihar Gaurav Award; the OISCA award in Japan and the CNN IBN Guru-Shishya Award. At the 2014 ISOLA Conference, Guru Shovana Narayan and her Troupe explore the landscapes of identity created by man through Ramdhari Singh Dinkar's evocative poem 'Darpan'.

Landscape Installation

Vibhor Sogani's experimental and research oriented work in the areas of product design, exhibition design, graphic design, and retail design epitomizes functionality with quality and urban aesthetics. He is best known for the 'Sprouts' installation at AIIMS crossing, New Delhi – India's largest Public Urban Art project. For ISOLA 2014 Conference Vibhor will showcase landscape-driven installations, inspired from nature from the same series.

Heritage Walks

Heritage Walks in the vicinity of the conference venue are being organised at: Humayun's Tomb World Heritage Site; Safdarjung Tomb & Gardens; Lodhi Gardens & Steinabad on 1st March, 7:30 AM.

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CONFERENCE VENUE
India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi

From Delhi International Airport: 20 kms / 50 mins
From New Delhi Railway Station: 8 kms / 30 mins

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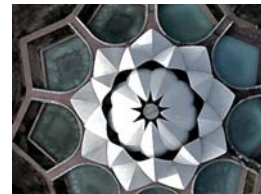
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CONFERENCE THEME

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"Genius loci cannot be designed to order. It has to evolve, to be allowed to happen, to grow and change from the direct efforts of those who live and work in places and care about them..."

The most evocative and successful landscapes, are usually associated with discernible, or at times, sensory experiences specific to a place. The occurrence of a significant event, or a place's scenic qualities, historic, religious or cultural associations or even its location central to the social fabric of a city or neighbourhood may lend it this character. Its character is dependent on the engagement of society with space and is often enhanced by its representation in the arts – poetry, literature, movies, history, art, music and culture.

This conference looks into these representations across various disciplines in what we hope will be an informative discourse for the landscape architecture fraternity. The conference will consist of three sessions which will review this 'Sense of Place' as applied to different geographical scales: Region, City and Place.

Each session will present three aspects:

Origins

How places originate?

Transformations

How places adjust and how their meanings change?

Creations

How new places evolve?

PROGRAMME

February 28th, 2014 | Friday

- 0930 – 1030 *Inauguration*
Presentation of ISOLA Awards
- 1030 – 1100 *Keynote Address: A Sense of Place*
Mr. Feisal Alkazi
- 1130 – 1330 **Session I: REGION**
Ecology as a Sense of Place
Dr. Vandana Shiva
Defending Place: Culture, Nature and Power
Prof. Amita Baviskar
A World Made For Money
Dr. Bret Wallach
- LUNCH
- 1430 – 1630 **Session II: CITY**
The evolution of the 'Shahar' of Delhi
Dr. Narayani Gupta
Whose City Is It Anyway
Dr. Neera Adarkar
Creating a Sense of Place
Mr. Shyam Khandekar
- 1900 – 2000 *Kathak Dance Performance*
Padamshree Guru Shovana Narayan
- DINNER

March 1st, 2014 | Saturday

- 0930 – 1130 **Session III: PLACE**
Consulting the Genius of a Place
Prof. Jan Woudstra
Kolkata & Shantiniketan through the Eyes & Lens of a Painter
Mr. Sanjay Bhattacharya
The Landscape of Institutions
Prof. Mohammad Shaheer
& Mr. Pankaj Vir Gupta
- 1200 – 1330 **Session IV: PERSPECTIVES**
The Impact of the Culture and Climate on Lighting Systems
Mr. Abhay Wadhwa
The Spatial Magic of Courtyards and Plazas
Mr. Kishore Pradhan
Making of 'A Sense of Place'
Mr. Nimish Patel
- LUNCH
- 1430 – 1545 **Session V: PANORAMA**
- 1545 – 1630 **Session VI: PANEL DISCUSSION**
- 1630 – 1730 Valedictory Function

SPEAKERS

Mr. Ashok Vajpeyi
Guest of Honour

Mr. Feisal Alkazi
Theatre Director

Dr. Vandana Shiva
Environmentalist

Prof. Amita Baviskar
Economist

Dr. Bret Wallach
Cultural Geographer

Dr. Narayani Gupta
Historian

Dr. Neera Adarkar
Architect

Mr. Shyam Khandekar
Urban Designer

Prof. Jan Woudstra
Landscape Architect

Mr. Sanjay Bhattacharya
Artist

Prof. Mohammad Shaheer
Landscape Architect

Mr. Pankaj Vir Gupta
Architect

Mr. Abhay Wadhwa
Lighting Designer

Mr. Kishore Pradhan
Landscape Architect

Mr. Nimish Patel
Architect

ABOUT ISOLA



The Indian Society of Landscape Architects (ISOLA), Delhi NCR Chapter, is hosting the **9th Annual National Conference** at the **India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, India on February 28th & March 1st, 2014.**

The 2014 ISOLA conference is based on the theme **'A Sense of Place'**.

ISOLA's mission is to nurture and enhance the profession of landscape architecture by providing leadership in the creation of meaningful design in our human-made cultural and natural environments.

The conference is an effort to bring together members of our professional fraternity and related disciplines to interact, connect and evolve. The ISOLA fraternity currently includes over 400 members.

Previous ISOLA conferences have been held at Mumbai, Pune, Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Goa, Ahmedabad, and Bhopal.

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