



**ZONE-A VICE-PRESIDENT'S COMPREHENSIVE REPORT
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT 2024-25**

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Part A

1. Geographical Region of Zone-A Member Institutions



2. Current Office Holders of Zone-A Member Institutions

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Part B

Acknowledgement

1. I had a wonderful opportunities to work with the architects of ARCASIA Member Institutions and especially with the Zone-A architects during my tenure as the Vice President for Zone- A. Their support, cooperation was the inspiration for me in delivering my duties.
2. My special thanks goes to the President Saifuddin Ahmed for his guidance and vision to work with my colleague architects of the region. Zone –A whole heartedly applaud his untiring efforts in establishing collaboration with fellow architects by visiting and participating in all the events organized in this zone.
3. The Presidents of Zone-A MIs and specially SONA were of immense help to me during this period. Heartfelt thanks to them.
4. My thanks goes to my colleague; - Vice Presidents of Zone B and C, Immediate Past President and the three golden Advisors to the President for their immense help when needed. Similarly, I cannot rest without thanking all the Committees' Chairs for their helping hand.
5. With great appreciation and sincere humbleness I want to thank the Honorary Secretary Dexter Y.P. Koh and the all the staff of the ARCASIA Secretariat.

Long Live ARCASIA!

Activities in Zone A during 2024-2025

The year 2024 and 2025 was a successful year for Zone-A architects in uplifting the objectives and goal of ARCASIA enshrined in its constitution. Architects of this region left no stone unturned to demonstrate their commitment to ARCASIA by indulging in variety of activities within their institutions or among the fraternal group of Institutions. This is clearly demonstrated in their reports, as are included in the following chapters. To note in brief, I am listing some of the important events below.

- Zone-A was honored to host ARCASIA Forum 22 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The number of architects that participated in this Forum were the maximum from this zone.
- Similarly, they were the maximum in number in ACA 21 held in Incheon, Korea.
- Architects of this zone also participated actively in the all the Committees' seminars with papers presentations, discussion and continued the dialogue in the following events.
- Three meetings of Presidents of Zone –A institutions were organized in 2024-2025 period, in all of which President Saifuddin Ahmad warmly participated.
 - 1) November 9, 2024 in Bhuvaneshwar, India.
 - 2) December 6, 2024 in Kathamdu, Nepal.
 - 3) April 5, 2025 in Jodhpur, India.
- Architects of Zone- A participated in the conference of IIA Odisha Chapter In November 2024.
- Architects of Zone- A participated in the conference of IIA Jodhpur Sub-Chapter in November 2024.
- At the end of 2025 Zone-A was credited with hosting an OBCC meeting. This meeting is being held in Lahore, Pakistan concurrently with IAPEX 2025.

Part C

About Member Institutions and their Activities

1. Bangladesh

Bangladesh

Growth Engine of South Asian Architecture.
Winning Aga Khan award is now a tradition.



Institute of Bangladesh Architects

IAB

Established in 1972

Total members of the Institute 4621

Has 4 Chapters in Bangladesh and one International Chapter in Canada

President – Ar. Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed (2024-2025)



Activities of IAB during 2024

- Participated in the fraternity of Architects Institutions' events.
 1. **CAA GENERAL ASSEMBLY,**
 2. **UIA INTERNATIONAL FORUM, KUALA LUMPUR,**
 3. **ACA 20 and ARCASIA FORAM 22**
 4. Has working relation with **UN Habitat**
- MoU signed with Al-Fozan Award of Saudi Arabia
- working for membership in the Canberra Accord, continuing
- SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY -100 homes for the marginalised rural communities
- Tree plantation program
- Life and health insurance for members
- Negotiating with government on income tax matters
- Constitution review
- ARCHJAM(700 participants from 20 universities, this three-day jamboree)



ARCASIA ZONE A PRESIDENTS' MEETING

- participation in drafting the DETAILED AREA PLAN 2022-35 for DHAKA Metropolis
- Building Construction Rules 2024
- Architects' Act

- Bangladesh Civil Service (Architecture) Cadre Formation
- Electronic Construction Permitting System (ECPS)
- initiative to formulate the “Chartered Architectural Practice”.
- process of forming the Bangladesh Building Regulatory Authority (BBRA)
- has formed “Women in Architecture Practice Committee
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- Action Plan For Dealing With Fire Accidents
- Policy On Unauthorized Or Altered Buildings
- ACCREDITATION Of B. ARCH PROGRAM Offered By Bangladesh University & Daffodil International University
- Membership Examination



Membership Examination in progre

- 30 nos of Lectures, Seminars And Workshops
- 7 Examination Preparation Workshop For IAB Membership
- CPD (Continuing Professional Development) on Detailed Area Plan 2022-35" of Dhaka Metropolitan City
- Exhibition on the ‘Aga Khan Award for Architecture’
- Seminar on ‘INCLUSIVE ARCHITECTURE: Aga Khan Architecture’
- 4 nos. Architectural Competitions/Awards For Membership
- Publication
- Exhibition

- Social & Cultural Activities (IAB Heritage Tour On Varendra Region)



Continuing Professional Development session in progress



Workshop undergoing



Meeting on women in architecture



Heritage Tour on Varendra Region



Publications



2. Bhutan

Bhutan

Aladdin's cave of sustainable Architectural heritage.
Land of Gross National Happiness and the only carbon negative country



Bhutan Institute of Architects

BIA

President- Yangki Dorji

Total number of members –around 300



3. India

INDIA

Treasure trove of Architectural Legacy
Land of contributors to international architecture



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Indian Institute of Architects

IIA

Architectural Student's Association established on 12th May 1917,
In 1922, the name was changed to **The Bombay Architectural Association**.
In 1929, officially registered as **The Indian Institute of Architects**

Total membership of the Institute as on date is 27713

24 chapters, 68 centers, 19 sub centers
President – Vilas Vasant Avachat (2023-2025)



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Activities of IIA during 2024

- Regular Continuation of all **IIA EVENTS / PROGRAMMES** in all Chapters, Centers and sub centers
- IIA National Convention (NATCON)
- 3 numbers of IIA Regional Conferences
- IIA Leadership Conclave 2023
- ARCASIA Zone A Presidents Meeting'
- Young Architects Festival
- Indian Institute of Architects premier league (IIAPL)
- IIAPL GOLF 2023
- IIA National Awards for Excellence in Architecture



President ARCASIA Saifuddin Bin Ahamed and VP Zone A meet SLIA, SONA and IIA presidents together with other senior Indian architects in Bhuvaneshwar, India.

AWARDS OF THE INSTITUTE

- 2 GOLD MEDAL awards and 6 other awards
- Conducted IIA Examination for Associate membership of the Institute
- IIA Publication



Publications



ARCASIA Zone A Institutions' Presidents Meeting



IIA Leadership Conclave 2023



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IIA Regional Conferences (Chapter level events)

Young Architects' Festival



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4. Maldives

Maldives

Rising center of resort architecture



Architects Association of Maldives

AAMmv

President – Ali Shareef

Total member numbers around 200



5 Nepal

Nepal Mesmerizing Valley of Himalayan Architecture



Society of Nepali Architects **SONA**

Established in 1991
Total Members - 1813
Has 2 chapters
President - Ar. Iswar Lal Joshi

INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- ARCASIA (Architects Regional Council Asia),
 - SAARCH Association of Architects,
 - UIA (International Union of Architects)



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Activities of SONA during 2024

- Participation in ARCASIA event of ACA -20, Boracay, Philippines
- IIA's international conference of woman architects Arcasia
- Committee on Young Architects (ACYA) roundtable meeting in Malaysia
- Construction Material Exhibition on SONA Day
- Exhibitions of Architectural works to the general public in city squares
- Training program in energy efficiency buildings in 3 different provinces.
- National Conference on Architectural Trends and Heritage
- Archbuild Expo 2024 Workshop on Gender Inclusivity in Architectural Design
- 4 nos SONA-NFDN Workshop (National Federation of the Disabled Nepal)
- SONA-SCINN Workshop (Spinal Cord Injury Network Nepal)
- Seminar and Workshop by Committee of Architecture Education (SCAE)
- 8 numbers of ARCHITECT SPEAKS SERIES on various topics by Green and Sustainable Architecture (SCGSA) and SONA Committee on Architecture Education (SCAE)

Brochure of SONA



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- Earth Bag Construction workshop & Lecture
- Workshop on Gender Inclusivity in Architectural Design
- Architectural Response to Earthquake in Jajarkot West Nepal
- SONA Architecture Excellence Awards , SONA Thesis of the Year Award ,
- Xavier Academy Design Competition
- MOU with Architecture Schools
- Organized a futsal tournament



President SONA meeting with Zone-A Presidents in Kathmandu



Exhibitions of Architectural works for the general public

Meeting of SONA Executive members and VP Zone -A with the President ARCASIA in
Kathmandu
together with other Zone -A Institutes' Presidents



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Training sessions in the Provinces



In Architects speak series



Workshop on Gender Inclusivity in Architectural Design



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Proposal to ARCASIA

1. Promotion of cross-culture knowledge through various professional and student exchange.
2. Establishment of Research fund from ARCASIA to promote indigenous knowledge of architecture in ASIAN Architecture world.
3. Promotion of Cross-national architecture practice, internship and training

Archbuild Expo 2024



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6. Pakistan

Pakistan

Historical threshold of international architectural conversation



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Institute of Architects Pakistan

IAP

Established in 1957 (registered in 1969, 1987, 2021 under different Acts)
2274 Associate Members 100 Fellow Members 3030 Affiliate / Student Member
Has 6 chapters

President - **Ar. Fawad suhail abbasi, FIAP (2024-2025)**
Immediate past President – **Ar. Julfiqar Ali (2023-2024)**

International Affiliation

**Arcasia,
UIA,
SAARCH,**

**CAA (Commonwealth Association of Architects),
EAROPH (Eastern Regional Organization of Planning and Human Settlements)**



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Activities of IAP during 2024

- Participation in UIA 2024 International Forum and Extraordinary General Assembly
- Participation in 2024 CAA Symposium and General Assembly
- Participation in 29th EAROPH World Congress, Islamabad
- Advocated for recognition of Pakis council of Arch and Town planners
- IAPX 2024 building material exhibition and conference by 5 chapters
- Exhibition of original drawings and blue prints of three buildings of Islamabad. – “ICON OF ISLAMABAD”,
- BAE-IAP LECTURE SERIES (Iconic architecture practices of Lahore)
- The IAP Gala (decided The Peshawar Resolution)
- IAP Design Excellence Award 2024
- BAE-IAP Academic awards 2023-2024
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The Harmony of Architecture and Craftmanship Event



In IAP Gala



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IAPEX 2024 event

Exhibition: Icon of Islamabad, A Celebration of Architectural Excellence



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- Event - DASTAN-E -MIMMAR 6-0, Hrmonic Journeys series (CHAAP TILAK
- Celebration of CAA Award ceremony.
- Workshop and excursion to Fatima Zahra University
- IAP NATIONAL SPORTS WEEK 2024



One of the IAPEX 2024 event



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7. Sri Lanka

SRI LANKA

Pearl of the Indian Ocean and Island Architecture



Sri Lanka Institute of Architects **SLIA**

The Ceylon Institute of Architects (CIA) was established in 1956
CIA obtain the status of an allied society of the RIBA in 1960
In 1976, CIA became the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA)
President – **Ar. Dilummini De Mel**



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Activities of SLIA during 2024

Organized ARCASIA Forum 22, 2024 as its host.

Meetings & Forum



Official Meeting Venue

Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall
(BMICH)

Preparation for ARCASIA FORUM - 22



Site inspection for welcome reception



Forum 22 Committee meeting



Student volunteers working for friendship nite



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Meeting with President ARCASIA in Kathmandu with other Zone A Presidents.



SLIA Senior Vice President having a meeting with Presidents of Zone –A in Kathmandu

22ND ARCASIA FORUM
COLOMBO - SRI LANKA
13TH -19TH JANUARY 2025

POLYMATHIC EXCELLENCE:
CRAFTING NARRATIVES, DESIGNING TOMORROWS

THEME FOR 2025

22ND ARCASIA FORUM
COLOMBO - SRI LANKA



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Part D

Schedule 1

Implementation of ESG by Architects in their Practices in Zone – A (2024)

Zone A comprises of 6 countries in South Asia viz. Bhutan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. This is an unedited compilation of important parts of the reports presented by these countries on “Implementation Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) by Architects in their practices”. These reports were presented in the ARCASIA Forum 21 in Colombo Sri Lanka.

Environmental degradation instigated basically by the modern development concept is quite conspicuous. Global warming is now a talk of every street and alleys conjuring the menace to the human civilization. This has brought up more significant problem in our society and its governance culture which can neither be ignored nor postponed to be dealt with. If architectural production process is a very significant player in this present scenario, then Architects are also the vanguards that have a huge responsibility and capacity to deal and respond to these issues. As part of this response, managing environmental social and governance (ESG) issues are emerging in various forms. In architectural profession ESG responsibilities are worthy of attention and this could be taken care by,

a) an architect as an individual, or b) Association of professional society, or c) Architectural Business Company. It is interesting to go through these reports and note the various ways how Zone-A Architects are interpreting and implementing ESG concept in their practices. On my part, I have added few paragraphs at the end of this report and discussed our expected “The Way Forward”.

A. INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS BANGLADESH (IAB).

The year 2024 was very tumultuous in some parts of South Asia. Despite the political turbulences in Bangladesh, IAB complied its commitment to serve its people.

Following programs were implemented by IAB under ESG.

1.Environmental

- Tree Plantation Programme
- Assistance by IAB during climatic disasters
- Environmental and Urbanization Activities

2.Social

- 100 Homes Project for the marginalized Communities

- Establishment of "Help Desk" for Reducing Fire Hazards
- Flood Assistance by IAB
- Seminar, Workshop, and Master Class for University Teachers
- Activities Related to Women in Architecture
- IAB Build-Expo 2023
- Organizing the Inauguration Ceremony for New Members
- IAB Annual Sports Festival 2023
- Architects assisting the injured during the July revolution

3. Governance

- Initiative to amend the constitution
- Initiative to Form Bangladesh Civil Service (Architecture) Cadre
- Members' Life and Health Insurance
- Formation of Foreign Chapter and Centres
- Formation of help desk regarding DAP and Building regulations
- Sending Representatives to the Design Approval Committee



IAB's Tree Plantation Program during the Monsoon Season

IAB undertakes large-scale tree plantation programs and awareness campaigns during the monsoon season. Architects, students, and the local community participate in this initiative. The goal of this program is to promote sustainable practices and increase environmental awareness among participants, enhancing green living and environmental consciousness among professionals and urban communities.



JULY REVOLUTION

For Bangladesh, the months of July and August of 2024 marked such a historic moment—a golden period in our journey as a nation. Recognizing this, IAB chose to focus primarily on the *Social* dimension of ESG, highlighting architects' roles in our JULY REVOLUTION

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Architecture holds the power to elevate human dignity, to break down walls of inequality, and to foster a sense of unity. The architects of Bangladesh played a significant role in the July Revolution often risking their lives in the face of police brutality, torture, and the threat of enforced disappearances.



Risking his life and career, our president, Ar. Abu Sayeed, courageously led the protest alongside university teachers and students during those turbulent times.

After the Revolution, architects actively supported student Traffic Volunteers, stepping in during the month-long absence of police and a functioning traffic system.



Following the Revolution, architects played a key role in the spontaneous nationwide effort to rebuild, redesign, and reshape urban environment which were destroyed during the movement.

Climatic Disasters

Assistance by IAB during Climatic Disasters

Shortly after the revolution, a sudden flood from upstream struck in the middle of the night when people were sleeping, submerging vast areas and devastating millions. Homes were washed away, leaving people without food, shelter, or medical aid. In the midst of this tragedy, even babies were born on makeshift rafts floating in the endless waters

IAB Stands by Flood Victims of Feni and Comilla in Record-Breaking Flood of 2024. Under the Social Responsibility Committee of IAB, a sub-committee in the first phase distributed relief materials including rice, lentils, and other essential items to 100 families in various areas of Fulgazi Upazila, Feni. In the second phase, 100 boxes of relief were distributed in Comilla.

Architects of Bangladesh swiftly mobilized to reach the remotest corners of the flood-stricken areas, delivering food, medical care, and vital assistance to those in desperate need.



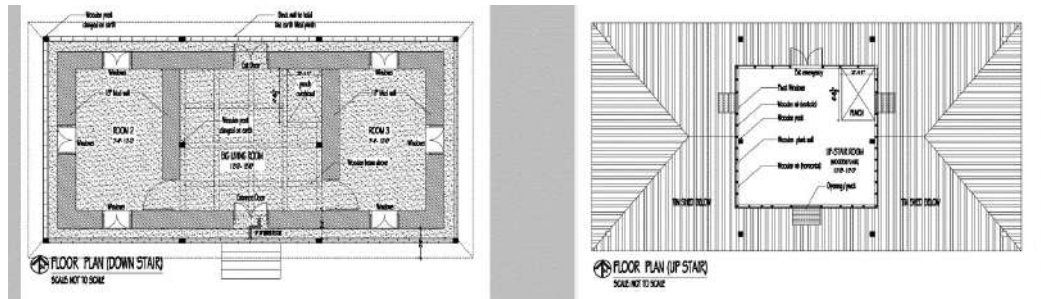
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Flood Assistance Programme of IAB



Flood Resilient House Building Project of IAB In Feni & Noakhali

Bangladesh is a flood-prone country, with none of its rivers originating within its borders, making flood control highly dependent on complicated international collaboration. Therefore, after the floodwaters receded, architects proposed innovative ideas for designing flood-resilient houses in the affected areas. As part of a design exercise, six such houses are currently under construction in 2 different regions. We are also working on a project with hand made sun dried brick in this region.



A project implemented by the Social Responsibility Committee



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The number 100 is purely symbolic; if we can truly establish this as a social or professional movement, it could become 1,000, 10,000, or even millions.

Primarily we decided to work in 8 different areas of Bangladesh.

Villages covered - Koilash khali, Char sonakurm Mogahaim, Char tengrakhali, Sreerampur, Ezara



Our First project was in Bagerhat near the Sundarbans. Khulna University of Science & Technology, Department of Architecture was selected as the RESEARCH PARTNER for Kachua Project, with Ar. Professor Dr. Serajul Hakim Upal as the Team Leader.



This is the team of architects for survey in remote areas of Bagerhat.

We selected Bhola , a coastal island region in southern Bangladesh for our 2nd project site.

South East University, Department of Architecture was selected Selected as the RESEARCH PARTNER for the Bhola Project, with Ar.Professor Dr. Masudur Rashid as the Team Leader.



Local community engagement is vital in such a project, and we're fortunate to have a dedicated group of local volunteers supporting our project. We did extensive survey during our visits to remote villages

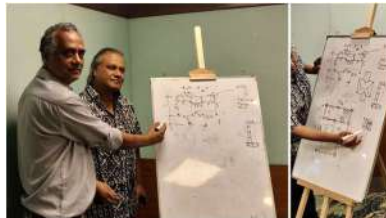




We introduced Metal Angle fixed with the brick work and concrete so that coastal houses are not blown away during strong cyclone wind. write nicely



We had extensive group interactions among architects in the design phase for a sustainable rural house design in the high risk coastal area.



Meeting local carpenters, craftsmen, and artisans to exchange knowledge about local context, traditions, and vernacular technology.



Exchanges of ideas with local Carpenters, Artisans and Craftsmen.

Post Survey detail discussion meeting and sharing of ideas and experiences in Bhola.



Innovative solutions:

Mainstream architects trying to redefine rural housing design
 After visiting villages, our architects developed innovative rural house designs—Main stream architects got the first platform to design for rural communities while maintaining their urban practices.



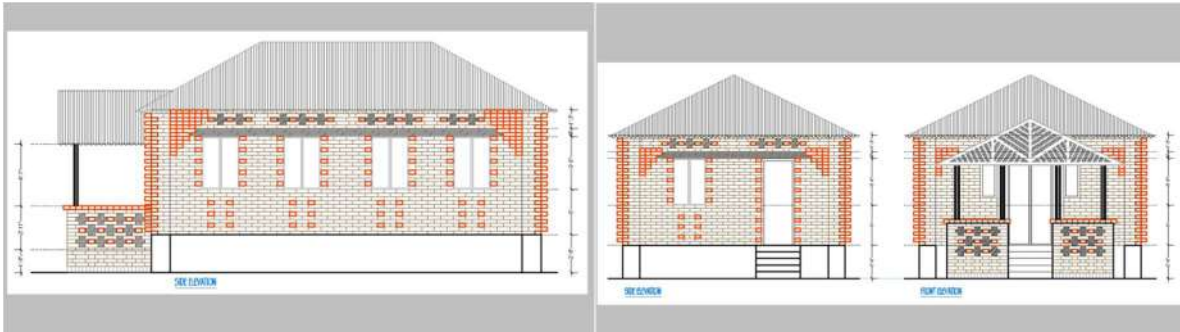
Architect: Md Mazherul Quader



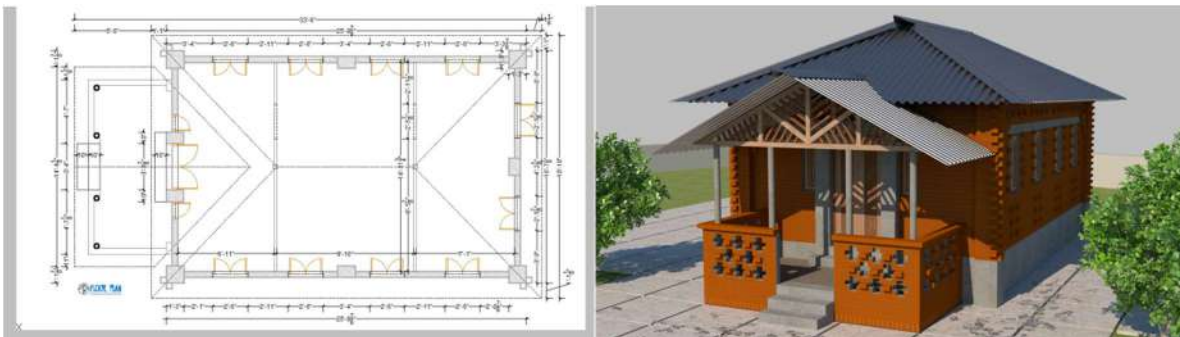
Architect: Bikash Saud Ansary



Architect: Tarique Lavlu



Architect: Mahfuzul Huq Zaglul & Team



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Innovative design proposal



Architect: Tarique Lavlu



Architect: Bayejid Mahub Khondker

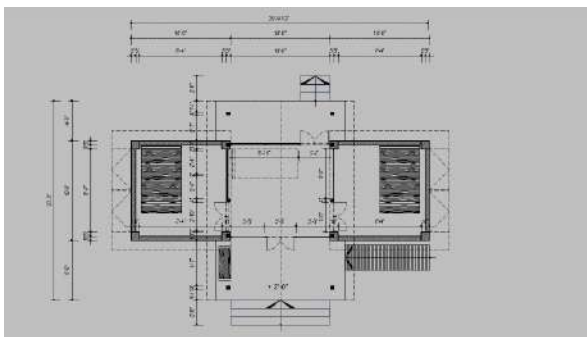
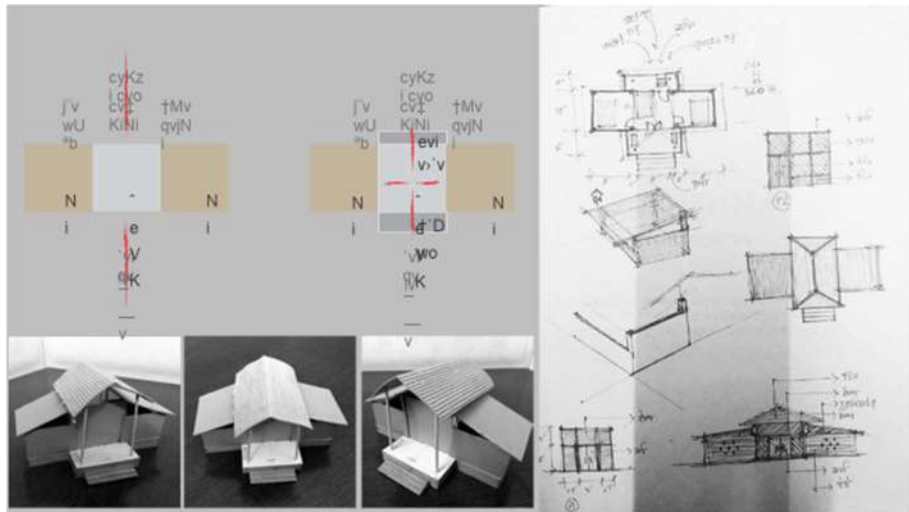


Architect: Dr. Sheikh Serajul Hakim



Architect: Ar Ziaul Sharif

Ar Shakib ahsan choudhury & Ar Sheikh Itmam Soud



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After Design our Construction phase starts



The lady is overwhelmed with joy and tears, she can hardly believe the construction of her own house has begun in her lifetime.



Cyclone REMAL

At mid night of 27th May , 2024, cyclone REMAL hit Bhola with high tidal surge reaching about 4 to 6 feet above normal level. During the cyclone the max wind velocity was 135 miles per hour



Many houses in bhola were completely damaged by this cyclone but none of our houses were damaged due to our newly introduced anchorage system, Alhamdulillah Here is one of our first phase house completely intact just after that cyclone and during the water surge.

A case of Rahima Bibi is interesting to note. She is a middle-aged woman abandoned by her husband years ago and this was the condition of her house.

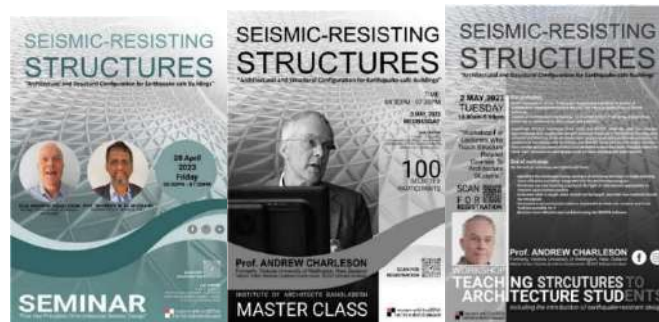


And this is her new house with total legal ownership to her built under our programme

The man smiling beside Rahima Bibi is that mysterious lost husband, who abandoned her years ago but has now returned from Dhaka after she received her new house. This is a testament to how architecture can transform lives, empowering women like Rahima within their families and communities, fostering dignity and hope. So far we have built 42 such houses in different parts of Bangladesh and presently 7 houses are under construction.....and still a long way to go.



IAB has organized a series of seminars, workshops, and master classes on "Seismic-Resisting Structures." These sessions are conducted by Andrew Charleson, a renowned Associate Professor from Victoria University of Wellington.



IAB members

An induction ceremony was organized to welcome members. More than 300 architects participated in the event through registration. During the event, all newly inducted architects were presented with gifts and congratulatory letters signed by the president of IAB.



Initiatives for Women Architects

- Creating a Database for Women Architects
- Including Women Volunteers in IAB
- Organizing a Convention for Women Architects
- Setting Up a Separate Help Desk for Women Architects

Creating a Database for Women Architects: Establish a comprehensive database to keep track of women architects and their contributions.

Including Women Volunteers in BASTHEI: Encourage the involvement of female volunteers in the Bangladesh Institute of Architects (BASTHEI).

Organizing a Convention for Women Architects: Arrange conventions to provide a platform for women architects to share their experiences, challenges, and achievements.

Setting Up a Separate Help Desk for Women Architects: Create a dedicated help desk to support and address the needs of women architects.

Members' Life and Health Insurance

IAB has finalized a comprehensive insurance program under which all its members will receive health and life insurance benefits. This initiative reflect IAB's commitment to the welfare of its members and its proactive approach to meeting their needs

Formation of help desk regarding DAP and Building regulations

A help desk related to the Detailed Area Plan (DAP) 2022-35 and subsequent amendments has been established. The purpose of this help desk is to resolve complexities and issues related to plan approval and architectural design formulation following the publication of the DAP and its amendments in the gazette.

IAB Press Conference on Detail Area Plan (DAP) of Dhaka



To address the shortcomings of the Detailed Area Plan, IAB has held press conferences and strongly presented their proposals to the government.

B. BHUTAM INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS (BIA)

Although no report was received from BIA, nevertheless it is interesting to observe the excellent example of Bhutan in implementing ESG nationwide. This carbon negative country has an exemplary tradition of construction respecting the nature and common social wellness. Bhutanese architects are deeply committed to ESG concept in their practice as is evident from the various buildings being constructed there.

C. INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITEDTS (IIA)

By embracing ESG principles, architects can play a crucial role in creating a more sustainable, equitable, and resilient built environment for future generations.

Environmental consideration

A wide range of considerations aimed at minimizing the negative impact of the built environment on the planet.

- By designing energy-efficient and environmentally friendly buildings, architects can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change.
- Sustainable practices help conserve natural resources like water, energy, and materials.
- Environmentally conscious designs can lead to improved building performance, such as better indoor air quality and increased occupant comfort.



Social consideration

A wide range of considerations aimed at creating a positive social impact through the built environment

- By considering the social impact of their designs, architects can help create buildings and communities that improve the quality of life for all residents.
- Engaging with the community throughout the design process can lead to stronger community relationships
- Buildings that address social needs can create significant social value, such as improved health outcomes, reduced social isolation.



Governance consideration

A wide range of factors that ensure ethical and responsible business practices

- Ensuring that all materials and construction practices are ethically sourced and comply with labor and environmental regulations
- Ensuring that all projects comply with local laws, regulations, and industry standards related to sustainability and social responsibility.
- Maintaining open communication with clients, contractors, and community members to foster trust and collaboration



Challenges

The escalating climate crisis has made sustainable design a necessity, not just a preference. Architects are under increasing pressure to minimize the environmental impact of their projects.

- Sustainable materials and technologies can often be more expensive upfront compared to traditional options.
- Access to sustainable and locally sourced materials can be limited in some regions, particularly in developing countries.



Opportunities

By embracing ESG principles, architects can create buildings that are not only aesthetic and functional but also sustainable, equitable, and resilient.

- Integrating sustainable technologies and strategies can lead to more unique and inspiring designs.
- Green building certifications and ESG credentials can make projects more attractive
- By addressing environmental and social risks early in the design process, architects can help mitigate potential legal and reputational risks for their clients

Indian government policies & initiatives

In the current landscape of sustainable architecture, the industry's unwavering dedication to ESG principles is vividly evident. Certifications like LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), IGBC (Indian Green Building Council) and GRIHA (Green rating for Indian Habitat Assessment) have solidified their positions as the preferred Indian standards for assessing a building's sustainability



CASE EXAMPLES



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SUZLON ONE EARTH
ONE OF THE GREENEST CORPORATE CAMPUS

LOCATION: PUNE, INDIA

It is the eco-friendly, self-sufficient headquarters of the company. The campus is spread across 30 acres and is completely powered by renewable energy, including hybrid wind turbines, solar panels and photovoltaic cells.






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SUZLON ONE EARTH

Suzlon One Earth is a LEED Platinum and GRIHA 5 - star certified building. It is divided into five interconnected, individual buildings that are aptly named after the elements of nature - Sun, Aqua, Sky, Tree and SEA. Through sustainable practices like rainwater harvesting, on-site waste conversions and an 'Office in Garden' design to maximize daylight use, Suzlon One Earth successfully reduces its operating cost by 20%.






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GODREJ ONE

LOCATION: MUMBAI, INDIA

Godrej One is the signature building within The Three, a mixed-use development. It features a range of sustainable initiatives, including rainwater harvesting, solar panels, and a green building management system. It also prioritizes the use of recycled and locally sourced materials.






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CII-SOHRABJI GODREJ

LOCATION: HYDERABAD, INDIA

CII-Sohrabji Godraj announced itself as a 'Net-Zero Energy' Platinum-rated building, with the goal of improving year after year. The Green Business Centre earned a LEED rating of 56 credits and became certified LEED Platinum.

Building Management Systems (BMS) are installed for real-time monitoring of energy consumption by ventilation, lighting, power systems, etc. The green roof covers more than 30% of the roof area and serves a dual purpose by Earth sheltering to reduce heat loss and help maintain a steady indoor air temperature.






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GODREJ ONE

Godrej One has been awarded the prestigious IGBC Platinum ranking under the category of IGBC Health and Wellbeing rating system. Site premises has multiple green split out spaces, which are accessible to all employees.



Eco- Sensitive Zonal Master Plan for Ken-Ghariyal Wildlife sanctuary

To minimize the impact of urbanization and other developmental activities, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India has declared Eco- Sensitive Zones. Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZs) are notified areas around Protected Areas, National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries.



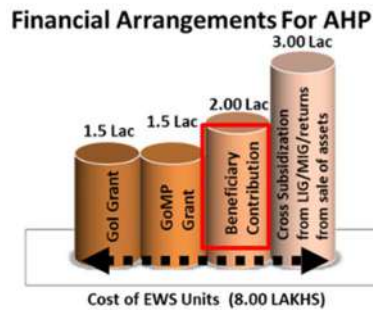
Behar River Front Development



Slum Free City plan of Action (SFAPoA) – Housing for all Mission



Public participation in community mobilization–Involving slum Dwellers in development of Affordable Housing Project



D. SOCIETY OF NEPALESE ARCHITECTS (SONA)

Environment Practices (E)

SONA has been working on improving the environment specially working to lower the carbon footprints from the building sector

SONA's advocacy for ERA guide

SONA Committee On **GREEN & SUSTAINABLE** Architecture (SCGSA)
 Popularize + Inform & Inspire + Demonstrate & Advocate + Help Legislate & Implement

Ecologically Responsive Architecture Guide (ERA Guide)
 AN UNDERTAKING OF THE SOCIETY OF NEPALESE ARCHITECTS (SONA)

S T R E A M S O F T H O U G H T

ALTERNATE **EMERGENT** **Attributes** **MAINSTREAM** **dominant**

Distilled essence of all knowledge and best practices as codified in documents of authority, a badge of honour when certified.

BIOMIMICRY Integrating & imitating models, systems & elements visually & literally to solve complex human problems.

VASTU Ancient Indian Science of directions, orientations for Life & Energy.

FENG SHUI Ancient Chinese Science of ambient energies, flow & direction to integrate & accommodate to benefit human life and systems.

SCRIPTURES Recorded interactions of the human mind with the Universe. Hindu, Buddhist, Christian & Islamic civilizations, their take on ecology & the human condition.

NEW AGE LITERATURE Incredible Spiritualism, captured the imagination of a generation of glorious & inspiring misties.

PRE-HISTORY They were here. They lived, loved and left. Left the stuff of amazing archaeology.

VERNACULAR Architecture without Architects. How did they do it? Feel and explore. Be humbled. Be chastened. Be enlightened.

FEMINISM Eco-feminism. Compassion and the Wisdom of the Whole. Degradation of Nature & Environment can be traced to the oppression of women.

THE CORE (CONSTITUENT ELEMENTS)

- JAL Water
- VAYU Air
- AKASH Sky, Light, Mind, Ideas
- AGNI Fire, Energy
- PRITHVI Earth, Soil, Land

Attributes: Non Invasive, Sympathetic, Cultural, Spiritual, Mind, Consciousness, Nature, Physical, Mechanistic, Realistic, Matter, Technology, Invasive, Interventionist, Discursive, Linear, Logical, Subjective, Non-Quantifiable, History, Culture, Region, Collective, Objective, Quantifiable, Modern, Contemporary, Global, Individuallistic.

ALTERNATE **EMERGENT** **Attributes** **MAINSTREAM** **dominant**

S T R E A M S O F T H O U G H T

What lies beneath the surface, inner certainties, tacit knowledge hidden away but underpinning the actual self. They matter.

The purpose of the ERA Guide will be to present an overview of everything, with prejudice towards none, equal space for all competing concerns, cross currents and other conflicting interests so that the lay reader gets them as they are, without biased interpretations or facile judgments getting in the way.

The vast amount of information available on 'green & sustainable' have to be organized according to accepted principles of knowledge management, classified, categorized, divided or otherwise ordered so as to facilitate a systematic and selective reading or understanding.

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Through this research and advocacy efforts, coupled with the development of the Green Building Guideline, there is a possibility of a comprehensive Green Rating System for Nepal.

Green Building Guidelines of Nepal

- The Green Building Guideline Nepal is a comprehensive set of standards and recommendations for sustainable design and construction practices in the country
- Developed through a collaborative effort between the Department of Urban Development and Building Construction (DUDBC), the World Bank, the SCGSA under SONA, the guideline aims to promote environmentally responsible and energy-efficient building practices in Nepal.

Building Energy Efficiency in Nepal (BEEN) Training Programs:

- Society of Nepalese Architects (SONA) in collaboration with BUILDING Energy Efficiency in Nepal (BEEN), a project funded by European Union under the Switch Asia Grant Program conducted a 3day training program in energy efficiency in buildings.
- The Training was conducted in three different provinces on the concept of energy efficiency, parameters and strategies of Energy Efficient Building Design, and the enhancement of skills for architects and engineers in creating energy-efficient building designs

Workshop on Earth Bag Construction

This collaboration reflects the shared commitment of two organizations dedicated to sustainable building practices.

Sustainable Architecture Lectures

Topics included green practices, emergency architecture, and sustainable designs for mountain regions

Social Practices (S)

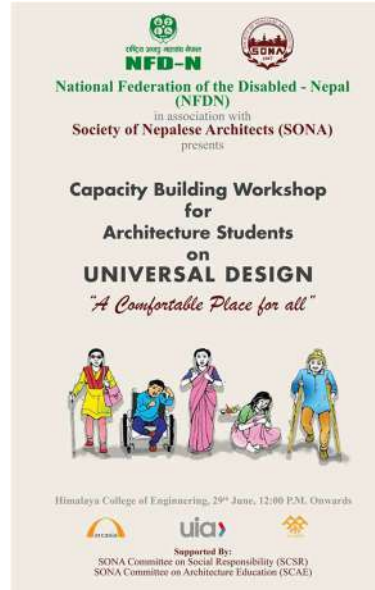
Inclusivity and Accessibility

Gender-Inclusive Architectural Design Workshops in various architecture schools to teach architecture students principles of inclusivity



SONA-NFDN Workshops on Universal Design

Society of Nepalese Architects joined hands with National Federation of the Disabled Nepal (NFDN) on educating architecture students about Universal Design which is very integral



Disaster Response and Community Support

Response to *Jajarkot Earthquake*: Provided emergency shelter and support to affected communities through SONA's Social Responsibility Committee



Promotion of Equity in Architecture

- *Public Exhibition:* This public exhibition initiation by SONA is to bring awareness among the public about architecture, who architects are and what really is the difference between architects and engineers



MOU with architecture schools

Established collaborations to enhance education standards, research, and internships\

SONA Thesis of the Year Award

Recognized innovative ideas from architecture students.



Governance Practices (G)

Advocacy for Professional Ethics and Regulation

Establishment of the *Architects' Council*: Advocacy for a separate governing body to regulate and safeguard architecture profession and professionals

3.2 Promotion of Architectural Standards

SONA Excellence Awards: Recognized outstanding contributions in various architectural categories, promoting high professional standards.



E. INSTITUTION OF ARCHITECTS PAKISTAN (IAP)

This report presents the findings of a comprehensive survey conducted with members of the Institute of Architects Pakistan (I.A.P.) to explore their understanding of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles and how these align with their architectural practices. The survey was carried out through a questionnaire shared with the members of the I.A.P. The aim was to assess the extent to which E.S.G. considerations are integrated into their professional frameworks and to identify the willingness and potential for incorporating these principles into future endeavors. By engaging with a diverse group of architectural professionals, the resultant report provides valuable insights into the prevailing attitudes, challenges, and opportunities related to E.S.G. integration within the architectural profession in Pakistan. This initiative underscores I.A.P.'s commitment to fostering sustainable, equitable, and ethically guided practices in the profession. It is important to explore the understanding and integration of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles among members of the Institute of Architects Pakistan (IAP) and assess their alignment with current and future architectural practices.

Objectives

1. To evaluate the extent to which ESG considerations are incorporated into the professional frameworks of I.A.P. members.
2. To identify prevailing attitudes, challenges, and opportunities related to ESG integration within the architectural community.
3. To gauge the willingness and potential among architectural professionals to adopt ESG principles in future endeavors.
4. To support I.A.P.'s commitment to fostering sustainable, equitable, and ethically guided practices in architecture through actionable insights.

Methodology

A quantitative research approach to explore the understanding and integration of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles among members of the Institute of Architects Pakistan (IAP). The methodology consisted of the following steps:

1. Survey Design: A structured questionnaire survey was developed to gather data from IAP members. The questionnaire was designed to assess participants' understanding of ESG principles. Questionnaire was designed in three sections to understand the Environmental, Social, and Governance practices of architecture firms.
2. Data Collection: The survey was distributed online using Microsoft Forms. Members of the IAP were invited to participate, and a total of 71 respondents completed the form.

3. Data Analysis: The data gathered through the survey was analyzed using SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences). Two key statistical tests were conducted:

The quantitative analysis provided a systematic understanding of the participants' perspectives and practices related to ESG principles, offering valuable insights for fostering sustainable and ethically guided architectural practices within the I.A.P. community.

Findings

This section explains the findings of the questionnaire.

The survey revealed that 55% of respondents were familiar with ESG Goals before encountering the survey form, indicating a moderate level of awareness. The remaining 45% were not familiar with the concept, highlighting the need for further education and dissemination of information about ESG Goals within the industry.

Response to Questions on "Environment":

1. *Your firm actively prioritizes Environmental Sustainability in your architectural designs.*

The majority of respondents (80%) agree or strongly agree that their firms actively prioritize environmental sustainability in architectural designs, indicating a strong commitment to sustainability. However, 10% remain neutral, and another 10% disagree, suggesting room for improvement in some firms.

2. *You incorporate energy-efficient building materials and systems in your projects.*

A significant majority (80%) incorporate energy-efficient materials and systems, showing a clear focus on reducing energy consumption. Nonetheless, the neutral and disagreeing responses (20%) highlight the potential for further adoption of energy-efficient practices.

3. *Your firm strives to minimize the carbon footprint of the buildings you design.*

The data indicates that 80% of respondents' firms strive to minimize their buildings' carbon footprints. This is a positive trend toward environmental responsibility, although the remaining 20% suggest more effort is needed to achieve comprehensive carbon reduction strategies.

4. *Your firm follows green building certification standards (e.g., LEED) for most of your projects.*

Following green building standards like LEED is less prevalent, with only 60% agreeing or strongly agreeing. The equal distribution of neutral and disagree responses (40%) indicates a significant opportunity for increasing adherence to recognized sustainability standards.

5. *Your firm integrates renewable energy solutions (solar, wind, etc.) into the designs of your buildings.*

The integration of renewable energy solutions is also moderate, with 60% of firms incorporating these solutions. Similar to green building standards, there is a notable segment (40%) that either remains neutral or disagrees, pointing to an area for further growth.

6. *If not currently prioritized, your firm would be willing to implement energy efficient building designs in future projects.*

The willingness to implement energy-efficient designs in the future is high, with 80% agreeing or strongly agreeing. This reflects a proactive stance toward sustainability, although 20% still express hesitation or neutrality.

7. *Your firm would be open to using renewable energy solutions (e.g., solar, wind) in your projects if it were feasible.*

Similar to energy-efficient designs, there is a high willingness (80%) to adopt renewable energy solutions, contingent on feasibility. This indicates readiness to transition to renewable energy, though feasibility challenges remain for some firms.

8. *Your firm would consider pursuing green building certifications (e.g., LEED) for future projects if resources and time allowed.*

The consideration for pursuing green building certifications is strong, with 80% of respondents agreeing. Resource and time constraints are potential barriers for the remaining 20%, suggesting the need for supportive measures to enable certification.

9. *Your firm would be willing to invest in sustainable materials and systems if it aligned with client goals and budgets.*

A majority (80%) are willing to invest in sustainable materials if client goals and budgets align. This highlights the importance of client collaboration in driving sustainability efforts.

10. *If not currently doing so, your firm would commit to measuring and reducing the carbon footprint of your buildings moving forward.*

IAP Associated with Commitment to measuring and reducing carbon footprints is high, with 80% agreeing. The 20% who are neutral or disagree indicate a need for further education and incentives to encourage full commitment.

6.2 Response to Questions on "Social":

11. *Your firm promotes diversity and inclusion in hiring and project teams.*

The data indicates that 90% of respondents agree or strongly agree that their firms promote diversity and inclusion in hiring and project teams. This high level of agreement suggests a strong commitment to creating inclusive work environments. However, 5% of respondents remain neutral, and 5% disagree, highlighting a need for ongoing efforts to ensure all team members feel included and valued.

11. *Your firm actively engages with local communities and stakeholders during the design and planning stages of a project.*

85% of respondents agree or strongly agree that their firms engage with local communities and stakeholders during the design and planning stages. This engagement is crucial for creating IAP projects that meet the needs and expectations of the community. The 10% neutrality and 5% disagreement suggest opportunities for firms to strengthen their community engagement strategies.

12. *Your firm prioritizes social equity in your designs, ensuring accessibility for all individuals, regardless of ability, age, or other factors.*

A significant majority (85%) of respondents agree or strongly agree that their firms prioritize social equity in their designs, ensuring accessibility for all individuals. This high level of agreement reflects a commitment to inclusivity in design. The remaining 15% (neutral and disagree) indicate areas where further efforts may be needed to achieve comprehensive accessibility.

13. *Your firm considers the well-being and health of building occupants in the design process (e.g., daylight, air quality, wellness spaces).*

90% of respondents agree or strongly agree that their firms consider the well-being and health of building occupants in the design process. This emphasis on occupant well-being demonstrates a strong commitment to creating healthy and livable spaces. However, the 8% of respondents who are neutral or disagree suggest that some firms may need to enhance their focus on health and wellness features.

14. *Your firm collaborates with organizations to ensure your designs support broader social and cultural goals.*

85% of respondents agree or strongly agree that their firms collaborate with organizations to support broader social and cultural goals. This collaboration is essential for creating designs that reflect and enhance the social and cultural fabric of communities. The 13% neutrality and disagreement suggest opportunities for deeper collaboration and alignment with social organizations.

15. *If your firm is not currently doing so, you would commit to prioritizing diversity and inclusion in your hiring practices.*

85% of respondents express a commitment to prioritizing diversity and inclusion in hiring practices if not already doing so. This indicates a strong willingness to adopt inclusive hiring practices. The 13% neutrality and disagreement highlight areas where firms may need to address barriers to diversity and inclusion.

16. *Your firm would be willing to engage more actively with local communities and stakeholders during the design and planning stages.*

85% of respondents are willing to engage more actively with local communities and stakeholders. This willingness underscores the importance of community engagement in the design and planning process. The 13% neutrality and disagreement indicate that some firms may need to develop strategies to enhance their community engagement efforts.

17. *If not already a focus, your firm would consider incorporating more accessible design elements to accommodate individuals of all abilities.*

85% of respondents are open to incorporating more accessible design elements. This openness reflects a commitment to creating inclusive spaces for individuals of all abilities. The 13% neutrality and disagreement suggest that some firms may need to increase their focus on accessibility in design.

18. *Your firm would be open to incorporating health and wellness features into your designs, such as improved indoor air quality and wellness spaces.*

90% of respondents agree or strongly agree that their firms would be open to incorporating health and wellness features into their designs. This high level of agreement indicates a strong interest in promoting health and wellness in building design. The 8% neutrality and disagreement suggest that some firms may need to address barriers to implementing wellness features.

19. *If not already in practice, your firm would be open to collaborating with social organizations to ensure your designs support broader social goals.*

85% of respondents are open to collaborating with social organizations. This openness indicates a willingness to align design practices with broader social goals. The 13% neutrality and disagreement suggest opportunities for firms to strengthen their collaborations with social organizations.

Response to Questions on “Governance”:

20. *Your firm has clear policies and practices for transparent decision-making and accountability.*

55% of respondents strongly agreed and 30% agreed that the firm maintains a high standard of ethical conduct in its projects, indicating a generally favorable perception. However, 15% remained neutral, suggesting a lack of strong conviction among some respondents. While the majority view is positive, the presence of neutrality highlights room for improvement in ensuring that all stakeholders are equally convinced of the firm’s ethical practices.

21. *Your firm’s leadership team is committed to implementing ESG principles in the firm’s operations.*

Half of the respondents (50%) strongly agreed and 40% agreed that the firm has clear policies and practices for transparent decision-making and accountability. While this majority suggests generally positive feedback, the 10% neutral responses raise questions about whether these policies are consistently communicated or applied across the board. The firm may need to address potential gaps to ensure universal clarity and trust in its decision-making practices.

While 30% of respondents strongly agreed and 55% agreed that the firm’s leadership team is committed to implementing ESG principles, 15% remained neutral. This suggests that while the majority recognize some commitment to ESG principles, there may be a lack of visible or impactful initiatives that resonate with all stakeholders. The neutral responses point to potential uncertainties or inconsistencies in how this commitment is perceived or communicated.

21. *Your firm regularly assesses and reports its performance on ESG goals to stakeholders.*

The responses to whether the firm regularly assesses and reports its ESG performance reveal a divided perception. While 30% strongly agreed and 20% agreed, an equal 30% remained neutral, and 20% disagreed. The significant proportion of neutral and disagreeing responses indicates a notable lack of clarity or confidence among stakeholders about the firm’s ESG reporting practices. This suggests a need for the firm to enhance transparency and consistency in its communication and reporting processes to build trust and alignment.

23. *Your firm provides ongoing training for your staff on ESG-related issues in architecture and design.*

While 10% strongly agreed and 45% agreed that the firm provides ongoing ESG-related training, 35% of respondents remained neutral, and 10% disagreed. The high proportion of neutral responses suggests that many staff members may not be fully aware of or engaged in these training initiatives. This, coupled with the disagreement, highlights a potential disconnect between the firm’s training efforts and the perception of their accessibility, relevance, or effectiveness among employees.

24. *If your firm is not already doing so, you would be willing to implement clear and transparent decision-making practices for all projects.*

A strong majority, with 25% strongly agreeing and 65% agreeing, expressed willingness to implement clear and transparent decision-making practices if not already in place. However, the 10% neutral responses hint at a lack of enthusiasm or clarity about the necessity or feasibility of such practices. This raises questions about whether all stakeholders fully understand or prioritize transparency in decision-making, suggesting an opportunity to build consensus and emphasize its importance in project management.

25. *Your firm's leadership would be willing to set clear goals for improving its ESG performance in the future.*

While 25% strongly agreed and 55% agreed that the firm's leadership would be willing to set clear goals for improving ESG performance, the 20% neutral responses highlight a level of uncertainty among some stakeholders. This suggests that while the intent to prioritize ESG goals is evident, there may be gaps in communication or a lack of concrete action plans that instill confidence across the board. To fully engage all stakeholders, the firm could benefit from more explicit commitments and detailed strategies.

26. *If not already done, your firm would be open to reporting its ESG performance and goals to stakeholders on a regular basis.*

While 25% strongly agreed and 55% agreed that the firm would be open to regularly reporting its ESG performance and goals, 20% of respondents remained neutral. This neutrality suggests that some stakeholders may be uncertain about the feasibility or commitment to such transparency. Although the majority support the idea, the neutral responses highlight a need for clearer communication and assurance regarding the firm's readiness to establish consistent and comprehensive ESG reporting practices.

27. *Your firm would be willing to implement internal training on ESG-related issues to educate and empower your staff moving forward.*

A majority, 35% strongly agreeing and 50% agreeing, shows clear support for implementing internal training on ESG-related issues to educate and empower staff. However, the 15% neutral responses indicate some uncertainty or lack of conviction, potentially reflecting a gap in understanding or prioritization of such training. While the overall response is positive, addressing the concerns of the neutral group and ensuring comprehensive engagement across the firm could strengthen the commitment to ESG education.

28. *Your firm would be committed to adopting ethical and responsible governance practices if provided with the proper resources and guidance.*

A strong majority, with 35% strongly agreeing and 55% agreeing, suggests a solid willingness to adopt ethical and responsible governance practices, provided the necessary resources and guidance. However, the 15% neutral responses indicate that some may still have reservations or uncertainties about the firm's ability to implement these practices effectively. The neutral stance could point to a lack of clarity regarding the resources, leadership, or commitment required, signaling an opportunity for the firm to strengthen its case and ensure full engagement from all stakeholders.

Discussions

The survey responses present a generally positive outlook on the commitment of firms to environmental sustainability, social responsibility, and governance

practices, particularly with regard to ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) principles. However, there are several areas where improvement is necessary, and the data indicates some nuanced challenges that warrant further consideration.

Environmental Sustainability

The high levels of agreement (70%-80%) regarding the commitment to environmental sustainability demonstrate that firms are increasingly integrating energy-efficient systems, renewable energy solutions, and carbon footprint reduction strategies into their operations. This is encouraging and reflects a growing awareness of the environmental challenges facing the industry and the importance of adopting sustainable practices. However, the presence of 10%-20% neutral or disagreeing responses suggests that not all stakeholders perceive these initiatives as robust or impactful. It's crucial to examine why these respondents feel that the firm's environmental sustainability efforts may fall short. Potential explanations could include inadequate implementation, lack of transparency in reporting sustainability outcomes, or insufficient awareness or buy-in from key stakeholders within the firm.

The absence of strong disagreement across the board indicates broad consensus on the value of sustainability, but there may be a gap in perception regarding the actual effectiveness and integration of these practices. The firm may need to improve its communication strategies to ensure that all employees and stakeholders recognize the tangible impact of its sustainability efforts.

Social Responsibility

The overwhelming support (85%-90%) for the firm's commitment to social responsibility, such as diversity, inclusion, community engagement, and collaboration with social organizations, highlights a strong and widespread belief in the importance of these practices. Firms appear to be making strides in promoting a socially responsible ethos, which is crucial for building long-term trust and engagement with both internal and external stakeholders. However, the 5%-10% neutral or disagreeing responses suggest there is still room for improvement. It would be important to investigate whether these stakeholders are dissatisfied with the scope, execution, or visibility of the firm's social initiatives. Firms should continue to promote and expand these practices, ensuring that all employees feel that these initiatives are effectively integrated into the firm's core values and everyday operations.

The consistency of the responses regarding social responsibility implies that these values are increasingly becoming mainstream within the industry. However, ongoing efforts are needed to maintain and enhance this momentum. Firms should regularly evaluate the inclusivity and impact of their social practices, particularly ensuring that marginalized voices are genuinely heard and represented.

Responsibility in Governance

Governance-related practices, including ethical standards and transparency, are seen as critical by a majority of respondents. However, the presence of neutral responses suggests that some stakeholders are uncertain or unconvinced about the firm's adherence to these principles. The results

indicate that while firms claim to maintain high ethical standards, there may be concerns around the consistency of these practices or their visible application in day-to-day decision making. To address these concerns, firms could implement clearer guidelines for ethical conduct and ensure that these policies are communicated effectively across all levels of the organization. Regular audits and transparency in governance processes could also improve trust and clarity.

The commitment to ESG principles, while generally recognized, appears to be met with some skepticism, as evidenced by the 15% neutral responses. This indicates that the leadership's commitment to ESG principles might not be perceived as consistent or sufficiently impactful. This could point to a lack of clear, actionable ESG strategies or a need for more visible leadership in executing these principles.

ESG Reporting

The mixed perceptions surrounding ESG reporting (with a significant portion neutral or disagreeing) highlight a critical area for improvement. Effective ESG reporting is not just a matter of compliance but a tool for building trust with stakeholders. The current lack of clarity or confidence regarding the firm's reporting practices suggests that stakeholders are either unaware of the firm's ESG performance or feel that it lacks consistency. To address this, firms should prioritize regular, transparent reporting on ESG goals and performance, ensuring that all stakeholders have access to clear and detailed information. Improving communication around ESG outcomes and aligning reporting with industry standards could increase stakeholders' confidence in the firm's commitment to these principles.

Training and Empowerment

The survey indicates strong support for ongoing ESG-related training, yet a significant portion of respondents remains neutral or disagrees. This suggests that while there may be an organizational commitment to ESG education, there is a disconnect between the firm's initiatives and the perception or engagement of employees. Some employees may feel that training is either inaccessible, irrelevant, or not sufficiently engaging. Firms could enhance their training programs by tailoring them to different roles within the organization, ensuring they are not just theoretical but also practical and actionable. Ensuring that training is available at all levels of the organization and consistently reinforces the firm's ESG values will be key to empowering staff and ensuring that sustainability and social responsibility are deeply embedded in the firm's culture.

Willingness to Implement

Transparent Practices and Set Goals

The strong support for implementing transparent decision-making practices and setting clear ESG goals indicates a broad willingness to embrace change. However, the neutral responses suggest that some stakeholders might not fully understand or prioritize these practices, possibly due to unclear communication or concerns about the feasibility of implementing these practices across the organization. To address this, firms should invest in building a deeper understanding of the value of transparency and accountability, aligning it with

the firm's long-term goals. Clear, measurable ESG targets, coupled with consistent communication, would help ensure that all stakeholders are fully on board and that the firm's commitment is seen as genuine and achievable.

In conclusion, while the survey responses show strong commitment to environmental sustainability, social responsibility, and ethical governance, the neutral and disagreeing responses indicate areas where firms can further strengthen their practices. Transparency in reporting, consistency in implementing ESG principles, and more targeted training initiatives are areas where firms should focus their efforts.

Role of the Institute of Architects Pakistan (I.A.P.)

The survey also asked about the respondents' perceptions on the IAP's role in implementing the ESG goals in the architectural practices in Pakistan. The overwhelming consensus among the responses suggests that I.A.P. should indeed play a significant role in the implementation of ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) goals within architectural practices in Pakistan. Several key points emerge from the feedback:

Guidelines and Advocacy: Respondents agree that IAP could help set clear guidelines for sustainable practices and advocate for social responsibility and ethical governance within the profession. This can ensure that architects and firms are equipped to incorporate ESG principles in their daily operations.

Educational Initiatives: Many responses emphasize the importance of education and awareness-building. IAP could organize training programs, workshops, and seminars to educate architects about the risks, issues, and opportunities related to ESG goals in the context of Pakistan. These initiatives would help professionals understand how to implement these practices effectively in their projects.

Collaboration with Academic Institutions: There is support for collaboration between IAP and relevant academic institutions to strengthen ESG education and research, ensuring that future generations of architects are well-versed in these critical areas.

Partnership with Experienced Architects: The idea of bringing senior architects onto the panel, in addition to current office bearers, has been proposed to maintain high quality standards and ensure transparency in implementing ESG practices. This would provide a more diverse and experienced perspective on the challenges and solutions facing the architectural profession.

Regional Relevance: Given the unique challenges and risks faced by Pakistan, especially in terms of environmental sustainability, social equity, and governance, there is a strong sentiment that IAP should tailor its approach to address local concerns. Understanding and mitigating risks such as climate change, resource scarcity, and socio economic disparities should be central to IAP's efforts.

In conclusion, the responses strongly support IAP's involvement in promoting and implementing ESG goals across architectural practices in Pakistan. IAP could lead the way by providing education, resources, and advocacy, ultimately helping architects integrate these principles into their designs and operations for the betterment of the profession, the environment, and society.

Recommendations

Based on the survey results, several key recommendations can be made to enhance ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) practices in architectural practices across Pakistan. These recommendations aim to address the existing gaps and areas for improvement, as identified by the survey responses.

- **Establish Clear ESG Guidelines and Standards:** IAP should develop and disseminate clear, comprehensive guidelines on ESG practices tailored to the local context in Pakistan. These guidelines should cover aspects like environmental sustainability (energy-efficient design, renewable materials, waste reduction), social responsibility (community engagement, diversity, and inclusion), and governance (ethical decision making, transparency).
- **Implement Regular Training Programs on ESG:** Architectural firms and IAP should prioritize the creation of continuous professional development (CPD) opportunities focused on ESG-related topics. This could include workshops, online courses, and seminars on environmental sustainability, social impact, and governance in architecture.
- **Increase Transparency in ESG Reporting and Accountability:** Encourage architectural practices to regularly assess and publicly report their ESG performance. IAP should help develop a simple, standardized reporting framework that makes it easy for firms to share their progress with stakeholders, including clients, communities, and regulatory bodies.
- **Promote Collaboration with Academic Institutions:** Foster deeper collaboration between IAP, architectural firms, and academic institutions. This partnership can promote research on ESG in architecture, create innovative solutions for sustainable design, and address region-specific challenges.
- **Enhance Focus on Local Environmental Challenges:** Tailor ESG practices to Pakistan's specific environmental challenges, such as water scarcity, energy inefficiency, and climate resilience. Focus on climate-responsive designs and the use of locally sourced, sustainable materials.
- **Strengthen Social Responsibility Practices:** Promote greater emphasis on social equity in architectural practice. Encourage architects to actively engage with communities, prioritize affordable housing, and ensure that their projects are accessible and inclusive for all social groups, particularly marginalized communities.
- **Encourage Governance and Ethical Standards:** Strengthen governance practices within the architecture industry. Encourage firms to adopt transparent decision making processes and ensure accountability at every stage of a project.
- **Ensure Clear Communication of ESG Commitments:** Improve the communication of ESG goals and commitments both within architectural firms and externally to clients, communities, and stakeholders.
- **Incorporate ESG into Design Education:** Integrate ESG-related principles into architectural education to ensure that future generations of architects are equipped to address the environmental and social challenges of the profession.
- **Develop ESG Partnerships:** Collaborate with international organizations, governmental bodies, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to create a framework for ESG practices that is recognized globally and relevant locally.

Conclusion

By adopting these recommendations, architectural practices in Pakistan can significantly enhance their ESG performance and align with both global standards and local needs. IAP, as a leading body in the profession, has a critical role to play in guiding, supporting, and advocating for these changes. The survey responses indicate a strong willingness among architects to engage with ESG goals, and with the right frameworks, resources, and leadership, these goals can become integral to architectural practice in Pakistan.

F. SRI LANKA INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS (SLIA)

Our approach to ESG as an institute:

CSR projects The Board of Architectural Education of the SLIA organize an annual Student Jamboree. As a featured event, a social responsibility project is organized annually. In December 2024, the CSR project took place at the H/Weliwewa K.V. Sooriyawewa. The school classrooms, main hall and the library were colour-washed, and books were donated to the school library.

The CSR project focused on gaining exposure to core values and developing a solid understanding of social responsibility by participating in community service activities and working as a team to achieve a common goal. In doing so, they could make a difference by using their knowledge and problem-solving skills with limited resources to find solutions. These social activities allow students to nurture a sense of social conscience and develop ethical values, attitudes and beliefs towards social responsibility.

Research Series

The Board of Architectural Publications at the institute conducts a research lecture every quarter focused on architecture and related subjects within the built environment. These lectures aim to share knowledge with members and encourage them to exchange their ideas and experiences. This initiative fosters a stronger culture of knowledge sharing both within and outside the institute, promoting increased engagement among members. The diversity of perspectives leads to the generation of new ideas and approaches in architectural, educational, and professional contexts.

Continuing Professional Development

The Professional Affairs Board of the institute conducts a Continuing Professional Development series every quarter, focusing on subjects related to architecture and the built environment. This series of lectures has fostered a culture of knowledge sharing among members, promoting the exchange of evolving skills and technologies. Additionally, these events ensure that important information is communicated among institute members, cultivating a collaborative environment that enhances problem solving in education, architecture, and the built environment.

Introducing E-Publications

In 2023, the Board of Architectural Publications at the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects introduced E-Publications as part of a new initiative. Many have

raised concerns about the ecological impact of traditional print publishing. In this context, digital publishing has emerged as a sustainable alternative, offering environmental benefits and new opportunities for the board. This initiative has enabled the institute to reduce the number of printed copies and achieve long-term cost savings by eliminating expenses related to printing, distribution, and waste management.

The institute collaborated with Media Services (Private) Limited to successfully launch a flipbook hosted on their website, further minimizing resource usage. Digital publishing has also allowed the institute to develop a digital audience, reaching members working abroad and enhancing reader engagement.

For readers who prefer physical copies, the institute prints the necessary number of copies, thus reducing waste. We believe this initiative aligns with global sustainability goals, contributes to efforts against climate change, and helps protect the planet.

By embracing digital publication, the institute has enhanced its reputation, attracting eco-conscious readers and advertisers.



Solid Waste Recycling

The SLIA separates waste before disposal for garbage truck collection. This initiative has helped educate the staff and members on the importance of environmental protection.

Plastic-Free Zone at SLIA

All single-use plastic bottles have been phased out of the institute effective from 2025. Employees are encouraged to use bottles and containers made from recyclable materials. This initiative aims to educate staff on reducing exposure to harmful substances that affect health while raising awareness of environmental impacts. The council and staff are committed to pursuing a more sustainable approach in the future.

Energy Saver Practices

The institute has implemented an energy-saving initiative by replacing all incandescent lights with energy-efficient lighting. This change has significantly reduced energy expenses. Additionally, creating a comfortable work environment has positively affected staff morale and mental health, contributing to improved mood and overall well-being.

Additionally, the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects conducts lectures, awareness programs, and religious activities in collaboration with the Green Building Council of Sri Lanka.

Our alliances with government authorities

The institute has allied with the following authorities to work towards development and sustainability.

The Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between the Green Building Council of Sri Lanka (GBCSL) & the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA)

The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Green Building Council of Sri Lanka (GBCSL) and the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA) took place on 24th August 2023 with the purpose of collaborating in promoting and establishing environmental sustainability and sustainable development in Sri Lanka.

Dengue Preventive initiatives with the Health Ministry

The Institute has been involved in the Dengue Prevention initiative led by the Health Ministry of Sri Lanka since 2014.

We collaborate with the health ministry in conducting awareness programs aimed at eliminating mosquito breeding grounds in construction sites and built environments. These programs are designed to improve health conditions and lifestyles while educating participants on how to prevent mosquito breeding grounds.

Chamber of Construction Industry of Sri Lanka (CCISL)

The CCISL serves as the exclusive representative for the construction industry, with a environment. primary focus on fostering a safe, high-quality, sustainable, and eco-friendly built

The CCISL stakeholder forum includes all parties involved in the construction industry, such as consultants, contractors, suppliers, and representatives from both government and non-government organizations. The CCISL prioritizes environmental security and social well-being, as well as the overall health of the industry.

The SLIA plays a significant role in all activities related to the CCISL. Additionally, a new proposal for a special award scheme is under consideration, aimed at recognizing projects that incorporate green practices.

Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA)

Construction Industry Development Authority was established under the Development Act 33 of 2014. Architects, Engineers and Quantity Surveyors are recognized as qualified personnel at the CIDA. Architects represent all boards, sub committees and activities.

CIDA offers prominence to sustainable building projects encouraging sustainable practices at the national awards scheme. The local contractors' international projects and local contractors' local projects for sustainable practice in architecture and design are considered for the awards scheme. The SLIA is a key player in CIDA activities.

Urban Development Authority (UDA)

SLIA is a key stakeholder in the development of UDA (Urban Development Authority) plans and guidelines in Sri Lanka. For over eight years, SLIA has played a leading role in the preparation of these development plans and guidelines.

The UDA prioritizes environmental practices and social well-being. Under the latest regulations, green buildings are encouraged in all government and semi-government structures, with the private sector also urged to adopt similar practices.

SLIA fully supports the publication and implementation of these regulations and endorses the recent amendments proposed by the government.

Condominium Authority

SLIA is represented in the condominium authority. All designs, constructions, and management practices for condominiums adhere to green and sustainable principles, promoting eco-friendly, user-friendly, and livable condominiums in Sri Lanka.

As a government body, SLIA plays a crucial role in approving these applications and providing support for sustainable practices.

Practice in Architecture

Members are informed about the general regulations and guidelines related to sustainable practices, urban development, and relevant outcomes from government authorities, all of which are communicated through the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA).

The SLIA has over 600 practices registered, and all practitioners adhere to sustainable, eco-friendly, and livable lifestyle regulations and guidelines.

THE WAY FORWARD

We observed that the architects do not see ESG as a burden, but have accepted it as an ethical commitment and also a new path to creativity. Architects have demonstrated their concern about the relationship among nature, humans, and the built environments. In this endeavor, some countries like India has shown its support and encouragement to architectural profession through its policies by proactive steps to strengthen clean energy and also offering incentives for green technology.

However, at this stage, it is also of especial importance to know about what architects are supposed to do in ESG practices.

Because, in fact, implementing ESG doesn't happen overnight, neither its outcome could be perceived quickly. ESG-related challenges are multidisciplinary where the supply chain is of great value in the production of architecture. Architects for this reason need to play a bigger role in the advocacy for environmental, social, and governance (ESG) rules. Consequently, it is necessary to strategize, and develop ESG systems to respond to the multiple forces related to it.

For this matter, it is time to identify ESG gaps in the whole chain and proposes actions needed to comply the requirements of ESG criteria in architectural works. At the same time, it also seems pertinent to formulate an architectural model which in fact will function as Building Information Model.

Part D

Schedule 2

Summary of the reports of the Member Institute Countries on
“Is the architectural profession still a sought-after profession in your country?”

“Country” in this question implies to South Asian Countries which is “Zone A” in Arcasian language. The possible answers of “YES” or “NO” from all the Zone A countries is heavily tilted to “YES”.

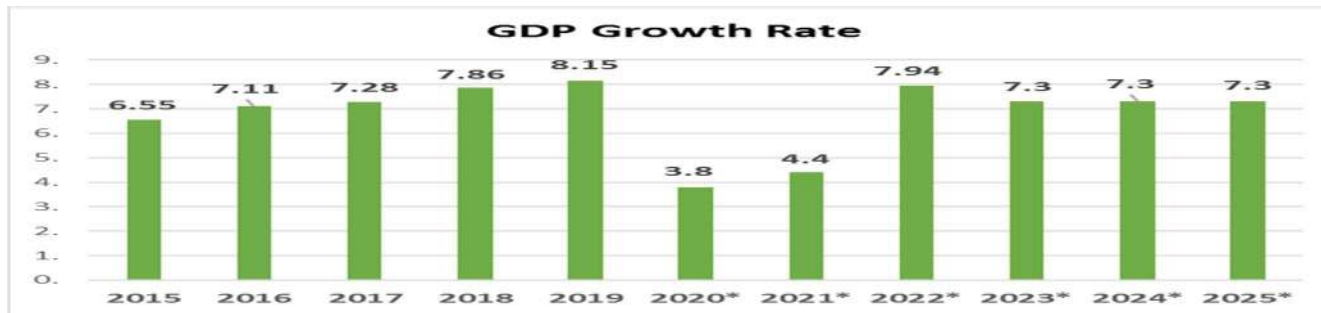
However, before drawing any conclusion from this answer, let us ask some additional questions like; ‘What makes Architecture a sought-after profession?’, ‘Why it is a sought-after profession?’ We will also see if the “YES” will hold good for the future as well.

Guarantee of getting job may be the first answer that comes into the mind. In spite of this, Architecture has always been regarded as a respected and sought-after profession in this part of the world.

Let us list some other reasons that makes it a sought-after profession.

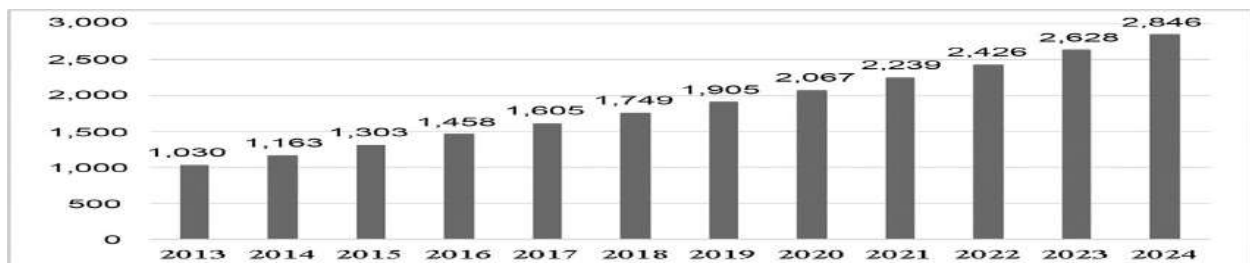
- a. Strong economy of a country.
- b. Vibrant construction industry,
- c. Socially respected profession,
- d. Dignified social norm towards national heritage culture,
- e. Personal passion,
- f. Availability of world market.

The state of economy can be considered as one of the primary drivers of the demand for architectural profession. Economy of South Asia since last few decades in general is getting vibrant and stronger year by year. This brought a direct positive effect in the job market for architects. For example in Bangladesh architecture is increasingly becoming a sought-after profession supported by its good performance in GDP growth rate.



GDP growth in Bangladesh

This positive rise in GDP incited the increased activity in construction industry offering a good market for architects. Rising economic demand has thus sparked significant interest in architectural education, leading to a surge in architecture programs at different universities of Bangladesh. This phenomenon is observed in almost all Zone A countries.



Construction industry growth in Bangladesh

It is not so easy to define quantitatively a sought after profession. The following indicators at some point can reflect it for any practical purposes.

- Number of enrollment in educational institutions for architects.
- Number of Architects pass out,
- Increase in number of architectural consultancies services,
- Increase in number of institutions for architectural education,
- Shortage in architects in the market reflected by unfilled vacancies in different institutions.

Zone A countries have performing well in all the above indicators.

Architecture in India remains deeply respected. India has around 400 architecture colleges, and together, at a rough estimate they offer about 20,000 seats every year. On the other side, the population of India is around

140 crore or 1.4 billion souls. With an average of 4.5 persons in family size, there is likely to be 31 crore or 310 million households. As of 2025, consider about 125,000 registered architects in India. Now, with this statistic, the math reveals that for every 2,500 households there is "1" architect. This indicates that India has a short supply of "architects".

Bangladesh is increasingly seeing the preference among students to pursue architecture as a viable and rewarding career path. At present there is a shortfall of 700 more architects teachers, because of the increased number of architecture education and number of rising students. This is in average 5 times more teachers than is at present. The ratio of teacher to student is 1:10 instead of the desirable ratio of 1:5.

In Pakistan architecture education has expanded significantly and the consistently high and increasing enrollment figures each year reflect a sustained belief in the profession's viability and its potential to influence the built environment meaningfully. Over 30 institutions in numerous universities now offer architecture degrees, with. Interestingly IAP reports that "this signals sustained interest, though not matched by market absorption."

In Nepal architecture is steadily and convincingly becoming a respected profession which otherwise was overridden by engineers. Just during two and half decade i.e. from 1999 to 2025 significant increase in number of architects and institutions was observed. Today there nearly 4000 architects and 17 architectural institutions with total of 550 architects passing out annually.

Bhutan and Maldives can boast of having one institution each for architecture education producing around 20 to 30 architects each year.

Except from the economy, other nonphysical aspects for students that allure them to this profession are its pomp, romanticized ideals, social aspirations, pleasant but sophisticated debonair, a medium of identity, vanity for their shared architectural heritage and personal passion. Zone A people inherently love to indulge in the metaphysical world. Architecture legacy of this reason is a confluence of art, mundane and metaphysical world. This profession is associated with fantasia that fascinates the students with a strong and captivating charm. Architecture in Pakistan continues to attract a steady stream of students, drawn by its creative promise, cultural prestige, and potential for impact.

The geography and its anthropology makes Zone A practically a continent by itself although. In spite of a mind boggling mosaic of languages, religions, cultural traditions and rituals, music, art, social norms, nature and landscape the bed rock of its uniqueness is its solid shared legacy of unity in diversity. This is very strongly reflected in its architecture cultural and historic wealth.

“Master builder” with different local names in the past is today referred as architect. These master builders were respected by the kings, queens and general people. They created masterpieces, inimitable edifices. The urge to associate with these and the dignity attached to it inspires students to pursue architecture as their profession. Architecture in Zone A continues to attract a steady stream of students, drawn by its creative promise, cultural prestige, and potential for impact.

The future of Architectural profession, challenges and way out

Will architectural profession will remain a sought after profession in Zone -A? As we look at the future, it is not difficult to suggest with ample of evidences that this profession for all reasons is going to be vibrant and dynamic in future, will play an essential role in shaping the built environments and the quality of the urban life, supported by expanded scope in rapid urbanization.

The encouraging picture of the future of this profession is not without challenges. This profession is at the brink of significant transformation propelled by technological innovation, growing diversity, pressing environmental concerns, evolving societal needs and concern on sustainability efforts.

Architecture is also a profession embedded with hard work, contemplation and some sacrifices. “The profession today sits at a crossroads—caught between romanticized ideals and pragmatic realities.” (*IAP*)

Here are some challenges and development that could make substantial influence in zonal and global perspective facing this profession in the years ahead.

Challenges

- a) Professional saturation has become a defining challenge for the architectural field in Pakistan institutions that produce hundreds of

graduates annually, yet the demand for skilled professionals still exceeds supply.

- b) Educational Disconnects: Theory-Practice Gap
- c) Economic Volatility
- d) Fee Structures & Professional Recognition
- e) Regulatory Complexity and Governance Gaps
- f) The surge in degrees hasn't been matched by reforms in curriculum, industry collaboration, or economic planning

Development that demand competitiveness in the profession

g) Sustainability & Climate Resilience: Increasing emphasis on sustainable and green design reflects the profession's commitment to addressing some of the most pressing issues of our time, including climate change and environmental sustainability.

h) Digitalization:

i) Smart Buildings:

j) Modular Construction

k) Increased globalization

l) Building Information Modelling (BIM)

m) Artificial Intelligence (AI)

n) Machine Learning

o) 3D printing

p) Virtual Reality (VR)

q) Augment Reality (AR)

Recommendations

r) Education and Research Expansion

s) Technology and Innovation

t) Policy & Advocacy

u) Collective reimagining to align education, policy, and public perception with the evolving demands of urban life, climate resilience, and cultural stewardship.

v) Digital literacy, interdisciplinary integration, and practical exposure.

w) Heritage-Led Development,

x) Growth of global trade and travel demands to understand and design for a wider variety of cultures and environments.

y) Collaboration between schools, professionals, and councils like the IIA and ARCASIA.

Gender in Architectural profession

Architecture has become increasingly a sought after profession for women. UIA has estimated that 30 % of graduates from architectural school are women. Although no research has been conducted, it is observed that today the enrollment of women in Zone A countries is around 50% surpassing the global average. In some cases crossing over the 50% mark has also been noted down.

Although participation of girls in this profession is steadily increasing it is also observed that while women consistently excel in academic environments—often leading design studios, winning awards, and producing innovative work—their transition into professional practice is marked by exclusion and constraint.

Increased Globalization vs Architectural Powerhouse

Globalization of trade and travel has opened a vast market for Zone A architects. This has also affirmatively enticed students to embrace this as a lucrative profession.

Global Architectural Service is predicted to reach approx. \$ 549.6 billion by 2032. It represents Compound annual growth rate of 4.3%.

Some sources report that the employment market for Architects will grow 8% from 2018 to 2028, which is higher than the 5% average for all job types. (internate)

A trend of architecture graduates from Zone A immigrating to foreign countries is increasing. This may explain in part the gap between the supply and demand of architects in some countries.

Many architects from Bhutanese institution have also migrated outside the whereas in Maldives changing to management jobs is prevalent.

Zone A is now markedly becoming the powerhouse of architectural man power. RIBA in its part has alerted its architects to compete against the cheaper workforces from the emerging markets.

Conclusion:

Architectural profession in Zone A is a sought after profession marked by a complex situation of respect and recognition. The trend shifting towards women architecture is to be taken in consideration with social transformational changes.

Many policy level changes in architectural education and regulatory aspect is called for. At the same time, architects are required to be abreast with the

recent technological development and environmental issues as a path to the bright future.

The emotion in Zone A in short reflects that “It is glorious to be an architect”.
