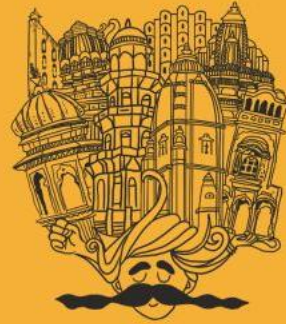


20-22 MAY, 2022  
JAIPUR



RAJASTHAN  
ARCHITECTURE  
FESTIVAL



HOSTED & CURATED BY  
THE INDIAN  
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
RAJASTHAN CHAPTER

# RAF BRIEF/REPORT



# ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

The Rajasthan Architecture Festival is one of the key initiatives by the Indian Institute of Architects. The event was aimed to become an annual celebration that travels to various other cities in Rajasthan, that strengthens engagement with stakeholders, and celebrates the architecture & culture of Rajasthan. The conglomeration was visited by more than 1500 architects from around 26+ different countries and created a dynamic and effective platform for the design fraternity. The festival witnessed the architecture & culture of Rajasthan through brainstorming sessions, workshops, installations, heritage walks, innovative exhibitions, cultural evenings & many more.

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# Arrival of Delegates and Guests

Greeting all the delegates with Rajasthani touch.





# Inauguration of Exhibition





# ARCASIA



# Grand Inauguration Of Rajasthan Architecture Festival

- Honorable chief guest, Mr. Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the festival.







# Gala Dinner at Clarks Amer Hotel

- 1<sup>st</sup> day ended with a beautiful evening. It was a light, casual gathering that lightened up everyone.





# Day 2

Heritage walk - in Jaipur walled city - UNESCO world heritage site.

- Second day started with a heritage walk in one of the 9 blocks of Jaipur walled city. Our guests observed the traditional architecture of Jaipur, they saw the morning lifestyle of people and had a refreshing experience.





# Keynote session by Ken Yeang

This keynote session was held online by Dr. Ken Yeang on the topic of Designing for a resilient planet. It was focused on ecological designs, where he explained what ecological design is and how we can incorporate it. It was a very informative session.





# Technical Session 1

## Imagining A Re-adaptive Future

- This session started with conservation of architecture by moderator Manish Chakraborti. The session was led by Aman Nath, who spoke about the importance of traditional architecture of Neemrana, its beauty, with lots of other examples and shared some of his experience. Then, by Abha Narain Lambah, Dr, Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed and Vinod Kumar MM. All the speakers shared their views and understandings on the topic. The session ended with a Q/A round.





# Expert Session by Mr. Pankaj Dharkar

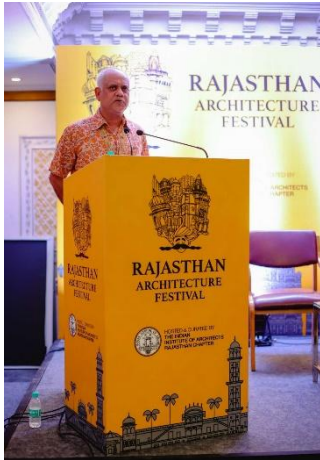
Mr. Pankaj Dharkar gave a lecture on **challenges of services in heritage buildings.**



# Technical Session 2

## The Architecture Of Democracy

The session started with a light discussion on the topic by the moderator Sanjeev Vidyarthi. After Mr. Sanjeev, Mr. Habib Khan, Lalichan Zacharias, Jitendra Mehta and Vivek Bhole presented their views on the topic. The session ended with a Q/A session.





# Master Speaker – Shirish Beri

Mr. Shirish Beri spoke about **creating spaces with empathy.**



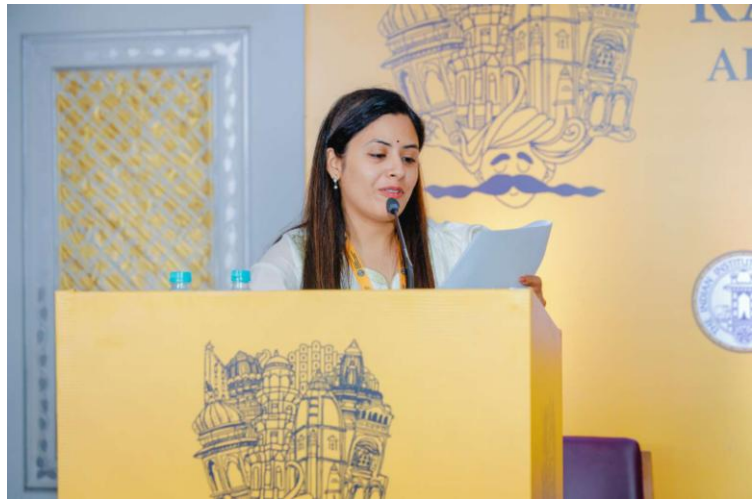
# Technical Session 3

## Coalescing Modern Material In A Traditional Terrain

The session began with a little intro on the topic by moderator Madhav Raman. It was proceeded by Mr. Dipen Gada, Sidhartha Talwar, Vivek Singh Rathore and Khosema Chitwala. The session commenced with a Q/A session.



# Dialogue – Prashant Sularia and Gita Balakrishnan



# Technical Session 4

## Architecture Transformation

The speakers, Salil Ranadive as moderator and Rita Soh, Reza Kabul, Rajesh Ranganathan and Fahed Majeed presented their understandings on the topic. The session ended with a Q/A session.





# Master Speaker

Mr. Gurjit Singh Matharoo spoke about **special continuum**



# Architecture Quiz



# Students Exhibition Jury



# ARCASIA



# GALA DINNER AT VIDYADHAR KA BAGH



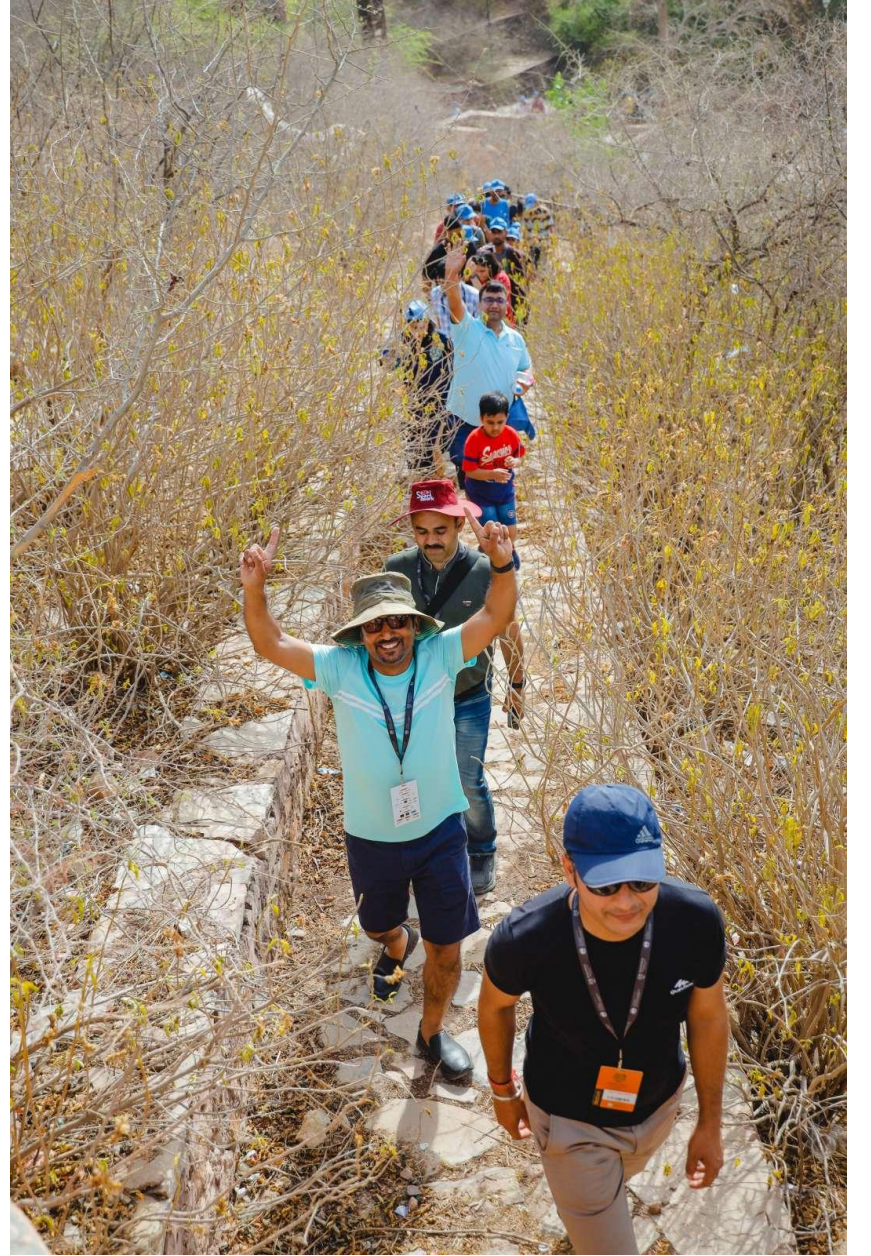


# Day 3

## Heritage Walk – Nahargarh Fort

3<sup>rd</sup> day started with an zestful walk in Nahargarh Fort. Everyone got to know some amazing facts about the fort and the history. Everybody enjoyed the views and was refreshed by such an amazing start of the day.





# Keynote Session

This session was conducted by **Marina Tabassum** on an increase in temperature resulting in higher water level which is a major problem in Bangladesh. Then she explained the alternatives to help people have a shelter, the **flatback system**, which is the vernacular architecture of Bangladesh. It can be dismantled and re-arranged as people move during the time of the flood. In the end, there was a Q/A session.





# Technical Session 5

## Adding Green To The Sand

The session began with moderator Qazi M. Arif presenting his views on the topic and was continued by Ar. Tan Szue Hann, Yatin Pandya, Chitra Vishwanath and Anu Mridul.





# Expert Session – Alka Pande

Art historian Alka Pande spoke about **Rajasthan: Where villas reigns.**



# Technical Session 6

## Heritage Under Threat

The session started with a brief introduction of the topic by moderator Kamalika Bose. The session was led by Prof. K. T. Ravindran, Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed and Ravindra Gundu Rao. All the speakers presented their views and explained how some practices or ideas are insulting and degrading the worth of heritage architecture and in what ways it can be preserved and respected. The session ended with a Q/A session.





# Master Speaker – Sanjay Mohe

Ar. Sanjay Mohe led the session on **In pursuit of sacred space** by explaining one of his recent projects that explained the topic in a very elaborative way. The session ended with a Q/A session.



# Technical Session 7

## Evolution Of Inherited Perception

Dean D'cruz, as moderator, began the session by presenting his views on the topic. After him, Vivek Gupta, Melvin HJ Tan, Sandeep Shikre and Charanjit Shah presented their views. The session ended with a Q/A session.





# Expert Session – Apurva Bose Dutta

Ar. Apurva Bose Dutta spoke about **Scripting Architecture: From thinking to writing.**



# Technical Session 8

## Cities, Protest and Social Change

With Sanjeev Vidyarthi as Moderator and Chun Gyu Shin, Rahul Kadri, Naresh V. Narasimhan and Sheila Sri Prakash as speakers, the session turned out to be very interesting. All the speakers kept their views about the topic with examples of their cities and countries. The Q/A session was also very interactive since the topic was so debatable.





# Expert Session – Sebastian Zachariah

Sebastian Zachariah conducted this session on **From heritage to modern: have we gone too far**. He set out the fact that in the flow of trend we are forgetting our traditional architecture. The diversity of architecture in India is vanishing in the name of modernization.



# Book Launch



# Valedictory Function with Concluding Dinner

The 3 day festival concluded with a valedictory function followed by dinner. Singer Ravindra Upadhyay made the evening delightful by his performance.



