

Declaration on the World Architecture Day

The Indian Institute of Architects; October 2, 2023

Dear Fellow members,

Considering the fact that planet earth is subjected to enormous challenges and threats posed; by rapidly increasing population , massive urbanization, rapid climate change, increasing global warming, rising global temperature, rising carbon footprints,and rising poverty leading to; loss of valuable flora& fauna,adversely impacting bio-diversity, environment and ecology of the regions and nations;making human settlements unsustainable, unsafe and prone to various disasters both natural and manmade and;

there exists an urgent need to make this world and human settlements more sustainable, livable, effective, efficient, sustainable and supportive of environment and ecology.

In order to use and leverage the expertise and strength of the profession of Architecture to make communities ***Resilient*** ,we the associate and fellow members; members of the Council and office bearers of The Indian Institute of Architects, on this ***World Habitat Day and World Architecture Day***, dated October 2, 2023 ,do hereby commit, affirm and declare;

- *That we Architects shall stand united and committed to overcome all emerging challenges faced by planet earth , to make this world a better place to live and work .*
- *That we shall use all available resources at our command to help and assist all institutions/organisations; operating at local, national and international level, in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals,as defined by UNDP in the Paris agreement.*
- *That we shall aid, assist, advise and support local, state and national governments, in fulfilling all the objectives defined in the national and local agenda, related to making human settlements zero waste and carbon neutral.*
- *That we shall use all our knowledge, skill , understanding and expertise gained in the profession of Architecture to promote public good to make our cities and communities safe against all natural and manmade disasters.*
- *That we shall leverage our professional resources to create state of art and sustainable built environment to minimize the adverse impact of built environment on natural environment.*
- *That we shall assist the parastatal agencies in achieving the goal of affordable housing for all by designing cost-effective, energy efficient and time efficient housing by evolving state of art design solutions based on latest technologies and materials.*
- *That we commit ourselves to improve, upgrade and make the architecture teaching-learning more qualitative, rational, relevant and supportive to the*

practice of Architecture and empower architects as a professional.

- *That we shall focus and work ,on continued basis, to aid, assist, empower architects and make architectural practice more professional and productive.*
- *That as an apex professional institution representing Architects in the country , we shall co-operate and collaborate with other professional institutions in promoting public good and making built environment more productive and qualitative.*
- *That we commit ourselves to associate, co-operate and collaborate with all professional institutions representing architects/architecture, at regional, national and global level to work jointly to make the profession of architecture more qualitative, productive and supportive of the communities and society.*

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The Indian Institute of Architects,

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