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MONA DOCTOR-PINGEL'S KNOWLEDGE SHARING SESSION **DESIGN WITH NATURE : MONA DOCTOR-PINGEL'S VISION FOR SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE** **AN INSPIRATION BY IIA SURAT AND IIID SURAT**



The Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) Surat Centre, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Interior Designers (IIID) Surat Regional Chapter, hosted a special knowledge-sharing session featuring renowned architect Mona Doctor-Pingel. The event took place at Awadh Utopia, Surat, on October 18, 2024, providing a significant opportunity for the design community to engage with the insights and philosophy of an architect whose work embodies the principles of sustainable and collaborative planning from Auroville.

Yugen Realty, Surat. Mona Doctor-Pingel, a distinguished architect, graduated from the Centre for Environment Planning and Technology (CEPT) in Ahmedabad and later earned a Master's degree in Appropriate Technology from the University of Flensburg, Germany. Since 1995, she has led an independent practice through her studio, Naqshbandi. Her work showcases a profound connection with nature, sustainability, and the holistic integration of architecture, interior design, and landscaping. One of her primary guiding principles is to create buildings that engage all five human senses while promoting environmental balance through practices such as rainwater conservation, solar energy utilization, and the



recycling of waste materials. At the event, IIID Surat Regional Chapter Chairman Sohail Mansoor remarked, "Mona's work is an inspiration to all of us in the design community. Her ability to blend environmental sustainability with functional, aesthetic design is what sets her apart as an icon in the field." Deepak Sahajwani, Vice Chairman of the IIA Surat Centre, commented, "Her projects reflect a vision of architecture that harmonizes with nature and enhances the



well-being of its inhabitants. This presentation not only serves as a learning opportunity but also as a chance to rethink our approach to design in rapidly urbanizing cities." Mona's presentation captivated the audience with the depth of her architectural vision and the clarity with which she communicated her ideas. Her modest approach to design and sustainability deeply resonated with the attendees, further elevating the impact of her work. The presentation



highlighted some of Mona's key projects, underscoring her philosophy of harmonizing human, nature, and economic elements. Her focus on "building biology" to counteract building syndrome was particularly inspiring. Mona's method integrates the natural environment into the built form, ensuring that spaces are not only functional but also conducive to well-being. She has also received global recognition, including the Wade Asia Award 2024 and accolades from the Indian

Institute of Architects (IIA). Her works, such as the Cottage Showroom, Fish House, and The Garden of Unexpected, have also garnered acclaim. A follow-up site visit on October 19 provided attendees with a practical exploration of Mona's architectural designs at Oro University. This visit added a hands-on dimension to the learning experience, encouraging architects and interior designers to engage deeply with eco-conscious and innovative design methodologies.



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Yugen Realty, Surat. IIA Surat Center and IIID Surat Regional Chapter are

excited to present the much-anticipated Infinity 3.0, South Gujarat's largest and most prestigious exhibition for architects and interior designers. Set to occur on December 6-8, 2024, at SIECC, Surat, this event is more than just a material exhibition; it serves as a vital platform for brainstorming and professional development within the design community. With over 80% of the stalls booked within minutes of its launch, Infinity 3.0 is poised for remarkable success. The exhibition will showcase cutting-edge products, innovative ideas, and knowledge-sharing sessions. Deepak Sahajwani, Convenor, and Rupesh Kapadia, Co-Convenor, commented on the event: "Infinity 3.0 is not merely an exhibition, but a celebration of innovation and excellence. It promises a rich experience complete with educational seminars, design presentations, and student workshops, providing a comprehensive platform for professionals and enthusiasts alike. This event will facilitate meaningful interactions, offer networking opportunities, and inspire the next generation of designers." Infinity 3.0 Design Exhibition in Surat is preparing to redefine the field of design. Are you ready? Stay tuned!

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