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# Nation *Builders*

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"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." These words by Aristotle embody the spirit of the winners of the 'Oscars of the design and building industry'.

No second wave of the pandemic or lockdown came in the way of bringing the architect and builder fraternity together! The 16<sup>th</sup> CONSTRUCTION WORLD Architect & Builder Awards (CWAB) Awards, held on August 20, 2021, for the second time virtually, recognised and awarded 36 leading architects and builders in India across the categories of India's Top Builders and Top Architects; Regional Top Architects and Top Builders; and Noteworthy Projects.

As Falguni Padode, Co-Founder & Group Managing Editor, ASAPP Info Global Group, said in her opening remarks, "While we have all been rising to the

circumstances we are in, I sincerely hope we have a full-fledged offline meeting next year. As we are doing this for the second time, the logistical jugglery of reaching the trophies to our winners has been somewhat easier and the offline starry evenings have taken the form of this fabulous virtual event today."

Sixteen years ago, the CWAB Awards were conceptualised to recognise and award excellence in the design and building community. And over the years, they have come to be known as the Oscars of the design and building industry. This year, once again, we celebrated design excellence with a unique theme: *RE-ACT: To Respond to the Environment with Creativity, Awareness and Technology.*

#### Selecting the winners

Since 2006, the process has undergone multiple changes, morphing today into a nomination-

based model. "The winners you will see here today have sent us their work and chosen to partner with us in our quest to recognise excellence," said Falguni Padode. "These nominations were shortlisted and presented to the jury, which comprised industry stalwarts. We also invited entries in the Noteworthy Projects category, a process started in 2016, and, since 2018, we have invited entries in the Regionals category, where an architect and builder is awarded from each of the four regions of the country.

This year, one jury judged the Top Architects and Regional Architects, while another jury adjudged the Top Builders and Regional Builders. Both these were held online. "The Regional award for a builder in the West remains unrepresented as we did not have a clear winner," said Falguni Padode. "For Noteworthy Projects, we invited





## IMK ARCHITECTS

IMK Architects is a leading, award-winning architectural and urban planning consultancy in Mumbai. The firm has provided architectural design and planning, town planning, interior designing and engineering services since 1957. Social consciousness, sustainability and robust designs have been the cornerstones of the practice. Its unique, collaborative SCRUM design process ensures the effective and efficient delivery of holistic design solutions that meet the highest aspirations of clients. Today, after over six decades of practice, IMK Architects draws from this legacy to create architecture that responds to time, place, and people – vibrant, dynamic, healthy, socially inclusive and ecologically sensitive spaces where lives flourish and activities thrive. IMK has built a variety of landmark projects ranging from institutions, educational campus, hotels and resorts to townships, hospitals and residential buildings throughout the country.

**RAHUL KADRI**  
*Principal Architect*

## MORPHOGENESIS

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