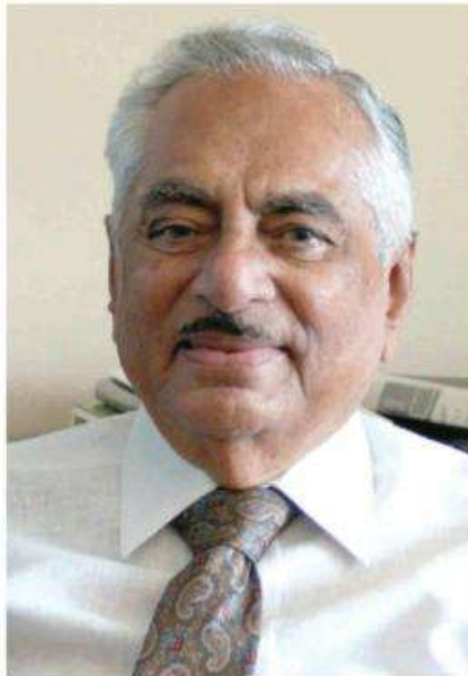


Renowned Architect I. M. Kadri Honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award by Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC)

Renowned Mumbai-based architect Iftekhar M. Kadri was awarded the Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya Trophy for lifetime achievement at the 12th CIDC Vishwakarma Awards in a ceremony on March 7, 2021 at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi. The awards are organised every year by the Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC), a body set up jointly by the Planning Commission, Government of India, and the Indian construction industry that works as an umbrella organization for the construction industry in India, undertaking a wide range of activities for the welfare of society and the nation at large. This was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the awards program.

I.M. Kadri, 93, received a standing ovation at the ceremony. He was honoured for his exemplary body of work and contribution to the Indian architecture and construction industry. The jury, chaired by Shri Pradip Bhargava (I.A.S. (Retd.), Former Addl. Chief Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh), included Shri. Divakar Garg (Former Director General, Central Public Works Department) and Shri. K. M. Singh (Ex. Chairman & Managing Director, NHPC Ltd.) among others.



Mr. Kadri was born in Ahmedabad in 1929, finished his schooling in New Delhi at Jamia Millia Islamia and completed his civil engineering degree at the Engineering College of the University of Pune in 1953. Driven by the belief that architecture shapes society and human life over time, he set up his architectural practice I.M. Kadri Architects (now IMK Architects) in 1957 at Churchgate, Mumbai, and later expanded it in 1971 to Bengaluru and Muscat. Practicing in a newly-independent India that witnessed mammoth transformations and ideological shifts in a brief span, Mr. Kadri's work navigated questions of tradition and modernity and business and politics. Today, he is recognised as a pioneering figure in shaping the architectural fabric of Mumbai and several other cities in India, the Middle East and Hong Kong.

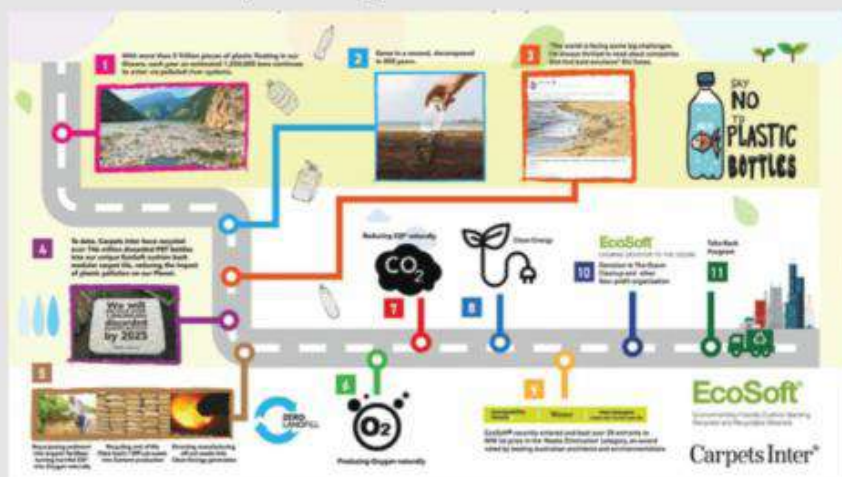
He has built over 100 buildings across 4 countries including landmarks such as Shivsagar Estate and Nehru Centre in Mumbai, Kowloon Mosque in Hong Kong, Lake Palace Hotel in Udaipur, Kashmir

University Projects in Srinagar, The Oberoi Bangalore and National Judicial Academy in Bhopal, among many others.

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quality, Carpets Inter comes as a blessing in disguise with the launch of its unique collection.