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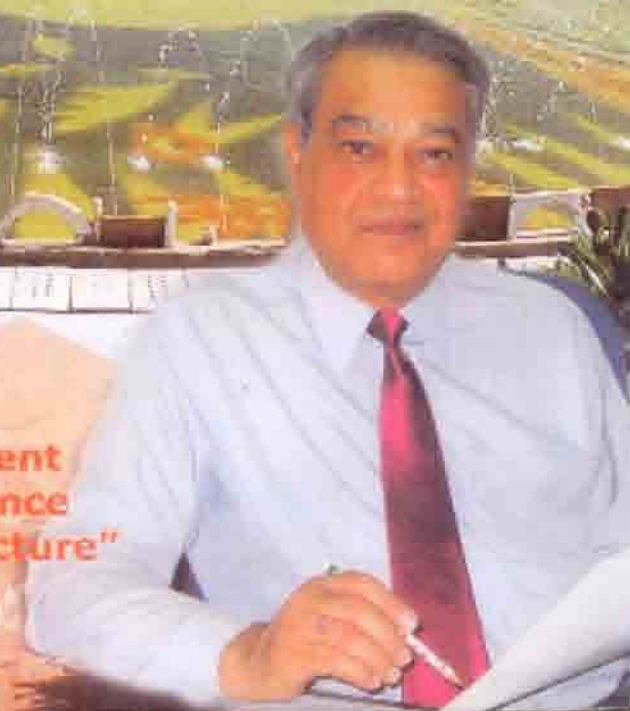
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**"Time for Movement
to Usher Resurgence
of Indian Architecture"**

Ar. C. P. Kukreja





A Friend & A Gem of Human Being.

Ar. Charanjit Shah,

I have been in regular interaction with Prof. (Ar.) Charanjit S. Shah since the SAARCH Conference in 1996. His positive outlook, his understanding of the profession, his total support to me and our discussions on various issues has been invaluable. He has always been there, through thick or thin. His sincere approach, sweet smile, humbleness, as well as standing and respect in the profession mark him out as a very special person.

Just before the turn of the century, we traveled together to Bangladesh and Nepal for promoting the South Asian Architecture Awards. We worked together on the SAARCH 96 Publication, the NCRC Directory and several other publications.

I came in contact with Charanjit, during SAARCH 96, South Asian Co-operation of Association of Architects. As the Chairman of SAARCH 96 and Chairman Indian Institute of Architects (N.C), he managed the event most professionally. He was also the Professional Adviser for the Architect of the Year Awards in 1998, which I took across India's borders to the SAARC nations.

Charanjit Shah is a graduate from the School of Planning & Architecture, New Delhi. Apart from Architectural practice, he has authored half-a-dozen Architectural Books, which have been very well documented and highly appreciated. He has inbuilt aptitude as an incisive

teacher and scholar. He has experimented with many innovative concepts and ideas in teaching as well as the practical construction process. His creativity has been widely recognized and he has been the recipient of several prestigious awards for his outstanding contributions in the field of Architecture.

He is a dedicated teacher and has been Professor and Director (Academics) in Vastu Kala Academy as well as Visiting Professor in School of Planning & Architecture and Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. He is widely traveled in India and abroad and is a respected scholar and architect in major centers of learning across the world.

Laurie Baker has been highly appreciative of the Architects' Hand-book authored by Shah, and has called it very meaningful and relevant.

Ar. Rusi Khambatta, President Commonwealth Association of Architects, has said that this Handbook is a great value addition.

Prof. Shah has won several National Design Competitions and is a dedicated professional whom I hold in very high esteem.

Shah has been a friend and a guide to me. He has been with me in the shaping of this magazine, *ArchiDesign Perspective*, and in the progress of the Foundation for Architec-

tural and Environmental Awareness.

As Prof. Shah says, "when dreams transform into thoughts and thoughts into vision, it is the real transformation of ideas into reality."

He is a forthright, dedicated and honest individual with professional dignity and stature combined with zeal to achieve excellence.

My professional journey over the last nine years has been in company with Professor Shah, which has made these years quite fulfilling.

I must mention here the stellar role that has been played by Mrs. Shah, the woman behind this wonderful human being. Indeed, it is her qualities of head and heart that complement Prof. Shah's achievements.

I wish Charanjit all the very best.

Sudhir Sarup
Editor

