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MATTER NOW?

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CHANGEMAKERS

30 VISIONARIES SHAPING
POSITIVE CHANGE IN INDIA



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“ Everyone goes for nature rather than living with nature & I think that one needs to overcome. ”

“ The way out is just to stick to your vision. ”

“ Thing about legacy is, it's about the spirit of the time. ”

“ If you see nature there is self-similarity in things that brings Harmony. ”

MANISHA AGARWAL
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BANDUKSMITH STUDIO

“ Whatever you design, see that it is stylishly done, it doesn't matter what you design. ”

“ We as a designer should take that pride & take that responsibility like we are not less than a doctor. ”

“ Follow your central idea of giving the design solutions. ”

“ Each & every residents should be different, because the client is different, their needs are different. ”

MANISH BANKER
TAO ARCHITECTURE

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EDITION 3 ELEV8 ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN FESTIVAL 2025

ELEV8 2025 - A VIBRANT ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN EVENT

Elev8, a celebration of design and dialogue where creative minds converge to exchange ideas, inspire innovation, and shape impactful narratives. With every edition, Elev8 continues to evolve as a vibrant platform championing collaboration, reflection, and an ever-expanding spirit to promote designs that articulate Indianness. Each gathering leaves behind a lasting resonance, inspiring new conversations and creative possibilities that elevate the possibilities of creative design. Architects and designers united to celebrate Building A Legacy - A Vision for Generations at Elev8 2025, which took place at ATMA House, Ahmedabad. The festival stood as a platform that redefined collaboration and creative exchange among the design community.

BUILDING A LEGACY - A VISION FOR GENERATIONS

30 CHANGEMAKERS

What does it truly mean to create change in the built world? Is it in sustainable materials, responsible practices, or the quiet courage to rethink what already exists? Changemakers by The Architect's Diary honors architects, designers, and visionaries who go beyond aesthetics and function, those who reshape systems, communities, and futures. In a field where many can design a building, few dare to design impact. This initiative celebrates the ones who create environments that serve the public, restore balance, and spark dialogue. Here, influence is not measured by scale, but by intention, integrity, and lasting transformation.

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FLYING ELEPHANT STUDIO

SRISHTI KUKREJA & FEHMI MOHAMMED
GEN.E

RAHUL KADRI
IMK ARCHITECTS

JAYESH HARIYANI
INI DESIGN STUDIO

VIJAYA AMUJURE
INTACH ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE

URMILA KANORIA
KANORIA CENTRE FOR ARTS

RAHUL BHUSHAN
NORTH

KALPANA RAMESH
RAINWATER PROJECT

SOURABH GUPTA & MRIDU SAHAI
STUDIO ARCHOHM & THE DESIGN VILLAGE

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ASHA SAIRAM & HARSH VARDHAN**
STUDIO LOTUS

**MAHESH WAGHDHARE, MANSI SAHU
& SARFARAZ MOMIN**
STUDIO POD

BIJU BHASKAR
THANNAL NATURAL HOMES

ANUP NAIK
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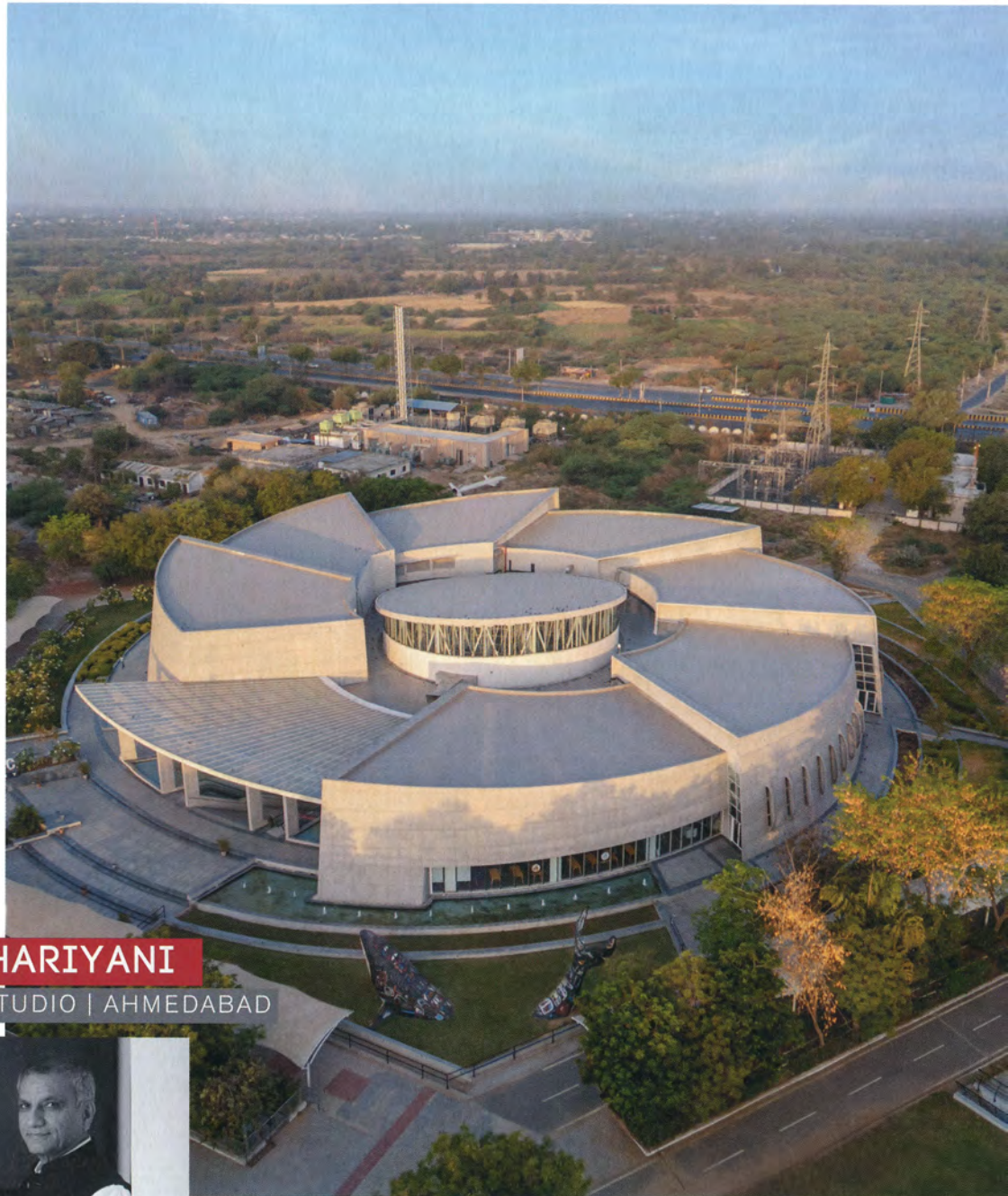
VINU DANIEL
WALLMAKERS

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Architecture must honor context, minimize impact, and craft spaces that nurture people while safeguarding the planet's future.

JAYESH HARIYANI

INI DESIGN STUDIO | AHMEDABAD



Jayesh Hariyani is an influential global design leader with a career spanning more than 35 years across the USA, Europe, the Middle East, and India. As Founding Director of INI Design Studio, he has shaped an award-winning, multidisciplinary practice grounded in collaborative design, technological excellence, and deep contextual sensitivity. Equally committed to education, Jayesh has mentored the next generation through IGBC student chapters, academic collaborations, and curriculum development, championing climate literacy, ethical practice, and the social responsibilities of design, making him a true changemaker.

PROJECT NAME: AQUATIC GALLERY AT SCIENCE CITY, AHMEDABAD
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PROJECTS WITH CHANGE:

1. AQUATIC GALLERY AT SCIENCE CITY, AHMEDABAD
2. KEDARNATH REDEVELOPMENT
3. REGIONAL SCIENCE CENTRE, RAJKOT