

THE MAN WHO DRAWS INDIA

On 21st September 2019, a seminar was conducted by Architect Hafeez Contractor at Manipal University Jaipur.

The flamboyant architect, accompanied by his associate architect Ar. Nishant Gupta, was welcomed by the Director of the Faculty of Design of the Manipal university Ar. Madhura Yadav, the IAS Officer of Rajasthan Ms. Mugdha Sinha, a few practicing architects and the students of different colleges. The seminar commenced with a huge round of applause for the renowned architect followed by The Guru Vandana.

The seminar concentrated on the Dictates of Design and one of the major yet avoidable problems of the world – Global Warming. He made us aware of the current situations worldwide regarding food, water, extinction of species and the environment and majorly the shortage of housing units for the rapidly increasing population. “Population is our biggest problem,” said the Padma Bhushan Awardee. He then mentions innovative and applicable design ideas and how ‘Zero Waste’ Architecture should be taught and instilled in the designs by budding architects as well as urban designers. “Development can be done by preserving the environment. We need to expand vertically,” said the man behind the development of the DLF Phase II, III, and V at Gurgaon. It was followed by an interactive session which ignited the inquisitiveness of the participants. “Success of India would depend on how we build our future cities,” said the ambitious architect. The informative seminar was culminated with the vote of thanks to Ar. Hafeez Contractor, Ar. Nishant Gupta and IAS Officer Mugdha Sinha. Hafeez Contractor also had an interactive session with the students of Manipal University and also gave his insights on their designs.

The knowledgeable seminar had the students commit themselves completely to bring about change in the situation with architecture that is honest, based on current demand and for the people.

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