



DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARDED

SOME OF THE FINEST PERSONALITIES CHOSE THE BEST INDIAN INTERIOR DESIGNERS IN EACH CATEGORY

Raichak on the River Ganges, a few hours away from Kolkata, was the serene setting for a congregation of 20 of the best minds in the fields of architecture, design, art and journalism on December 15th and 16th last year. What brought them together was a joint mission to help chart the path of interior design trends for 2019.

The IIID Design Excellence Awards 2018 had received a staggering 640 entries this time. Like in the previous years, the jury members were selected from the crème of their respective professions – be they artists, writers, product designers, architects, or interior designers.

The IIID Awards Committee headed by Tanuja BK, assisted by Gayathri Shetty and Rahul Dalvi, left no stone unturned in managing the jury meet and playing gracious hosts for IIID's 21st awards year. President Pratap Jadhav welcomed the gathering and presided over the two intense days.

The committee briefed the jury members about the rules. There were four teams, one for each zone, each fronted by a jury lead and supported by four others. Their task was crucial – so over the next two days, there were discussions, deliberations and debates to ensure they made the right decisions.

Listed below are some of the names that formed the zonal jury.

Zone 1: Jury lead: Vijai Matal; co-jury: Dharmendra Kanwar, Shubhrajit Das, Sonal Sancheti, Vinod Daroz

Zone 2: Jury lead: Yashwant Ramamurthy; co-jury: Babu Cherian, Maliha Sultan Chaudhry, SnehalNagarshet, Swarup Dutta

Zone 3: Jury lead: Stephane Paumier; co-jury: Aparna Narasimhan, Dimpy Menon, Hemant Khire, Savitha Hira

Zone 4: Jury Lead: Hiren Patel; co-jury: Percy Engineer, Reborni Saha, Rema Kartha, Sree Mahajani

On December 16th, the jury members were out with their verdict, and the semi-finalists in all the categories would face a final jury consisting of eminent personalities. Each semi-finalist would face the jury with a presentation of the selected entry in the presence of a live audience.

The final juries and awards night were held at the Le Meridien in Kochi on March 27th and 28th this year. This round was exciting, as each participant presented their work at the podium. The judgements were passed by two sets of jurors in the presence of a charged audience of NEC members, Chapter/Centre chairpersons, members of the Kerala IIID Chapter and invitees.

After two days of hectic activity over the juries, the Awards night made way for an evening of fun with the announcement of the winners, captivating cultural performances, delicious

regional cuisine and a lot of bonhomie. Lastly, a trip to the Kochi Biennale organised by the IIID NEC and a meeting with the founder curator – artist Bose Krishnamachari.

The list of the 2nd round of jury members at Kochi are as follows:
National jury 1: (Residential Single Dwelling, Residential Multi Dwelling, Leisure & Entertainment, Hospitality, Institutional & Public Spaces)

Jury lead: Dean D' Cruz; **co-jury:** Chandrashekar Kanetkar, Hirante Walwade, Sandhya Mohandas, Soumitro Ghosh
National jury 2: (Retail, Commercial Workplace Small, Commercial Workplace Large, Product/Furniture Design, Young Practice of the Year)

Jury lead: Gurdev Singh; **co-jury:** Dimple Mittal, Ravish Mehra, Sonali Bhagwati, Timmy Chou

The National Awards winners across all the zones are:

Category 1: Residential Single Dwelling

Winner: Studio Anhad; **Runner-Up:** Kanan Modi Associates; **Joint-commendations:** Amoeba Design, Saka Studio, Essteam

Category 2: Residential Multi Dwelling

Joint Runners-Up: Architecture Discipline, Untitled Design Consultants; **Joint commendations:** Studio Nishita Kamdar, Red – Research And Enquiry Into Design

Category 3: Retail

Joint-Runners Up: Spacematters, Studio PKA; **Commendation:** Studio Nishita Kamdar

Category 4: Commercial Workplace Small

Winner: Myvn Architecture; **Runner-up:** Bare.pineapple; **Commendation:** PMA Madhusaala

Category 5: Commercial Workplace Large

Winner: Varsha And Deepak Guggari Associates; **Runner-Up:** Ashvin Modi Architects; **Joint-Commendation:** Groupdca, Red – Research And Enquiry Into Design

Category 6: Leisure And Entertainment

Winner: Dhruv.design; **Runner-up:** Studio Lotus; **Joint commendations:** Patch Design Studio, Sanctuary Architects & Designers

Category 8: Institutional And Public Spaces

Winner: Collage Architecture Studio; **Runner-up:** Somaya & Kalappa Consultants Pvt Ltd; **Commendation:** Siddhartha Das Studio

Category 9: Product And Furniture Design

Winner: Manoj Patel Design Studio; **Runner-up:** Vibhor Sogani; **Commendation:** Aangan Architects

Category 10: Young Practice Of The Year

Winner: Designritmo; **Runner-up:** The Crossboundaries; **Commendation:** Studio Infinity