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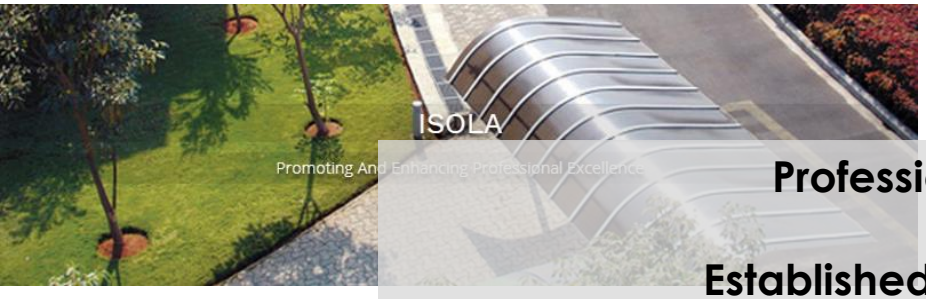
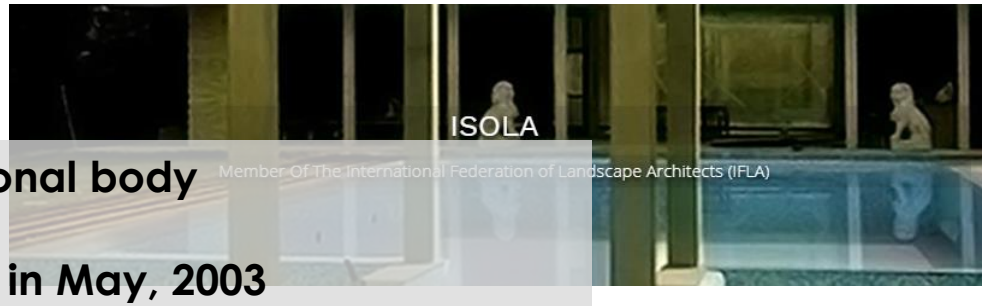
# INDIAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS



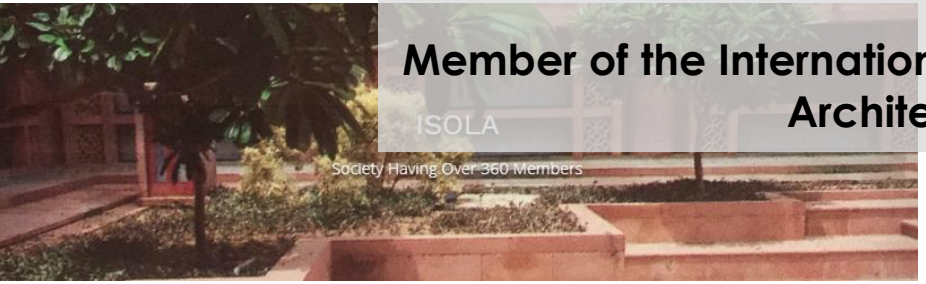




**Professional body**

**Established in May, 2003**

**Registered under the Indian Society's Act, 1860 and Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950**

**Over 360 members across from different states of the country and some from across the world.**




**Member of the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA)**

The mission of ISOLA is to nurture and enhance the profession of landscape architecture by providing leadership in the creation of artful design in our man made, cultural and natural environments. The Society aims to promote a high standard of professional service in application of the art and science of Landscape Architecture / Landscape Design, and to promote and conserve natural resources. Through its Education Board it aims to To encourage, mentor and support quality education in the field of Landscape Architecture in India

# COLLABORATIONS AND COMMITMENTS

## IGBC Green Building Congress

ISOLA has also signed a MoU with IGBC at the Kochi conference in 2019, formalizing a long standing collaboration between the two. It would entail working on their rating systems, conducting workshops. Under this association, ISOLA collaborated with IGBC for a seminar on 'Green Landscapes and Biodiversity' 2018 along with the Green Building Congress at Hyderabad on September 27th, 2019. Our members represented ISOLA and the larger landscape architecture fraternity, made presentations that were very well received.

## GRIHA

Griha requested ISOLA's feedback on the 'GRIHA Manual for Native Vegetation of India' for which a few members were nominated to help with regular reviews and coordinate inputs with their team. Our support has helped to substantiate and provide professional expertise towards its comprehensive and appropriate development and use.

## MoUs with Institutes and Organization

Since last two years, ISOLA initiated the signing of MoUs as a formalization of potential and continued collaborations with institutions and agencies, to share space and resources. Since there is no college/ institution teaching landscape architecture in Hyderabad, the first institutional MoU was signed with Jawaharlal Nehru Architecture and Fine Arts University (JNAFAU), Hyderabad last year. Going forward, MoUs will be pursued with all colleges teaching landscape architecture recognized by ISOLA.

## Collaboration with NASA

NASA has been looking up to us to expand our collaboration through a MoU and more interactions and exposure for architectural students. The first such interactions was initiated at the zonal NASA conventions. ISOLA workshops were conducted and coordinated by various members. They were all well received and NASA has requested more hands-on workshops in the future, for which the dedicated ISOLA members have up standard template for future workshops, and we intend for this to be a recurring engagement with NASA.

# ISOLA PARTICIPATION ACROSS THE GLOBE

## IFLA Award Jury

ISOLA President Sujata Kohli was a jury member for the IFLA AAPME Awards 2020.

TNPY Chapter Chairperson Ravikumar Narayan participated in the IFLA APR Working Group Landscape without Border initiative 'Landscape architecture vision for re-imagination of the city after COVID'.

## Landscape Institute, UK

ISOLA President Sujata Kohli was invited along with the IFLA President, James Hayter and Iris Hoi, Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects, to speak at the Final Presidents Review of the Landscape Institute, UK (responsible for licencing landscape architects). Adam White was the outgoing President, and Jane E Findlay, the new President.

## International Garden Festival competition, Chaumont-sur-Loire, France

ISOLA member Deepthi C.B. and her team was shortlisted to exhibit her design at the 2020 International Garden Festival competition, Chaumont-sur-Loire, France from over 400 entries. This was the first time for any Indian team to have participated in this competition since its inception in 1992.

## The Landscape through my Window Competition

ISOLA Mumbai Chapter Managing Committee member, Prachee Velankar won (1st place) in the Landscape through my Window competition floated by The Landscape Institute of the Universidad Católica de Córdoba (Argentina), together with the Latin American Landscape Initiative (LALI) —in the framework of the World Landscape Architecture Month (WLAM) — 1st amongst 410 entries from world over . The objective of the competition was to provide a space to express and share our landscapes from the condition of confinement (physical, mental, emotional), within the framework of this global health crisis, in connection with the environment in which each person lives, from a landscape perspective and with an environmental projection.

# PUBLIC INITIATIVES

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Over the last few years, ISOLA has begun to raise its voice in city based initiatives, particularly those we felt were against our values.

We supported citizen led initiatives against urban tree felling and urban design issues. Some of the Isola members, took the lead in providing objections and suggestions under Section 8(3) of the Maharashtra (Urban Area) Protection & Preservation of Tree Act, 1975, for the removal of 2238 trees atAarey Colony for the Metro 3 Project in Mumbai last month. Similar initiatives were planned for the Sarojini nagar tree felling in the NBCC housing project at New Delhi.

A petition was filed as an objection on the redevelopment of Chandni Chowk and the relocation of services and utilities in the historic axis.

Also a statement was issued on the fencing at the National War Memorial India Gate C-Hexagon Fencing, which resulted in the replacement of the opaque boundary wall.

ISOLA has also proactively represented at Urban Bodies to include landscape architects, and ISOLA members in particular, in RFPs and Tenders, to have a better planning with the right perspectives relating to environment. The RFP for the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore was reissued, mandating ISOLA membership as a requirement, on our intervention.

**Central Vista Redevelopment:** ISOLA is in conversation with the architect of the project to make sure that the open space quality and the character of the entire space is not lost.

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# OTHER INITIATIVI

**ISOLA's Education Board** aims to mentor and support quality education in the field of Landscape Architecture in India by fostering research and scholarship, providing capacity building opportunities to professionals and teachers, arranging Mentorships and training programmes for students and teachers and developing and guiding pedagogical frameworks at postgraduate courses in Landscape Architecture and undergraduate courses in Architecture in India.

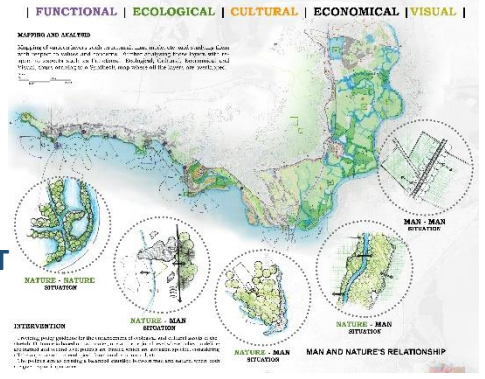
Recently, an interactive session was held ( first of its kind in India) with all (seven) the heads / coordinators of the postgraduate course in landscape architecture across India.
Also, a survey was conducted to understand the strengths of each institute, to form as a baseline data for structuring mentorship programmes to be offered by ISOLA.
Successful execution of MoU with 5 institutes has been completed as a step towards awarding the eligibility of existing LA programmes for ISOLA student membership.
Brainstorming sessions with all Members of Education board was organised at National level to streamline the future objectives and discourses to be taken up in collaboration with institutes in India.

**ISOLA's Resource Centre is constantly working towards updating the** database to provide resource for research in urban level & overview to perceive various aspects linked to the profession. Though nascent, it is standardizing frameworks for data collection on the different attributes.

**ISOLA Awards- PRABHAKAR BHAGWAT STUDENT AWARD** _Honors the best Landscape Architecture thesis or Final Project for the academic year. The jury for the ninth cycle of the ISOLA Awards was conducted . electronically this year, out of the 12 valid entries, 2 were awarded and 3 entries were chosen for commendation.

*Thesis topic:*
**MENDING THE GAP: LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION FOR THE ISLAND OF ALIABET**

*Thesis topic:*
**LANDSCAPE PLANNING POLICIES FOR ZUARI ESTUARY, GOA: UNDERSTANDING THE LANDSCAPE WITH RESPECT TO MAN-NATURE RELATIONSHIP**



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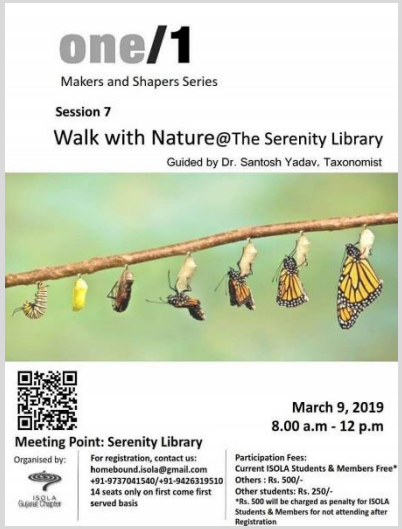


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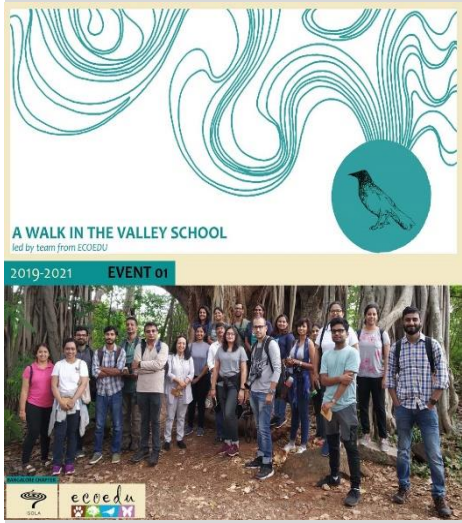


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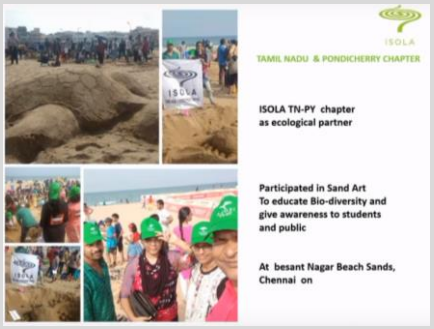


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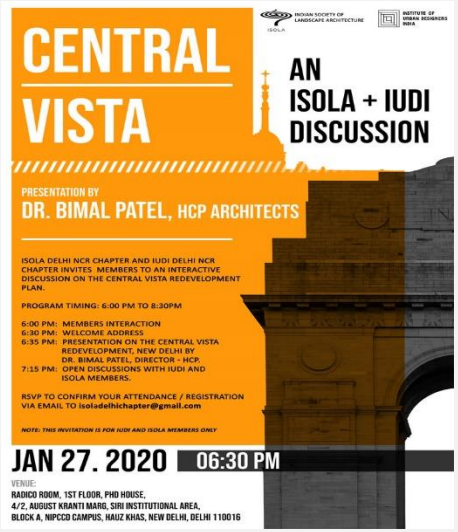


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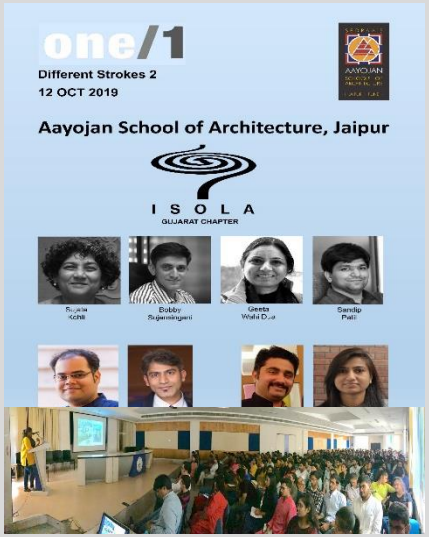


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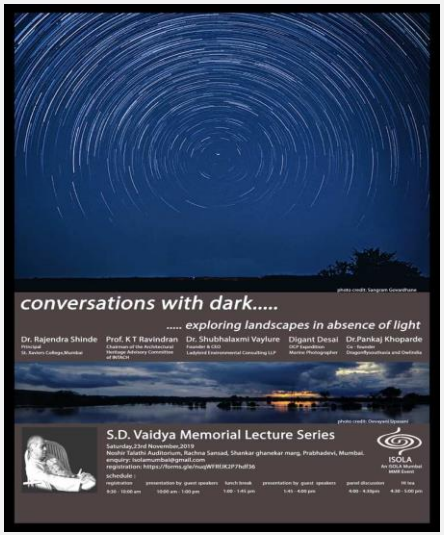


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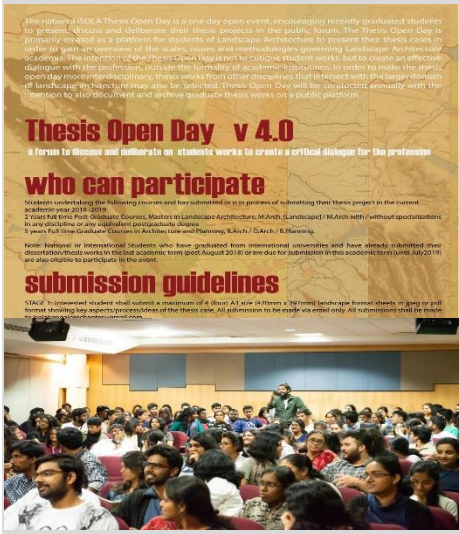


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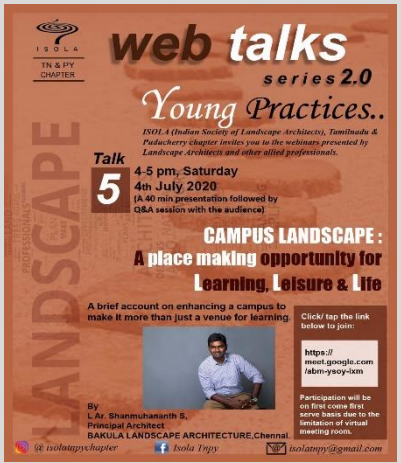


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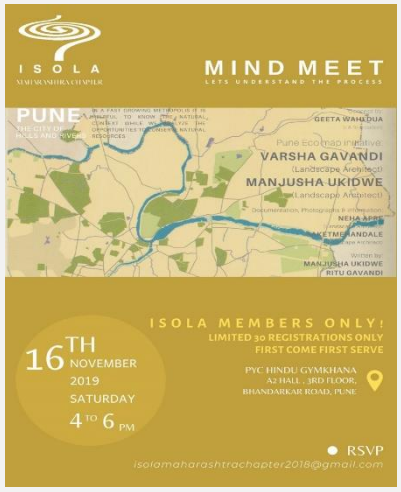


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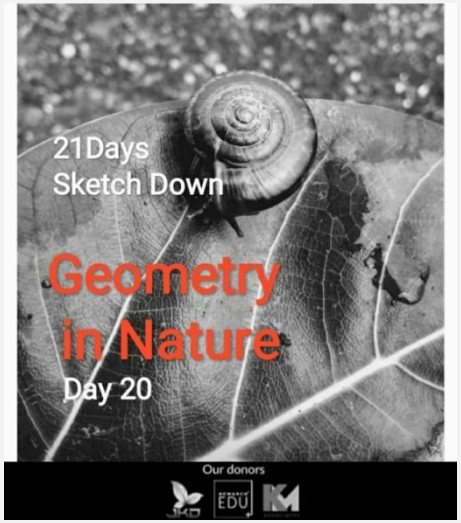


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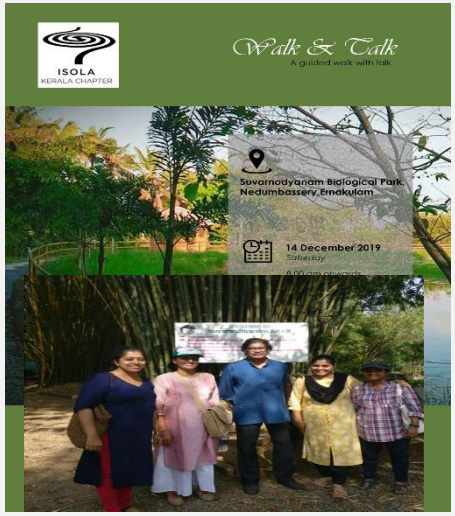


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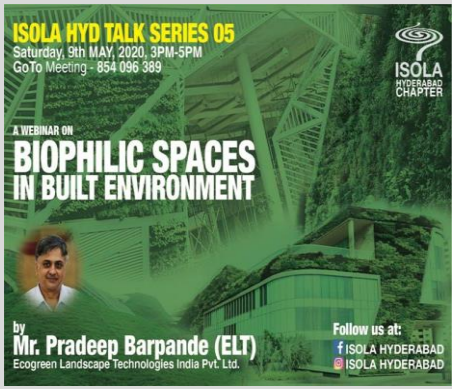

# NEWSLETTER

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# LA NEWS

*Bi-Annual Newsletter by ISOLA.....this edition brought to you by ISOLA Mumbai MMR Chapter*

8TH NEWSLETTER — SUMMER 2018

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## ISOLA Mumbai MMR Event: Fragile Landscapes, 6th January, 2018

As a part of the fifth cycle of SD memorial lecture series the ISOLA Mumbai chapter has organized a series of guest lectures to shed light on the topic of Fragile Landscapes "Metamorphosis of our green mosaics." Dr. Aparna Watve, Prof. Kotaki ghate and Mr. Hemant Karkhanis would be sharing their knowledge about the ecologically rich but fragile landscape of Western Ghats, Sacred groves a fragile ecosystem and mangrove conservation respectively. Each of the speakers have shared their experiences on how to deal with fragile landscapes in form of a short interview.

*Dr. Aparna Watve*
PhD (Botany)
Areas of Specialization:
Vegetation ecology & Adaptive strategies of plants

*Prof. Kotaki Ghate*
B.Sc (Chem) & B.Sc (Botany)
Areas of Specialization:
Urban Ecological Conservation

*Prof. Hemant Karkhanis* B.Sc (Civil) & B.Sc (Entomology & Biotechnology)
Areas of Specialization:
Mangrove conservation and

**E D I T O R I A L :**

*We, the ISOLA Mumbai MMR Chapter, are happy to present to you the 8th Newsletter of ISOLA! Based on the theme of FRAGILE LANDSCAPES, the newsletter is a short compilation of updates from the happenings at the ISOLA Centre and Chapters along with some students works and event reports pertaining to the fragile ecosystems of our own city of Mumbai. We hope it makes for an interesting read and we eagerly await your feedback on the same!*

## Student: Thesis Works

**Assessment of Coastal Road through Versova, Sandesh Parab, CEPT University**

Mumbai, a conglomeration of seven islands is surrounded by waters on its three sides. The foot of the city and its two sides surrounded by Arabian Sea. This water surrounding the city along with topography of the land has given rise to distinctive features of landscapes. Starting from the streams of rivers originating from the mountains, to its freshwater lakes. The rivers that end to form estuaries or creeks that acts as buffer for the island city. Hence, the entire coast of Mumbai has a diverse landscape character from shores of sandy beaches to creeks with dense mangroves. It is these diverse creeks that act as barriers for the ferocious sea water and help protect the city. It is these creeks that aid the once well known fishing community of Mumbai. The need for a road network from the west coast of Mumbai, which holds these natural mangroves is raising a concern of losing such diverse forms of the coast. Vegetation loss and loss of ecology is evident and this needs immediate attention before we plan to build such a greater scale of network. The idea is to have an understanding of the area and its various layers, also understanding the contributions it has to pay for the city of Mumbai. The planning of road network needs more strategies and has to be concerned for nature or for the already less natural areas of Mumbai. This will not only decide the existence of diverse coast of Mumbai but also the existence of 'Nature in Mumbai'.

**Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Prachee Velankar, CEPT University**

Beleaguered by the urban sprawl, the Sanjay Gandhi National Park is undergoing the impacts of urbanization. The park is an Urban Protected Area which beholds natural and cultural values also having a unique status in the urban ecology of Mumbai and provides opportunities for urban residents to enjoy natural environments. In recent years, changes in surrounding land use and conversion of cultivated lands to urban areas has affected the landscapes structure. Additionally, forests are being fragmented into smaller patches that are surrounded by non forest land uses. It is likely that these forested habitats will continue to be permanently altered and the amount of available wildlife habitat will decrease tremendously. The Park presents a unique case of a struggle to survive as an ecologically sensitive area against the human pressure. The study focuses on understanding the relationship between an urban protected area and the spatial ecological dynamics. It takes an analytical approach that looks at concepts of habitat fragmentation, edge effect, landscape processes to put together 'ecologically informed' strategies for this 'Urban Forest' situated in the heart of a dense metropolis.

Read more

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With the sun blazing across the Northern plains and the days becoming long and languorous, ISOLA DC is stoked to launch the first Quarterly Edition of 'Landscape Matters' this summer: bringing to you, a round-up of the whirlwind year that has been for our Chapter. A lot happened these past twelve months – from supporting a citizens' movement for saving trees, holding seminars and talks, exploring forest and to attending conferences – it has indeed been a very busy year!

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## SAVE OUR TREES

ADDRESSING TREE CUTTNG

JUNE 2018

In June-July 2018, the issue of tremendous concern before us was of the **felling of over 14,000 fully grown trees for a proposed redevelopment project in South Delhi**. A Chapter meeting was called by the ISOLA President Sujata Kohli to deliberate on the alarming issue of a proposal to fell a large number of mature trees for the proposed redevelopment of seven GPRA (General Pool Residential Accommodation) colonies – Sarojini Nagar, Netaji Nagar, Nauroji Nagar, Kasturba Nagar, Thyagraj Nagar, Srinivaspuri and Mohammadpur - through NBCC and CPWD.

It was decided that ISOLA should take a united stand to support the spontaneous citizens' movements. As a body, ISOLA can strengthen the cause by providing technical information on issues pertaining to ecology, environmental design, urban design, and ecological planning that need to be addressed to create cities that are sustainable and resilient.

PARTICIPATION

## BIOPHILIC CITY, SMART NATION AND FUTURE RESILIENCE

IFLA WORLD CONGRESS SINGAPORE

JULY 2018

Organised by the **International Federation of Landscape Architects [IFLA]** and **Singapore Institute of Landscape Architects [SILA]**, the 55th IFLA World Congress was held in Singapore – the 'city in a garden', on 18-21 July 2018. The conference brought the industry together to reflect on the interaction between urban and natural environments. A series of keynote sessions with eminent speakers were followed by panel discussions in the context of greening strategies within rapidly growing cities. It addressed emerging questions in the practice of landscape architecture through the themes of **Biophilic City, Smart Nation and Future Resilience**.

ISOLA's participation in the conference comprised of around a dozen members from different ISOLA Chapters with the largest contingent from the Delhi Chapter.