

# Addressing environmental architecture

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***Critical position needs to be established that will intrinsically inform sustainability with regards to contemporary Indian architecture.***



There remains a great need to mobilise organisational systems, finance, industry and architectural imagination to aspire to this end. (Photo: Representational/Pexels)

India is a rapidly developing nation with the urbanised population said to grow from 30 to 50 per cent over the next two decades. This is a daunting proposition considering that Indian cities today are confronted with an “urban emergency”. Incessant migration, outdated infrastructure, depleted resources, hazardous pollution and climate change have resulted in 14 Indian cities featuring in the top 20 most polluted cities in the world and at least 21 Indian cities are moving towards zero groundwater level by 2030. Indian cities do not even feature in the Global Liveability Report.

It is clear that we need a new paradigm. New vision becomes critical when thinking about cities. New urban and public projects need to be viewed as global exemplars for modern Indian Architecture and Urbanism. Whilst some movement has been seen in Green Buildings, a lot is still desired.

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