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Nine projects receive 1992 Aga Khan Award

Nine projects have been chosen to share the 1992 Aga Khan Award for Architecture. His Highness the Aga Khan and His Excellency Islam Karimov, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, will present the awards at a ceremony in Samarkand on September 19th, 1992.

In its report, the Jury described the winners as "exemplary projects whose essence, directness and modesty have lessons for the world at large". It sees these projects as "economically sustainable, humanistic solutions relevant for the developed countries as well as the developing world".

The independent Master Jury chose the winning projects from 259 nominees.

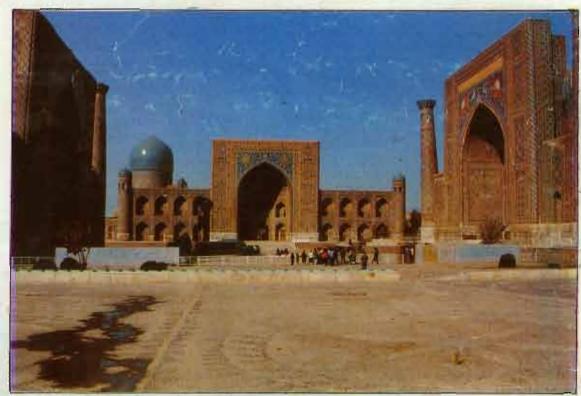
The projects are:

1. Kairouan Conservation Prog-

ramme, Kairouan, Tunisia.

- 2. Palace Parks Programme, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 3. Cultural Park for Children, Cairo,
- 4. East Wahdat Upgrading Programme, Amman, Jordan.
- 5. Kampung Kali Cho-de, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
- 6. Stone Building System, Dar'a Province, Syria.
- 7. Demir Holiday Village, Bodrum, Turkey.
- 8. Panafrican Institute for Development, Ouagadougou, Burkina
- Enterpreneurship Development Institute, of India, Ahmedabad, India.

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Samarkand's historic Registan Square—the Aga Khan Award for Architecture ceremony took place

Seminar on Urban **Domestic Architectural** Tradition in Pakistan

Anjuman Mimaran Pakistan is organising the Seminar on Urban Domestic Architectural Tradition in Lahore, 22nd - 23rd October 1992.

The seminars and exhibition will be held at Haveli Sayyida

Prohibited

KARACHI Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners prohibited holding of the recently announced Architectural Design Competition by Pakistan Telecommunication Corporation (PTC) for its 12 storey Telecom House to be located in the CTO Compound, in Lahore

PCATP Chairman Syed Zaigham Jaffery said that the competition had not been approved by the PCATP and none of irs conditions conformed to PCATP architectural design competition regulations as "gazetted" by the government APP Mubarik Begum, a traditional family house in the walled city, recently restored by the Anjuman Mimaran.

Haveli Sayyida Mubarik Begum comprises of two simple and unpretentious brick courtyard residences. Originally built in the middle of the 19th century, inside Bhati Gate in the walled city, it belonged to a branch of the well known "Faqir" Family of Lahore.

Participation open to interested persons, free of cost.

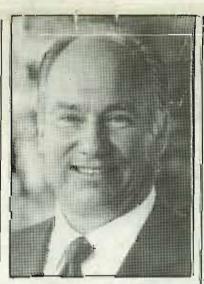
The Anjuman Mimaran will conduct a number of field studies and quoloquiums as part of this study, which will culminate in a major seminar and exhibition in Lahore on the 22nd and 23rd of October 1992.

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Aga Khan speaks of challenges to Muslim built environment

Addressing an audience of international guests and Government and Civic officials in Samarkand's historic Registan Square on September 19, 1992, the Aga Khan, founder and chairman of the Aga Khan Award for Architecture spoke of the challenges facing Muslim societies in dealing with issues of the built environment. The Aga Khan was presenting the awards for the fifth cycle of the Aga Khan Award for Architecture - the first ceremony ever to take place in Central Asia. Nine projects from Africa, the Middle East and Asia won the 1992 Aga Khan Award for Architecture.

"Muslim Societies" said the Aga Khan, "are having to confront complex patterns and pressures of changes. The nine projects, demonstrate that these pressures can be a source of creativity and opportunity".



The Aga Khan said that the task of the Award was "to build a space for reflection and debate on the meaning for Architecture of these patterns of change within the unchanging humanistic dimensions of Islam".

Speaking of the fifth year cycle of the Aga Khan Award for Architecture, he said that one of its most important lessons was that the technical issues of the built environment cannot be considered in isolation from the cultural and spiritual values of Muslim societies, in all their diversity. "These values", said the Aga Khan, "have to be related to the fresh challenges posed by moder-

The Aga Khan, who arrived in Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan on September 17, was welcomed by the President of Uzbekistan Mr. Islam Karimov with whom he flew to Samarkand.

Speaking in Samarkand that same evening, President Karimov paid Turn to page 2

IAP — Karachi Chapter honour's Nayyar Ali Dada



Navvar Ali Dada expressing his views

In keeping with the tradition of the

Institute of Architects, Pakistan

Karachi Chapter-of recognizing the achievements of local Architects, a Function was organized to felicitate Architect Nayyar Ali Dada recipient of the President's Pride of Performance Award 1992. This is the first time that an architect has been honoured in this category in a long while since Architect Mehdi Ali Mirza upon whom the award was conferred Posthumously.

On the occasion Architect Shahab Ghani Khan while welcoming the guests said "This is not only an honour for Nayyar but a recognition of the entire Architect community while briefly sketching the achievements of Nayyar's Ali Dada, Architect Ejaz Ahed Pronounced Nayyar to be a truly Pakistani Architect who had not acquired any foreign best education and was producing pieces of works in the field.

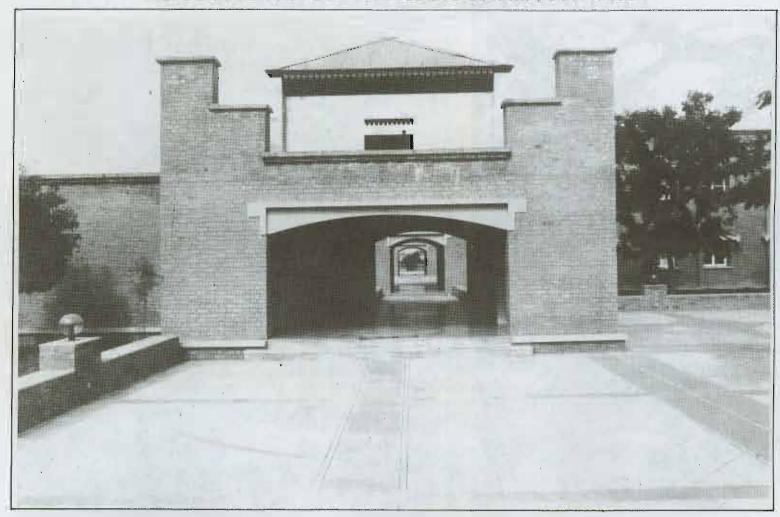
While thanking the IAP-KC for the thoughtful gesture Architect

Nayyar said that "I don't know why the architects are honouring me, I have received this award in the category of Engineers. This was a Subtle message that Architecture as a profession is yet considered as part of engineering and is not recognized as a profession in itself. He also commented that future of the profession is not all that rosy and architects have to continue their strive and efforts. While presenting his works and sharing his experiences of client dealing, working with colleagues in the allied fields and contractors, he related delightful anecdotes which showed that he was no stiff reched snob, but a warm person with a lively sense of humour. His works shown, included residences, public buildings, commercial projects and his works on conservation.

On this occasion Nayyar was presented a momento on behalf of IAP-Karachi Chapter designed by Architect Misbah Najmi.

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Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India Ahmedabad, India

Architect: Bimal Hasmukh Patel

Client: Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India

Viharibhai G. Patel, Director

Contractors: Ganon Dunkerly and Company

Completed: 1987

Jury Citation

This innovative programme in education and training in entrepreneurship is housed in an open, congenial campus. The fruitful collaboration between the director of the institute and the architect produced a fine example of a low-cost, low-maintenance building which promises easy replicability. The architect is commended for his confident use of formal elements growing out of the Indo-Islamic architectural heritage. A series of geometrically structured courtyards and loggias are the primary organising framework. The variation of open, closed and transitional spaces provides light and shade, and creates an inviting environment for work, interaction and repose.

Project Description

The revolutionary concept of training entrepreneurs was pioneered in Ahmedabad in 1969. The idea developed and gradually became a national movement. Every state in India wanted to develop its own entrepreneurship programme and in 1983, EDII was established to operate a supervisory rôle. The design of the complex was obtained through a national scale architectural design competition won by the young architect, Bimal Patel. The Institute is presently composed of seven buildings; three for academic facilities and two dormitory blocks, each of which groups accommodations around a central courtyard, dining facilities, and the library. An auditorium was designed but has not yet been built. Brick and concrete are the predominant construction materials chosen to conform to the restricted budget, and as both are locally available. The buildings are situated to the northeast of Ahmedabad, outwith the city boundary. The EDII offers courses for 30'000 entrepreneurs trained annually throughout India, as well as courses for students from developing countries. The originator of the idea for entrepreneurship courses is Dr. Viharibhai G. Patel, the current director of the Institute.