

Global Design Competition for the Maharashtra Nature Park & Mithi River Bridge in Mumbai



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MMRDA selects Winning Design: Global Design Competition for Makeover of Maharashtra Nature Park with a Pedestrian-&-Cyclist-Only Bridge over the Mithi River

On 01 December 2015, the MMRDA launched the Global Design Competition for the makeover of the Maharashtra Nature Park and Pedestrian-&-Cyclist-Only Bridge over the Mithi River. This competition was conducted as per the agreed terms of the Memorandum of Understanding signed in May 2015, between the MMRDA and Observer Research Foundation Mumbai, invited by MMRDA as its knowledge partner. Thirty multi-disciplinary teams from around the world, successfully submitted entries. The competition had three rounds of jury service to pick a long-list of eight teams, a shortlist of four teams and two finalists.

On 23rd of November 2016, the Maharashtra Nature Park Society's (MNPS) Board of Governors met under the chairmanship of Shri. Swadhin Kshatriya –Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra. Two finalists made audio-visual presentations of their designs along with scale models. The two presentations were shared with the MNPS's Board of Governors for their perusal.

On 16th of January 2017, the final results were declared.

Winners

- **SAMEEP PADORA & ASSOCIATES, DESIGN CELL & RATAN J BATLIBOI CONSULTANTS PVT LTD (Mumbai)** with Schlaich Bergermann Partner (Germany) and Ladybird Environmental Consulting LLP



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Finalists

- **TIARSTUDIO (Italy) & ATRIA ARQUITETOS (Brasil)** with AFA consult, Mariana Siquera Landscape Architecture, Tasneem Balasinorwala & Ami Matthan

Shortlist:

- **VIRMUELLER ARCHITECTS (New Delhi)** with Aldayjover Arquitectura Y Paisaje; Shaheer Associates, Buro Happold Engineers India Pvt Ltd & Jhaveri Associates
- **STUDIO FOR HABITAT FUTURES PRIVATE LIMITED (New Delhi)** with M/s Prabhakar B. Bhagwat; OIKOS; The Ecological Sequestration Trust; Dr Prem Krishna & Paul Malcolm Blanchflower & Paritosh Tyagi

Longlist:

- **GRANT ASSOCIATES (United Kingdom)** with Paul Baker; Neil Thomas; Pradeep Sachdeva; Mike Wells & Pankish Goel
- **THE URBAN PROJECT (Mumbai)** with Hrishikesh Phadke; Green Angle; Dr Dattatreya
- **RACHANA SANSAD ACADEMY OF ARCHITECTURE (Mumbai)**
- **SOMAYA AND KALAPPA CONSULTANTS PVT LTD (Mumbai)** with Urbanology; Balmond Studio; ADF (Adao da Fonseca) CONSULTORES; Sunjoy Monga; The Landscape Company; Anuradha Mathur; Dilip Da Cunha & Junya Ishigami + Associates

The winning design will be awarded a prize of Rs. 50 lacs.

The winner will work with the MMRDA to further develop their Master Plan in line with the statutory environmental guidelines, and other building and construction regulations up to a point that it could be executed by a contractor after approval from competent authorities. All four shortlisted teams were paid an honorarium of Rs 5 lacs each.

Shri Gautam Kirtane, Senior Fellow, ORF Mumbai, as convenor of the Global Design Competition, conducted the competition in a transparent and professional manner. As per the terms of the MoU, ORF Mumbai will continue to be associated with the implementation of this prestigious project.

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