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✚ **IIA to commemorate centenary of capital in glittering ceremony**
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Saluting the political and cultural city of Delhi, on completing 100 years of its re-emergence as modern India's capital, Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) is holding a glittering award ceremony in the capital that will witness the biggest number of architects in a function. A MOTLEY group of guests, including celebrities and politicians will honour the architecture professionals for their excellence at a glittering ceremony that will be held at the biggest ever annual congregation of 1800 architects drawn from all over the country. Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) will commemorate the centenary of the capital by holding the award ceremony of the coveted annual 'IIA Awards 2011' at Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi on February 5, 2012. The event will mark the completion of 100 years of Delhi's re-emergence as modern India's capital.

Vijay Garg, awards panel chairman said in a press release: "This year's award ceremony will be our tribute to the architectural city of New Delhi, which completes its centenary as our capital." Kapil Mehta, awards panel secretary, adds "Architecture, being a part of our country's contemporary culture and heritage, holding the event at Siri Fort auditorium endorses IIA's commitment to assume a bigger role in global forums." Chosen by a jury of eminent architects from various parts of country, the prestigious IIA Awards would be bestowed upon architects for 'Excellence in Architecture'. According to the press release of the architect body, only honorary and fellow member Architects from the IIA community are appointed to the Awards Committee and Jury Panel every year.

“This is the only award that is for the architects by the architects”, observes Sanjay Puri, winner of last year’s ‘residential’ category. Adding that the IIA Awards inspire immense respect and are acknowledged all over the world, Kamal S Malik, a well known architect and another winner from last year’s awards, expresses “the IIA Award is a wonderful platform for architects to showcase their creative talent at national level. The planning and professionalism with which these awards are organized, encourages participants to give in their best”. For the first time in the history of IIA Awards, eight eminent architects will be inducted into the ‘Hall of Fame’ for their lifetime achievement. This year’s Hall of fame inductees are Raj Rewal, M.R. Agnihotri, Ajoy Choudhury, Ram Sharma, C.N. Raghavendran (Padmashree), M.M Rana (Padmashree), A.R Bhalla (Padmashree), and Balbir Verma. A national body of architects, IIA currently enjoys the membership pool of architects, designers, builders, industrialists, public luminaries, professors, researchers and creative professionals who are associated with architecture.

✚ IIA Awards ceremony to commemorate centenary of the political and cultural city of Delhi

<http://www.worldarchitecturenews.com/index.php?fuseaction=wanappln.showbriefdetail&newsid=1439>

This year’s annual grand ceremony for the Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) Awards will be held at Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi on 5th February, 2012 and commemorate the centenary of the political and cultural city of Delhi, 100 years after its re-emergence as the capital of modern India. Over 1,800 architects are registered to attend the event. The IIA Awards are a highlight of the architectural events calendar in India and celebrate excellence in the local design community as past winner, Ar. Kamal S. Malik explains: “The IIA Award is a wonderful platform for architects to showcase their creative talent at a national level. The planning and professionalism with which these awards are organised encourages participants to give their best.” The jury panel is made up of honorary and fellow member architects from the IIA community who select a handful of exceptional winners in the categories of Residential, Public, Industrial, Landscape Design and Research. For the first time, this year, eight top architects will be recognised with lifetime achievement awards. These are: Ar. Raj Rewal, Ar. M.R. Agnihotri, Ar. Ajoy Choudhury, Ar. Ram Sharma, Ar. C.N. Raghavendran (Padmashree), Ar. M.M. Rana (Padmashree), Ar. A.R. Bhalla (Padmashree), and Ar. Balbir Verma.
