

Two Delhi projects win Holcim Awards



Authors of two winning sustainable construction project entries of the prestigious Holcim Awards for Sustainable Construction in the Asia Pacific Regional contest were the star attraction at a special event organized by ACC on behalf of Holcim Foundation. Four Indian entries were among the winners in Asia Pacific region, two of which relate to the national capital region. The authors of the Delhi based projects are Julia King, London Metropolitan

University, United Kingdom was a winner in the Next Generation category, and Madhav Raman and Vaibhav Dimri of Anagram Architects, Delhi won a Special Acknowledgement prize. These two sustainable construction projects and visions are both based in New Delhi. They demonstrate how simple yet sustainable approaches to infrastructure for communities and innovative architecture can improve the built environment and enhance quality of life. Ashok Lall, renowned

architect and member of the Holcim Awards jury panel, introduced the winners and invited them to present a snapshot of their winning project entries. Both entries are based on research approaches offering simple practical solutions for civic and urbanisation related problems faced by the fast growing capital city. In India, ACC and Ambuja Cement jointly promote activities of the Swiss-based Holcim Foundation for Sustainable Construction which conducts the Holcim

Awards competition to promote sustainable responses to contemporary technological, environmental, socioeconomic and cultural issues from the building and construction sector. More than 6,000 submissions for projects located in 146 countries entered the third cycle of the contest which closed earlier this year. The global competition carried total prize money of USD 2 million. Winning entries in the Asia Pacific region were announced at a ceremony in Singapore last month. ▲