

# The Festival of Places

7-9<sup>th</sup> April 2017 New Delhi

## A Unique Event Celebrating People Places & Memories

The Festival of Places is a unique event organized by Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and CATTs (Centre for Advancement of Traditional Building Technology and Skills), a non-governmental organization, that aims to bring a change in the way we all live.

The Festival of Places seeks to mobilize and influence people to conserve and re-imagine the concept of traditional and contemporary public spaces. Inspiring town planners, architects and builders to create spaces that are inclusive, responsive to the needs of children and senior citizens, promote healthy living, foster a sense of community, build cultural bridges and a collective vision of our cities. The festival is an opportunity to promote creation of lively and vibrant public spaces and a unique chance to engage with global agendas of Conservation, Sustainability, Resilience and Accessibility related to Cities.

The Festival of Places will attract a wide range of demographics – from students of architectural colleges, photographers, leading architects, culture aficionados, town planners to builders as well as school children and people from all walks of life.

### About the festival

This is the first in the Festival of Places. The event will be held from **7-9 April 2017, at IGNCA, Delhi**. The theme this year is *People Places Memories*. The festival will explore and interpret the bond between people and places, how public spaces contribute to the creation of a cultural fabric and memories.

The event will focus on state of shared public/community spaces both historic and contemporary in the cities of **Delhi, Lucknow** and **Kolkata**. Each day of the festival will focus on one city. The idea is to understand various places in the city from the eyes of professionals coming from different disciplines.

The festival will also feature Place Talk sessions on Indian and International Place Making and Place Centered Initiatives that have helped revitalize public and community spaces in cities. Architectural and photographic exhibitions, presentations and short films, cultural performances by renowned artists will highlight the uniqueness of each city and prove how culture, conservation and creativity can drive development.

**UNESCO, UN-Habitat, National Institute for Urban Affairs (NIUA), Indian Institute of Architects Northern Chapter, GIB Foundation Basel Switzerland, WRI India, Indian Society of Landscape Architects (ISOLA), Centre for Community Knowledge (CCK) Ambedkar University, Banglanatak dot com, Lupin Human Welfare & Research Foundation, Youth For Heritage, Mool Foundation** and **Beyond Built Trust** are the renowned Knowledge partners to the festival.

### About CATTs

The Centre for Advancement of Traditional Building Technology and Skills (CATTs) is a non-governmental organization working in the area of preservation, protection and promotion of built heritage, monuments, places as well as traditional knowledge and skills. Through the Festival of Places CATTs aims to take forward the agenda of **place led development of cities**, especially **promotion of cities as centers of creativity and knowledge**.