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“ The Necessity of Participatory Architecture and Urbanism”

by

Ar. Pattabi Raman
South Africa.



P.G. Raman graduated in architecture from the University of Madras. He then worked in London mainly for Peter Shepherd on a competition-winning university project in England. Raman then gained an academic position at Edinburgh University where he obtained his Doctorate. He has also taught in Istanbul and held posts such as Senior Lecturer, University of Singapore, Head of the School of Architecture and Planning, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg and Research Professor, University of the Free State., South Africa. He is presently the Professor and the Head of the Department of Architectural Technology and Interior Design at Cape Peninsula University of Technology, Cape Town. His research interests are architectural design, architectural theory, typological studies of museums and art galleries and city-form theories. He has written and lectured extensively on these subjects. Raman is presently engaged in projects such as Freedom Park in Pretoria and incremental housing in Cape Town as adviser and researcher/designer. He is a partner in the urban design practise of /:Kwa Urbanism which is actively involved in strategic planning, urban design and architectural projects.

Ar. P. K. Das
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PK Das is popularly known as an architect-activist. His priority has been to establish a very close relation between architecture and people by involving them in a participatory planning process. His wide spectrum of work includes organizing slum dwellers for better living and evolving affordable housing models, engaging in policy framework for mass housing, reclaiming public space in Mumbai by developing the waterfronts, urban renewal and conservation projects along with an architectural practice involving urban planning, urban design, architecture and interior design assignments across the country. He is the Joint Convener of the housing rights organization called Nivara Hakk Suraksha Samiti, Chairperson of the Mumbai Waterfronts Centre and founder of PK Das and Associates. He has been widely published and has also delivered talks and lectures across the world. His work in the development of Mumbai's coastline and his slum rehab projects has won him several national and international awards including the first Urban Age award conferred to the Mumbai Waterfronts Centre. With an extremely strong emphasis on participatory planning, he hopes to integrate architecture and democracy to bring about desired social changes in the country.



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