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Foreword - From the Editor-in-Chief

Each edition of 'Kalpa' revolves around a specific issue that concerns the profession and discipline of architecture and most importantly, the society. This edition of 'Kalpa' focuses on two very critically important agendas of the Sustainable Development Goals namely; SDG 9 and SDG 11. The contemporary cities and towns must be designed to adapt themselves to fast changing social, economical and environmental scenarios and thus the resilient human habitat is the focus of the SDG 9. The agenda provides ample clarity on the role of the architects, urban designer and planners can play in realisation of this goal. The SDG 11 focuses on making the urban settlements sustainable. Today the society is sharply divided between haves and have-nots. Today's cities need to be inclusive, safe and sustainable. The policies and actions of governments and professionals must reflect their commitment towards a just and equitable society. All appreciation to the editorial team of 'Kalpa' for taking up a theme of extreme social relevance and compliments to all authors on having made this as a focus area of their research and writings.

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