

BUILDING SECURITY

The term refers to

- the security in the specific context of buildings (noun) and built environments
- and also the process of building-in (verb) and designing-in the security as natural (embedded) design elements & approach.

Building security (as the title suggests) aims to harness the design brigade and the security acumen to shun the terror in our urbanscapes and contribute to real, effective and aesthetic security.

THE ASSOCIATION

The effort is to bridge the gap between the world of security professionals and the designers of the built environment (representing the owners and users alike) to

- Carve out perceptibly and effectively secure living
- Rescue our urban environments from the clutches of fear and crime

Professional interest in the subject and an enthusiasm to put India on the global security map, inspired a group of architects and architectural students to organise themselves into this not for profit society. The motivation stemmed from a need to evaluate the global concepts in the Indian context and further to share the unique findings to enrich the Global know-how.

THE VISION

Urban Security, Urban Resilience and Urban Livability

1. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

In Buildings and Built environments at Micro Level Neighbourhoods, towns and Cities at Macro Level

2. Counter Terror by design

Use of Layout, form and materials with Embedded Security Integration of devices and mechanicals into Design

3. Safe Cities

Urban planning methodologies in sync with global pedagogy.



THE MISSION

PUBLIC ADVOCACY to spread awareness about the need, means and benefits of integrating security in buildings through design.

Being predominated by architects the group is uniquely poised to reach out to this vital discipline critical to the conceptualisation of buildings. The idea is to encourage designing for secure and safe living, and not just putting in security measures as an after-thought. Simultaneous collaboration with security men to show them how design can collaborate and add to their efforts. To forge a new era of partnership of these 2 critical disciplines.

FACILITATE RESEARCH on the subject including CPTED (Crime prevention through environmental design) especially to the Indian context and in the absence of worthwhile content in the country. To contribute to the Global knowledge pool with contextual, cultural references.

There are many projects already underway and completed that show the deep tradition of security in our nation. Many of these are great learnings for the international community as India makes its presence known on international fora and contributes to the global know-how. In turn India stands to imbibe new strategies to address its own unique challenges.

POLICY & PROJECTS to offer consultancy and know-how to assist security related decision making in the national and social interest. Starting from due consideration to the subject to making sure the same is carried through to fruition.

There are proposals which immediately impact our society at large and our country as a whole. In the long run the idea is to influence policy, to weed out the blockades and infuse the way forward through proper dialogue between all stakeholders including architects, engineers, planners, government, administration, policy makers, promoters, developers, builders, security professionals, agencies and vendors (including manufacturers and retailers of all security equipment, software, building materials and finishes)



NEED FOR SUPPORT

ABSI is a not for profit organisation under the Societies registration Act, fuelled mostly by the passion of its members to achieve its goals.

While there are many global theories in practice in the developed world since the 1970s, many of them are still unknown in our great nation. So in keeping with the society's mission of public awareness, we would like every opportunity to disseminate knowledge without any expectations in return.

Also the above step would then help us identify the future research prospects and kindle the zest for this fledgling concept in the country and across the globe. Further, research and developments by the future generations will impact future policy making and shape our futures as a whole.

The subject extends from the basic building as module to urban design and town planning levels. We at ABS India believe that this may be the solution to the ills of crime and terror faced by our metros today. It is our little effort to contribute to peace and calm.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO JOINING HANDS WITH YOUR GREAT INSITUITION TO TAKE FORTH THIS MOVEMENT IN THE INTEREST OF MORE SECURE LIVING.

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