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The association has for the last six and half decades grown strong and it has kept on reinventing itself with the changing times. With technology setting in, the size of our association becoming humongous and with Covid, we look towards a different horizon where NASA India isn't just about coming together and growing but it evolves into an organisation which reaches to you.

We have been, as an entity, have strived to serve the students. The side effect of that has been that we haven't been able to rally everybody around to be a part of this experience. We have been targeting an outreach towards our own members instead of having them along on our side and aim towards the betterment of our society.

This energy of 60,000+ members is not only to be reached out to but is to be channelled as well to community development. When NASA India serves our society and communities together, we will grow together. This paradigm shift is necessary at the National, Zonal and Unit Level. Each Unit should be volunteering and enriching communities around them, this will need proactive leadership and programs at unit and national scales.

Whenever something new is proposed in our association, we ask how can this help an architectural student? I suggest adding one more question to the filter, how can this help the society? I am certain that any experience gained through such a program with an architectural bent of mind will help a design student develop skills which would otherwise take decades to learn.

So, if this goal seems too steep to climb and this theme is supposed to invigorate you, I'd like to quote Jed Bartlet from West Wing,

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful and

committed individuals cannot change the world.

Because that is the only thing that ever has."

Off to the grassroots!

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