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Leaving behind a mark!

An architect's ultimate desire has always been to have eternal glory and leaving behind a legacy for the future to be in complete awe of. Our forefathers left their mark and created history! We desire to leave back ours!

Vernacular architecture has been a key in deciphering how our past was. It's up to the present breed to conserve and evolve what was the then epitome of architecture ideology or we could simply choose to ignore it and start our new cult. It's a moral choice we have to make!

Technology has changed how we perceive and implement our ideas. But what we failed to perceive are the consequences that come with it. Efficiency and Sustainability are the key words that followed and now they are leaving their mark.

What we build is what defines us. Tomorrow's population is going to identify us with what we build today. There will always be this selfless act of every human to give back something to the profession in which they thrive. But how will the future react to it?! How will the present blend into it?! These are questions constantly hurled at patrons of the arts – Architects.

Changing times have baffled us with a series of issues.

- Vertical vs. horizontal spaces in an ethical vs. economical aspect.
- Old vs. new or an amalgamation of these and the distinctive style created thereon.
- Distinctive mark left by every designer in his / her design.
- What is pumped back to the rural mass out of responsibility towards an urban society.
- Carbon footprint and net-zero planning – the order of the day.
- Identity of our past, our present and our future!

These thoughts should drive us in shaping our thoughts and acts. Connecting the dots we realize that architecture has a lot more than mere designing and defining of spaces. The society looks up to us for delivering responsibility along with designs. A challenge we, the architects, accept by the choice of this profession... It is time for us to leave behind our distinctive mark - our unique FOOTPRINT!

We beseech you to embark upon a journey that will fulfil our dreams. Leave your FOOTPRINT!

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