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THINK TURF'S PUNE EDITION SAW INTENSE DELIBERATION
AROUND SUSTAINABILITY AND EFFICIENT DESIGN

The "Think Turf" Smart Living Forum is a knowledge-sharing platform that connects the country's most recognized architects and designers to exchange views regarding the challenges and opportunities faced within the architecture community on designing and building sustainable and efficient spaces. Following successful chapters of the forum in Surat, Guwahati, Chennai, Bhubaneswar, Kochi and many other cities, the ninth edition was held at Westin Pune Koregaon Park.

Group publishing director at ITP Media Group India, Bibhor Srivastava, welcomed the gathering and commended partner brand Voltas for successfully collaborating with ITP for the "Think Turf" Smart Living Forum. He further introduced and invited the keynote speaker architect Kalhan Mattoo of Planet 3 Studios onto the stage to deliver his presentation on 'Designing & Building Sustainable and Efficient Spaces'.

Mattoo set off by introducing futuristic consulting platform and international arm of Planet 3 Studios, Office of Kalhan. The architect, who is of the opinion that the future of design might be democratic to a large extent, stated: "There are advantages of having multiple teams, at multiple locations, that link together to do greater good..." After sharing a video of some of his completed projects as well as ones in the pipeline, Mattoo presented the platforms used at Office of Kalhan -- DI or Development Intelligence, a technology tool where consultants provide solutions to maximize the value returns for investment in any development scenario with empirical evidence. Next came DXB, a tool combining survey, design, engineering, logistics and a marketplace to save more than 90% of the design cost, 50% of the execution time and 15% construction cost. Further, he introduced Noob, a program



very close to his heart which is an augmented internship platform, helping budding architecture students accelerate their careers through a 4 step futuristic curriculum.

The keynote speaker was then felicitated by Yasir Narani, zonal manager - Product Sales, Voltas Ltd and Nandkishor Matode, territory manager - Voltas Ltd for his insightful presentation.

Narani then took the audience through the partner presentation which highlighted the global presence, achievements, manufacturing units, products and features of the air-conditioning brand Voltas and what the architect and design community can look forward to in the future. He also introduced the Voltas support services team for the Pune market on the stage.

Srivastava set the ball rolling for the panel discussion by asking Tushar Kothawade of Studio Infinity to step on the stage as the moderator of the session. Kothawade invited the five panelists, accomplished architects from the region, onto the stage for an enthralling panel discussion. To begin the dialogue, moderator Kothawade introduced the topic by saying, "Human beings are dealing with a resource and energy crisis that is worsening with every passing day. As architects,

1. Members of the panel (L-R): Ashwin Lovekar, Sunil Patil, Pratap Jadhav, Darshan Medhi, Kalpak Bhandari, and Tushar Kothawade (moderator).

2. Bibhor Srivastava opens the evening by explaining the idea behind Think Turf.

3. Architect Kalhan Mattoo delivers the keynote address.