



For nearly seven decades, NASA India has connected generations of architecture students through conventions, conversations, competitions, collaborations and collective learning. Every council has contributed another chapter to an institution built not on infrastructure, but on people. Yet history alone cannot guarantee relevance. The question before the 69th Year is no longer what NASA India has achieved. It is what NASA India chooses to become before its seventieth year.

Architecture today exists in a world profoundly different from the one that shaped NASA's origins. Students graduate into uncertain professions. Artificial intelligence is transforming design processes. Climate change demands architects who think beyond buildings. Communities demand participation instead of prescription. Cities require systems thinkers rather than object makers. Yet much of architectural education continues to measure success through drawings, grades, competitions and placements alone. NASA India must ask itself: Is architecture merely a profession or is it a responsibility towards society?

What does it mean to Transcend? Transcend is often mistaken for moving higher. It is not. To transcend is to move beyond inherited limitations, beyond assumptions, beyond comfort, beyond systems that no longer serve their purpose. For NASA India, transcendence is not abandoning its legacy; it is about honouring that legacy by refusing to become complacent. **Transcend** is to question before accepting, to research before concluding, to collaborate before competing, to create impact before recognition and to understand that architecture extends beyond buildings into culture, policy, ecology, technology and communities.

To transcend is not to leave the past behind; it is to carry it forward in ways the past could never imagine.

For NASA India to transcend is to become more than an event organiser, more than a representative body, more than an annual convention. NASA India must become a platform of discourse, a generator of research, a catalyst for policy conversations, a bridge between academia and practice and a voice for every architecture student.

The seventieth year should not simply celebrate seventy years of history. It should celebrate an institution that was courageous enough to evolve before the celebration arrived. The responsibility of the 69th Year is therefore unique, not to preserve, not merely to reform but to transcend. Architecture has always challenged the limits of material, imagination and society. The architects of tomorrow must challenge the limits of architecture itself. Let this year be remembered not for the scale of what we organised, but for the scale of what we dared to imagine.

Let us Transcend, because the future will not be built by those who preserve boundaries, but by those who have the courage to question them and the 69th Year belongs to every student who are willing to rethink and redefine what architecture can become.

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