



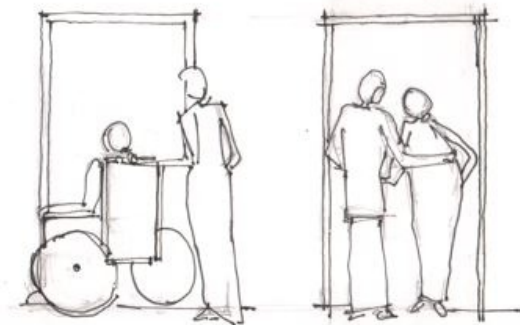
From Our Desk

Creating Age-Friendly Environments: Designing for the Elderly

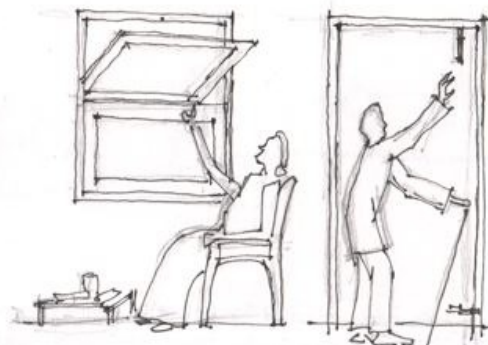
Ageing happens to everyone, and as we get older, we experience a wide array of physical, psychological, and socio-economic changes that can be a challenge for some to adapt to. These changes, coupled with retirement and changing social roles, can lead many to experience loneliness and despair as they try to adapt to contemporary social structures and the alienation that sometimes accompanies them. How can we, as designers, help provide the elderly with their desire for independence, choice privacy, and intimacy?



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With an increasing number of seniors opting for retirement homes and assisted living facilities, they must evolve into more inclusive environments that can accommodate people from all walks of life. Users' physical and psychological difficulties must be considered while creating them, and they must be adaptable enough to meet the needs of a wide range of people. Instead of being trapped in a room, older people should be able to revitalise their bodies and brains by participating in community activities and groups in a safe and friendly environment.



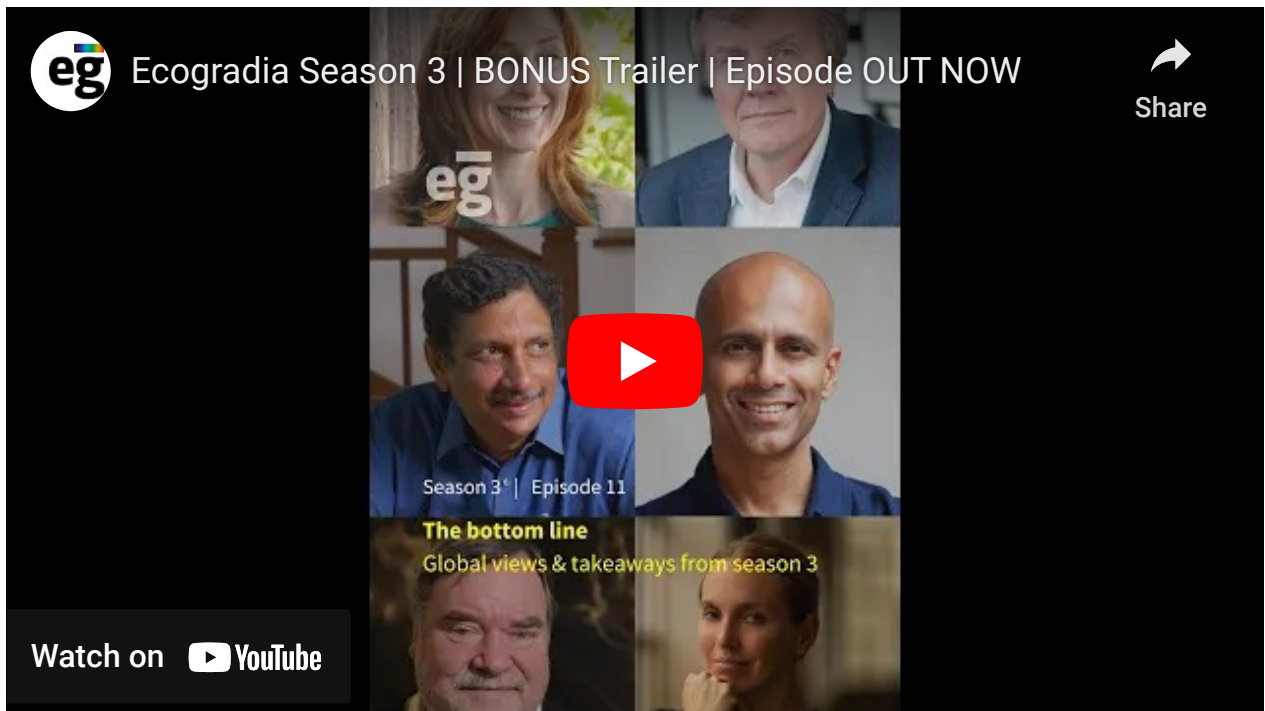
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Recent Highlights

Ecogradia: India needs 25 million affordable homes by 2030. Are the country's architects ready to fulfill this rising demand?

India needs 25 million affordable homes by 2030. Are the country's architects ready to fulfill this rising demand? "98% of India's population does not have access to an architect," said Benny Kuriakose, the principal designer of Chennai-based Benny Kuriakose and Associates, in his recent conversation with Nirmal Kishnani. How, then, can architects rise up to the challenge and ensure better access to housing for people? In this excerpt from the bonusepisode of Ecogradia, Benny shares how he plans to tackle this problem.

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Meet Our Designs

The Rainbow

The Rainbow by Alive Lifespaces is India's first holistic retirement community in Trivandrum, Kerala, reflects the way of life of the elderly. With a carefully crafted blend of architectural and universal design elements created to meet the needs of the elderly, the Rainbow embodies the best of communal life. Environmentally harmonious architectural style and design have been explored, with an innately beautiful natural planning that is in tune with the elements and the land's structure. Their motto, "Live life the way it should be lived!" is echoed in the design, which features courtyards, spacious balconies, and terraces so that the residents may enjoy the outdoors from the comfort of their own homes.

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What's New?

Architectures of Transition: Frameworks & Practices in South Asia

The conference 'Architectures of Transition: Frameworks & Practices in South Asia' fostered dialogue between academics and practitioners, uniting to explore the diverse work across the South Asian region. Dr. Benny Kuriakose shared insights drawn from personal experiences during the second day of the conference, a collaborative effort by SOA South Asia and the Architectural Foundation of India. Held at the Indian International Center in New Delhi, the event drew renowned architects and designers from across Asia.

SPEAKER BIOS

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MEET THE SPEAKER

Born in 1962 in the small town of Koothattukulam and brought up in Thiruvananthapuram, Dr. Benny Kuriakose started his career in 1984 and received basic lessons in architecture under the tutelage of the renowned Laurie Baker (1917-2017). He received the Charles Wallace India Trust Award for a Master's degree in Conservation Studies from the University of York, UK, and his PhD from the Indian Institute of Technology in Madras, India. Taking its roots in vernacular architecture, he has developed expertise in architectural conservation and design of new buildings. He focuses on the design of structures built from natural materials and now runs an architect and consulting company in Chennai, India. He has worked on all sorts of projects, from small mud cottages to tsunami reconstruction housing. He has also worked as a consultant for the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), UNESCO, different state governments, and nongovernmental other organisations.

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PANELIST

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DAY 2

All timings in IST

15.12.23

FRIDAY

09:00 - 09:30

Registration

PRACTICE OF RESEARCH + CURATION

Moderators: Vishal Khandelwal, India / Ela Singhal, India

09:30 - 11:15

Speakers (Part A): Kaiwan Mehta, India /
Luva Choudhury, Bangladesh / Roshan Mishra, Nepal /
Qudsia Rahim (*virtual*), Pakistan

11:15 - 11:30

Tea Break

11:30 - 13:15

Speakers (Part B): Shayari de Silva, Sri Lanka /
Ishita Shah, India / Nondita Correa Mehrotra (*virtual*), India /
Meghal Arya, India

13:15 - 14:15

Lunch Break

PRACTICE OF REPAIR

Moderators: Anisha Mukherjee, India /
Snehanshu Mukherjee, India

14:15 - 16:00

Speakers (Part A): Ajmal Maiwandi, Afghanistan /
Jharna Joshi, Nepal / Dorji Yangki, Bhutan /
Taimoor Khan Mumtaz (*virtual*), Pakistan

16:00 - 16:15

Tea Break

16:15 - 18:00

Speakers (Part B): Rohit Ranjitkar, Nepal /
Benny Kuriakose, India / Vivek Rawal, India /
Khadija Jamal (*virtual*), Pakistan



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Venue: India International
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