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## From the Editor



Building construction and operation have extensive direct and indirect impacts on the environment. Buildings use resources such as energy, water and raw materials, generate waste (occupant, construction and demolition) and emit potentially harmful atmospheric emissions. Building owners, designers and builders face a unique challenge to meet demands for new and renovated facilities that are accessible, secure, healthy, and productive.

Considering the current economic challenges, retrofitting an existing building is a more cost effective way of restoration and re development. Such sustainability initiatives not only reduce operation costs but also environmental impacts.

This issue deals with few of the above mentioned aspects of environment friendly architecture.

Enjoy Reading!

(Vijay Shrikrishna Sohoni)

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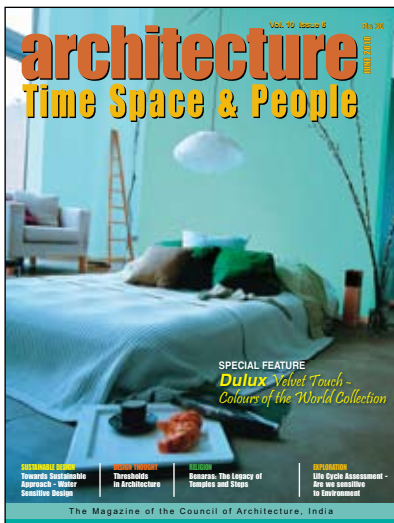
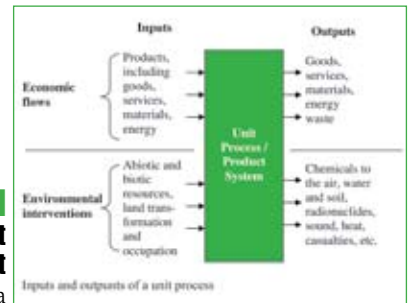


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