



# MOMENTOUS MOMENTS

The grand finale of the 5th Annual iGen Design Forum 2016 ended on a high note with emotions rising to a crescendo

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The proud iGens of 2016 gather on stage for a photo opportunity at the end of the iGen Design Forum 2016.



Nishant Gupta speaks about Hafeez Contractor.



Sai Kumar, Rajesh Mehra (Jaquar Group); editor Maria Louis and Bibhor Srivastava of ITP Publishing felicitate Padma Bhushan Hafeez Contractor.



Reza Kabul pays tribute to his mentor and (right) greets him.



Nilabh Nagar, Kalhan Matoo and Zubin Zainuddin.



Brinda Somaya and Contractor exchange notes.



Ravi Sarangan, Khozema Chitalwala, Nilesh Gandhi and Contractor.



Gandhi, Contractor and Prashant Govindan of Harman India.



Abdul Hazeeb PK with Dev Malhotra of Jaquar Group and Contractor.



Abhishek Dutta with Sai Kumar, Dev Malhotra and Contractor.

The crowning moment of the iGen Design Forum saved itself until the very end, when both senior and junior architects found themselves paying tribute to the masters they have learnt from, the peers who they have grown with and the people from the architecture and construction industry who were surrounding them.

The felicitations began with Nishant Gupta, iGen of 2015 and associate architect at Architect Hafeez Contractor, introducing his mentor by saying, "Louis Sullivan once said that form follows function. An anonymous gentleman said, function follows form. Hafeez Contractor says that form and function follow demand." It was with this clever quip that the young architect began, and he continued in the same humorous vein: 'To young architects, he made us believe that architecture goes beyond a kurta, long beard, and *jhola* bags. He made us believe that, at 30, if you work really, really hard, you can have a really long car. He was correct, of course – but he didn't mention that now you don't have any time to ride it because you're always in the office!' On a more serious note, Gupta disclosed that, from Contractor, he learnt that 'work is worship'.

Contractor was then led on stage to a thunderous round of applause to receive the first memento from the ITP Publish-



Biley Menon with Shivaji Mohinta, Greenlam and Maria Louis.



George Seemon with Louis and Mohinta.



Sai Kumar, Malhotra and Contractor with Runa Dasgupta and Aditya Goswami



Hafeez PK and Hamid MM with Mohinta and Louis.



Arjun Rathi with Malhotra, Contractor and Bibhor Srivastava..



Ashish Jauhari with Malhotra, Contractor and Srivastava.



Mohinta with Deepak Kaw



Babita Krishnan (ITP), Contractor and Sunil Khatwani (Blue Star) felicitate Hiten Sethi Associates.



Mandar Joshi and Suvarna Joshi with Krishnan, Contractor and Khatwani.

