

Herman Miller launches Atlas Office Landscape and Cosm Chair



Herman Miller recently launched its Atlas Office Landscape workstation and Cosm chair for the Indian market. Uniting human-centric design with innovative technology and materials, the company unveiled these flexible workstations. This comes at the back of Herman Miller opening a new 2,500sqft, state-of-the-art facility in Bengaluru.

Atlas Office Landscape by designer Tim Wallace is an exceptional demonstration of responding to the new culture of workplace design for 21st century desking requirements. It brings together height-adjustability and collaborative working, while offering flexibility

without being constrained by structures. It also provides ergonomic support and is built to fit in almost all workspaces.

Cosm chair by Studio 7.5 uses the revolutionary 'Auto-Harmonic Tilt' technology that instantly responds to the user's body movement when seated and provides optimal support and a more neutral balance. It is a culmination of two decades of design, research and engineering that is further deepened with Herman Miller's understanding of how people sit and work. Such that Time magazine has added Cosm to the 100 Best Inventions of 2019 list, calling it the 'pinnacle of personalisation'.

German entrant in flooring market



HKS Flooring brings the exceptional German expertise and specialised skills in the wooden flooring business to India. The Manufaktur Deluxe range is made of selected European resources with Barrique top layer that features manual carved texture and knots, while A-terra is an age-less wooden flooring that suits the full colour-spectrum of modern interior architecture. In engineered flooring, the Kruggers collection features Oak top layer and is virtually free from bending and reduced risk of joint education. For outdoors, the HKS Garden is a composite of 60% bamboo flour and recycled polymer. It is UV resistant, durable, retains its shape and easy to clean – and, therefore, perfect for poolsides too.

Maharashtra ranks first in GBCI India's LEED list

GBCCI India recently released the list of India's Top 10 States for LEED, the world's most widely used green building rating system. This is the third year that the top 10 has been released in India, ranking Indian states in terms of cumulative gross square meters (GSM) of LEED-certified space.

LEED is an international symbol of sustainability excellence that signifies a building is lowering carbon emissions, conserving resources and cutting costs, while prioritising sustainable practices and creating a healthier environment.

Maharashtra tops the list, followed by Karnataka, Haryana, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh, respectively. In a change from last year, Haryana moved up in the list, edging out Tamil Nadu for the third spot. The Top 10 states for LEED are home to more than 843 million Indians, and together include more than 48.3 million gross sqm of LEED-certified space.

"India continues to be a global leader in green building. By pursuing LEED certification for buildings and spaces, India is not only contributing to economic growth and

development but actively raising the living standard by providing more resilient, healthier and efficient buildings and communities," said Mahesh Ramanujam, president and CEO of US Green Building Council and GBCI. "At Greenbuild India in Bengaluru, I look forward to convening with green building experts from the country as we work to build a more sustainable future for all."

| Rank | State | Number of LEED-certified projects | Certified Gross Square Meters (GSM) |
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| 1 | Maharashtra | 373 | 10,258,564 |
| 2 | Karnataka | 301 | 9,691,621 |
| 3 | Haryana | 139 | 5,906,220 |
| 4 | Tamil Nadu | 178 | 5,405,415 |
| 5 | Uttar Pradesh | 95 | 4,756,050 |
| 6 | Telangana | 106 | 4,143,928 |
| 7 | Delhi | 72 | 3,074,542 |
| 8 | Gujarat | 57 | 2,247,419 |
| 9 | West Bengal | 40 | 1,986,383 |
| 10 | Rajasthan | 21 | 901,918 |

*As of December 31, 2019

Jabeen Zacharias appointed as new president of IIID

It's the beginning of a new era for the apex professional body of designers and architects in India as Kerala-based Jabeen L Zacharias will serve as the president of IIID. She is the first female architect to take up this role that leads 10,000 members. She takes charge along with a new executive council that will steer the institution for the next two years. Zacharias brings more than three decades of architecture, planning, project management, consultancy and training to the position. She has held leadership positions within both Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) and IIID. As chief architect of Jabeen Zacharias Architects, she has built an award-winning practice with over 300 projects ranging from 5-star hotels, malls, apartments, offices and luxury residences in India, USA and the Middle East.

