

File No. IBC/26ACNS/B. Award/2024

**INDIAN BUILDINGS CONGRESS**  
**Kama Koti Marg, Sector-VI, RK Puram, New Delhi.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF AWARD COMMITTEE OF IBC FOR IBC BEST PAPER  
AWARDS 2023-24**

1. Indian Buildings Congress vide its notification No. IBC/26-AC/2024 dated 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024, constituted an Expert Committee, comprising of following members, for selection of Awardees for S.P. Jakhanwal Best Paper Award and IBC Medal and Commendation Certificates for best papers of high quality and merit, presented during 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention & National Seminar on "Net Zero 2070 and Built Environment held on 10-11 June 2023, published in IBC Journal Vol-VII- June 2023 Issue:

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| a. Shri Krishna Kant, UN Expert & Fmr. CE, CPWD .....                   | Chairman         |
| b. Shri I.S. Sidhu, Head Consulting & Advisory Services,<br>NITCON Ltd. | Member           |
| c. Shri C.S. Mital Fmr. CE (E), CPWD                                    | Member           |
| d. Shri N.K. Singh, Dy. Secy. (Tech.), IBC                              | Member Secretary |

(i) The Expert Committee in its first meeting held on 30.04.2024, Co-opted Shri K. N. Agrawal, Former DG CPWD as member of the Committee.

(ii) Expert committee had three meetings on 30.04.2024, 31.05.2024 and 11.06.2024. These meetings were attended by all members. Committee unanimously decided to follow past practice of IBC of not considering papers submitted by the members of the Technical Committee, office bearers of IBC at the time when Seminar is held and members of the Award Committee constituted for evaluation of the papers for the awards irrespective of the merit of the papers.

(iii) The Expert committee was also informed by Dy. Secy (Tech) IBC of the decision of EC IBC that S.P. Jakhanwal Best Paper Award will be from amongst the papers published in IBC Journal published in June 2023 on " EPC Contracts in Building Industry". Exclusions of papers submitted by members of the Technical Committee, office bearers of IBC etc. will apply.

(iv) During its deliberations, Expert committee decided broad evaluation criteria for evaluation of the papers so as to ensure uniformity and fairplay. Following aspects were considered while evaluating:

- Relevancy to the topic
- Quality of the content of the paper-Diagram/Sketches
- Originality of Paper
- Practicability of its adoption
- Any New Thing/Concepts

- f. Length of Paper
- g. Quality of presentation and impact on the audience
- h. Brief Abstract and Conclusion
- i. Overall Impression

2. The following decisions were taken unanimously by the Award Committee after going through and evaluating all the papers (leaving out those excluded):

The following papers are recommended for presentation of the medals and commendation certificates during the 27th Annual Convention and National Seminar on "Challenges and Innovations in Urban Planning & Development" to be held on 13-14 July, at New Delhi

a) **IBC Medal:**

"Climate - Responsive Architecture: The Future" by Dr. Ponni M. Concessao; Oscar & Ponni Architects, Chennai.

b) **Commendation Certificates:**

(i) "Strategies and Options for Making Buildings Zero Energy" by Shri Jit Kumar Gupta, Founder Director, College of Architecture, IET Bhaddal, Chandigarh

(ii) "Eco Homes: A Sustainable Solution for Modern Living" by Mr. Snehal Patel; Environmentalist, M/s Susha Founders and Engineers Surat.

c) **Young Professionals below 35 years**

No paper was submitted for the award under category of "Young Professionals below 35 years".

3. As no Mid Term Session was held no awards have been awarded in this category.

4. **S.P. Jakhnwal Best Paper Award (On IBC Journal Papers)**

The committee noted that the all papers submitted and published in IBC Journal on very important topic of "EPC Contracts in Building Industry"; are of high quality. Committee recommends following paper for **S.P. Jakhnwal Best Paper Award;**

"Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contracts in Building & Road Infrastructure Industry" By Shri Rajeev Singhal, Chief Engineer CPWD.

(K. N. Agrawal)  
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