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Press Invite/Release

## JMI to organize International Conference on Islamic Arts and Architecture

The 6<sup>th</sup> edition of International Conference on Islamic Arts and Architecture (ICIAA) will be organized by the Department of Architecture, Faculty of Architecture and Ekistics, JMI from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

The ICIAA aims to discuss key issues in Islamic Art and Architecture in the context of contemporary global scenario. It is an on-going collective and collaborative endeavor of educators, researchers, artists and professionals from around the globe who share Islamic heritage and culture. It extends across various fields of arts and visual art, performing arts, literature, science & technology, Architecture and Ekistics.

The conference will also mark the release of the book titled "Islamic Architecture- Perceptions and Paradox" by Prof. S.M. Akhtar (HoD, Deptt. of Architecture). With the objective of initiating deliberations and dialogues on the rich heritage and traditions vis-a-vis the contemporary context, the ICIAA aims to further the research & development in the areas of arts and architecture of Islamic realm. The main objective of this conference and the book is to break the preconceived notion about Islamic Architecture.

The perception of Islamic Architecture is very different than the Islamic philosophy. The gap between the philosophy and architecture when unraveled leads to a paradox, which this conference aims to remove. An effort will be made through this conference to break the perception that Islamic architecture is restricted to the past with the nostalgia and grandeur of medieval period. It will also try to remove clear the impression that Islamic Architecture has been stagnant and has nothing to contribute in architecture evolution in post medieval period and, it has no relevance in the contemporary society.

Several world famous architects and experts in the field of architecture will attend this conference to discuss various aspects of Islamic architecture and new challenges of the present architectural dynamics, like responding to energy efficiency and environmental alertness as demanded by the ongoing situation.

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