

## **Brief Bio Note :**

Shalini Dasgupta is a Conservation Architect based in New Delhi and runs a multi- disciplinary practice offering services in Architecture, Interior Design & Conservation for the last 26 years. She has received her formal training under internationally noted B.V Doshi, A.D Raje from CEPT, Ahmedabad and Conservation Studies from SPA, New Delhi. Since starting 'Heritage Conservation & Design Centre' ( HCDC Designs ) in 1993, the firm has been focusing on adaptive reuse and putting historic buildings to contemporary use. The firm has a special interest and expertise in the field of hospitality with wide range of clients ranging from Claridges, Imperial, Lalit, ITC, Marriott, Hilton, Astor, etc.. Currently she is actively involved in the Urban Conservation of the Braj region and the Iconic sites of Kajoraho, Bodh Gaya & Hampi. Besides consultancy she is actively involved in imparting lectures on Conservation and creating awareness both at formal & informal level. She is a visiting faculty at the Conservation Dept. SPA, New Delhi; Dept. of Fashion Communication, NIFT - New Delhi and Interior Architecture Department, Sushant School of Art & Architecture, Gurgaon.

She has been an active ICOMOS member since 2013. She took on the responsibility of the North Zone Representative in 2017 and was elected for the post of Secretary ICOMOS India in 2020. She is an Expert member of International Scientific Committee of Heritage Documentation, CIPA and the national focal point for the Climate Change and Heritage Working Group of ICOMOS.

She is currently undergoing her Doctoral Research in the field of Heritage & Climate Change with an emphasis on Thermal Comfort in Heritage buildings specifically for warm humid climate of West Bengal.

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Since 2017 as an organising committee member of the General Assembly held in New Delhi, she has been involved in most COMOS India activities and events to uphold the mandate of ICOMOS. As a secretary, lot of hard work and dedication has gone into streamlining the backend secretariat working along with organising many Scientific symposiums, Annual General Meetings and other relevant events to keep COMOS India in the forefront of Heritage realm of our country. However having been part of ICOMOS India board for the last term has brought insight into the gaps that ICOMOS India needs to address - lack of governmental partnerships, lack of funding mechanisms, lack of active member involvement, reducing membership base are a few to name.

She wants to help serve the Cultural Heritage of our country by helping to uphold COMOS India's mission as a society to promote awareness regarding Cultural Heritage Conservation in India by bringing together professionals from varied realms sharing common concern for its Heritage. She wants to create COMOS India as a sought after forum for scientific exchange on Conservation matters. In the forthcoming term she would like to focus on the global scientific agenda of Heritage & Climate concerns and SDG goals especially focusing on Gender & Heritage issues, thereby strengthening some of the Strategic Goals of COMOS India.