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The title of the article: “The Five ‘I’s of Design Excellence: How INI Design Studio is shaping Sustainable Spaces Worldwide”

Ar. Jayesh Hariyani

INI Design Studio is a renowned multidisciplinary design firm, offering a comprehensive range of services across architecture, engineering, urban design, landscape architecture, sustainability, interiors, research, and art.

With a diverse portfolio that spans various sectors, INI has become a leader in providing innovative, sustainable solutions. Founding Principal Jayesh Hariyani has led the firm through the design and execution of over 850 million sqm of built and ongoing projects worldwide, many of which are LEED/IGBC (Gold & above) certified.

Jayesh, a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects (FAIA), has held teaching positions at prominent institutions like Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Texas, and presented at international forums. He also chairs six national technical committees for Green Built environment rating systems in India, demonstrating a strong commitment to sustainability.

The essence of INI's design ethos is collaboration, where professionals from diverse disciplines, including architects, engineers, planners, and sustainability experts, work together to create holistic solutions.



Central to this process are the five “I’s” that define INI: Inquiry, Imagination, Innovation, Inspiration, and Inclusiveness. These values ensure that every design solution is not only creative but also forward-thinking and responsive to the needs of a rapidly evolving world.

INI's work in developing countries like India offers an excellent example of the firm's ability to navigate the intersection of global standards and local realities.

For instance, the sustainable interventions such as central district cooling and Non-Motorised Transport

(NMT) in the Rajkot City Master Plan, the pedestrian and bike-friendly campus at Shiv Nadar University (SNU), the BRTS-driven Central Business District (CBD) in Ahmedabad, all showcase a commitment to enhancing mobility and liveability through innovative design, providing a balance between urban mobility and economic vitality.

The Waste-to-Energy campuses in Jamnagar, Surat, Vadodara, and Bhavnagar tackle India's pressing Municipal Solid Waste challenges and set a precedent for sustainable waste management solutions across the country.

Technology plays a vital role in the design process, enabling INI to deliver cutting-edge solutions across geographic boundaries. Advanced design tools facilitate real-time collaboration, allowing teams to work seamlessly on projects anywhere in the world, while ensuring that each project resonates with the cultural and environmental characteristics of its setting.

INI's commitment to collaboration extends beyond the professional sphere and into academia, fostering a deeper

understanding of how global trends can be adapted to meet local market needs. At INI, design is an evolving dialogue that continuously integrates ideas, people, and environments. The firm's focus on creating integrated, sustainable designs enables it to respond effectively to both global and local challenges while remaining deeply rooted in the identity of the places they shape.



Ar. Jayesh Hariyani

Has served the building and design industry for over 30 years, specializing in architecture & planning combining city planning, urban design, architecture, interior architecture and mix used real estate development that are based on sustainability. Mr. Hariyani has worked in Europe, USA, UAE and Asia. He served as CMD for South Asia Region at Stantec. As a Founder and Chairman of INI (formerly Burt Hill - Stantec Consulting) he is instrumental in forming and delivering research-driven, large multi-use developments.

His work has won many recognized international and national awards including FAIA Honour from American Institute of Architects. He has also held teaching positions at Carnegie Mellon University and University of Texas and has served as Director and Principal of Architecture and Planning School at Ganpat University and is Board of Advisory for Nirma University School of Architecture and Planning. He has presented in several known national & international conferences.

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His sustainable design and planning philosophy seek to create communities that are energy efficient and responsible. He strongly believes that through a high quality of design we must provide better working and living environments that enrich our communities and contribute to healthy eco systems. Mr. Hariyani is also Founding member & Executive Board Member of IGBC & Founding member & CEO's Advisory Committee Member of USGBC. He is currently chair of Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) Green Campus Rating and IGBC Green Hill Habitat and Co-Chair of IGBC Green City Rating and Net Zero Building Rating. Mr. Hariyani is also a founder of development company; AH Design & Infrastructure Ltd and Rural Education and Development Foundation which is known as READ Foundation.