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TO ALL REGISTERED ARCHITECTS WITH COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE

Subject: Invitation to Participate in the NHB Design Competition – Extended Deadline till July 13, 2025-reg.

Dear Architect,

The Council of Architecture, in association with the National Housing Bank (NHB), is pleased to invite you to participate in the “**NHB Award for Best Design in Housing**” under the category of **Best Design in Beneficiary Led Construction on a Smaller Piece of Land**. This national-level design competition aims to promote innovation in housing design by encouraging registered architects, students of architecture, and approved institutions to propose creative, sustainable, cost-effective, and context-sensitive solutions for compact residential units on plots up to 150 sq. meters.

The competition seeks to address critical challenges in affordable housing by inviting designs that are practical, modular, incremental, and adaptable to various geographic and climatic zones of the country—specifically in the categories of **Plains, Coastal, and Hilly Regions**. Designs must reflect optimal space utilization, integrate local materials and construction methods, incorporate disaster-resilient and green technologies, and comply with local building regulations.

We are happy to inform you that the **last date for registration has been extended to July 13, 2025, and the last date for design submission is July 15, 2025**. Participation is open to individuals and groups (up to 4 members), and **no registration fee** is required. Interested participants must register via the links provided on the COA Samarthya portal ([Appreciation and Awards | Samarthya](#)) to obtain a Unique Identity Code, which will be used to maintain anonymity during evaluation.

Design submissions should include a comprehensive concept note, 3D walkthrough, A2-sized drawings, and supporting documents highlighting sustainability, regional relevance, and cost-efficiency. *Prizes under each subcategory include ₹3 lakh (First Prize), ₹2 lakh (Second Prize), ₹1 lakh (Third Prize), and ₹0.75 lakh for Consolation Prizes, along with trophies and certificates.* Winning entries will also be featured in NHB and COA publications and digital platforms.

We encourage all registered architects to contribute to this important initiative aimed at shaping the future of affordable and inclusive housing in India. For further queries, please write to design.award@nhb.org.in.

Warm regards,



R.K. Oberoi
Registrar