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Chandigarh, September 9:- The Punjab Governor and Administrator, Union Territory, Chandigarh, Mr. Shivraj V. Patil while presenting Architect of the year Award, said that it is the responsibility of the Architects to educate and make his clients understood, the importance of utilizing rainwater for at least domestic use, in order to check the depleting ground water level. He said that they should design building with the provisions of harvesting rooftop rainwater. The stored water can be used to wash utensils, to wash cars and to irrigate kitchen gardens.

Mr. Patil said other area, where Architect Community can educate their clients is to construct Green Buildings, designed to reduce the overall impact of the built environment on human health and the natural environment well-designed buildings also helps in reducing the amount of waste generated by the occupants as well, by providing onsite solutions such as composite bins to reduce matter going to landfills.

Another important area where Architects can help and contribute their skills is to design buildings with earthquake resistance. He said that earthquake construction is not merely an engineering activity for structural engineers, but it is an activity to be shared by both engineers and architects.

Appreciating the efforts of Mr. Singhanian, for honouring architects since 1990, Mr. Patil said as the civilization grew, it became necessary not only to construct but also to look to the long term impact of construction. Alongwith protection, usefulness and convenience, the beauty of the structure is also important.

The Governor said we have the responsibility towards future generations. We have to protect environment for us and others. Haphazard constructions and ineffective use of natural factors such as wind, sunlight, open spaces, water bodies etc can cost us heavily in the long run. Architecture and construction in modern India is progressing by leaps and bounds. Lot of new materials and technology is introduced. However, while chasing all this, we should not forget Low Cost Housing which is reality in our country. Even though high quality architecture in itself may not be needed for low, cost buildings, the synthesizing of raw materials to make buildings functional and low cost and maximum use of natural elements can always be addressed by the architects, he added.

Mr. Patil also distributed prizes amongst the award winners. Prominent amongst others who were present on the occasion

included Mr. Y.P. Singhanian, Chairman, AYA, Mr. M.P. Rawal, President JK Cement Ltd and Administrator, AYA and Jury members.