



Architecture that inspires

The contemporary architectural scene in Bangladesh is going through an exciting time. In an era when design styles seem to travel faster than light, and certain trends set the standards — Bangladeshi buildings are blending global styles with the local features, rooted in our vibrant culture and climate.

Bangladesh’s palette of architectural works is surely diverse, and many of them are being celebrated

worldwide. Numerous works have also received international recognition. What is more admirable is the growing interest of young architects in community-led architecture — rethinking shelters in marginalised areas of the country.

But how is modern architecture evolving towards innovative solutions to enhance our lifestyles? Do we need traditional Bengali wisdom in this modern era?

To get an in-depth understanding, we spoke to some notable architects of our time, and understand their insights into the inspiring landmarks they designed!

OLD TOWN, NEW MOSQUE

“At the beginning of my design process, I ask myself, where am I standing?” shares Prof Rafiq Azam, principal architect of SHATOTTO Architecture for Green Living. The pioneering architect shares that

a meaningful building is largely shaped by its place and people.

One of his remarkable works; Mayor Mohammad Hanif Jame Mosque has won the Eurasian Prize 2020 in the architecture category. In this project, he takes a bold step towards redefining the classical image of a mosque by embracing contemporary features.

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Zebun Nessa Mosque, Ashulia
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