

Roshni Udyavar Yehuda



Roshni Udyavar Yehuda is Head of the Rachana Sansad's Institute of Environmental Architecture, Prabhadevi, Mumbai since June 2003. The Institute, which is the postgraduate wing of the Academy of Architecture, Mumbai, offers academic courses including a Masters Degree in Environmental Architecture recognized by the Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (YCMOU), Nashik, & the Council of Architecture (COA), India. She is also Editor, Evergreen RACHANA, the

quarterly magazine of Rachana Sansad.

Having worked locally and internationally in the field of environmental research, pedagogy and implementation from 1997 to 2003, at the International Institute for Sustainable Future, a United Nations NGO DPI affiliated organization based in Mumbai and New York, she has a wide range of practical experience. An architect by profession, Roshni has acquired additional skills in journalism, photography, film production and Voice Culture.

She has traveled widely on professional assignments and presented papers in numerous international conferences in more than 15 countries including Iran, S. Korea, Slovenia, Austria, Israel, China and South Africa. She had organized, under the Global Futures Network, a delegation of more than 100 people to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg, South Africa, August-September 2002.

Roshni has lectured at national and international conferences and universities including the University of Vienna, Austria and the Arizona State University, Arizona, USA. She was part of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) sponsored Indian delegation to study Green Buildings in the United States in September - October 2004, and was actively involved in developing ECOHOUSING ratings - green building technical criteria for Pune and Mumbai in collaboration with International Institute for Energy Conservation (IIEC), Science & Technology Park, Pune and USAID.

In 2009, she was nominated for the prestigious '*International Visitor Leadership Program on Environmental Protection*' by the United States Department of State, which included studies in four states of the US – Washington, D.C., St. Louis, Missouri,

Jackson Hole, Wyoming and Boston Massachusetts – from 8-26 June 2009. She has delivered a series of lectures at New York University (NYU), New York and Abu Dhabi as part of a series entitled ‘Situating Urban Sustainability’ in October 2009 and November 2010. Her other recent lectures include a paper on “Mainstreaming Sustainable Design and Planning in Cities of India” at an international seminar on Urban Ecologies in Asia organized in March 2010 by the University of Hong Kong.

Through the Rachana Sansad’s Institute of Environmental Architecture, she has initiated and worked on numerous environmental and social projects including the Dahisar River Restoration Project, Sawantwadi Ecotourism development, Restoration of Charolette lake in Matheran, ‘Harvest to Harness’ Rainwater Harvesting Competition, Capacity building for professionals through education in building physics and energy simulation in collaboration with Bureau of Energy Efficiency and USAID’s ECO III Project. She was part of a delegation to study water harvesting and management technologies to the Agritech 2006 exhibition to Israel, 8 – 12 May 2006.

Roshni has worked on a number of Environmental Design projects for architecture, interior design projects, environmental resource planning such as rainwater harvesting, waste water treatment, solar passive design and green building materials through her professional practice in EnviroArch, a Mumbai-based design firm led by three principal Architects & supported by a team of technical experts drawn from fields related to environment & architecture; founded in February 2004 (www.enviro-arch.com), and Roshni Udyavar & Associates.

She is a member of the Council of Architecture & Indian Institute of Architects as well as Evaluation Committee on Rainwater harvesting consultants with the Municipal Corporation of Greater (MCGM) Mumbai and Panel on education and development at Maharashtra Nature Park (MNP), Mumbai.

She is Chairperson of the Organization for the Protection of Children’s Rights (OPCR), Mumbai and coordinator for South Asia, OPCR, Canada.

She is committed to local and global sustainability through creative educational and professional initiatives, and appropriate technology, with an emphasis on equity, scientific thought and positive ecological values.
