



Curating Earth

The Practice of Everyday Architecture

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- A critical monograph on the work and design philosophy of INI Design Studio, exploring architecture and planning as an everyday, human-centric practice that bridges ecology, culture, and urban transformation across contemporary India, and beyond
- A dialogue-based monograph, offering a critical alternative to conventional project-led formats
- Structured around ten design drivers—frameworks guiding integrated design process, focused on context and performance-specific outcomes
- Features key projects across architecture, urban design, and planning
- Engages with urgent global themes: climate, urbanization, and shifting human needs
- Combines theory, practice, and reflection—from technē to contemporary design discourse
- Richly illustrated with drawings, photographs, and sketches
- Positions INI Design Studio within contemporary Global South practice with international relevance
- Targeted at architects, engineers, planners, academics, and design institutions
- A collectable, high-production volume for professional and academic audiences, as well as policy makers

Curating Earth: The Practice of Everyday Architecture reflects on two decades of design by INI Design Studio—not through a conventional monograph, but through a series of deeply reflective dialogues. What defines INI's ethos is not a fixed aesthetic language, but a set of ten design drivers that allow the studio to approach each project as uniquely situated. The "Design Drivers" are not rules, but lenses — flexible, evolving principles that respond to each project and its context. The dialogues — staged between architects, planners, theorists, and students — form the heart of the book. They critically examine these drivers and reveal how they are woven into everyday practice. As these exchanges show, INI does not merely describe buildings; it probes the values, constraints, and aspirations that give rise to them. Spanning approximately 35 projects and richly illustrated across 350 pages, the book explores how architecture can remain responsive in a time of ecological urgency, digital acceleration, and shifting human needs. It begins with ancient concepts like technē — the ethical, skillful practice of making — and moves through contemporary discussions on technology, sustainability, and aesthetics, ultimately returning to questions of beauty, justice, and the condition of being human, of being-in-the-world.

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