Celebrating Public Spaces of India

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- Explores the architectural, social, cultural and functional importance of public spaces within India's bustling cities
- A carefully curated list of vibrant landmarks across India
- Features nearly 180 color pictures, comprising stunning photographs and detailed plans

Celebrating Public Spaces of India is an attempt at understanding architecture as a defining feature in the identity of the 'public space' and its influence on evolving modes of urbanism in India. Through a carefully curated list of more than fifty vibrant landmarks across the length and breadth of India, this volume analyzes and highlights the socio-cultural functional strength of public spaces within the urban fabric of cities. Featuring evocative photographs and drawings, this volume strives to understand the mechanics of these built and open structures, and their influences on urban cityscapes. With insightful original research, the book is an invaluable resource for anyone wishing to understand the nature of the Indian urban public space.

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