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About

Founder-member of the Commonweal since its inception in 1991. Currently engaged in attempts to resist the enclosure of customary livelihoods and the commons. Studied inter-state migrant workers in construction in Chennai as part of a 5-city South Asian 'Urbanization-Migration Nexus' project by the LSE 2014-15. Visiting Faculty at the School of Planning & Architecture, Vijayawada, School of Architecture & Planning, Anna University and several other Schools of Architecture since 2001. Headed the State Government's Pilot Rural Housing Project [PRHP] implemented in five villages of Dindigul-Anna District, 1988-90. Architect with Ahmedabad Study Action Group's [ASAG] housing assistance programme for the tribal poor of Valod Taluk, Surat District, 1985-87.

Jury Statement

We are at a critical juncture in the history of our species, mired in multiple, overlapping and exploding crises, all of our own making. Foremost among these is the growth and development fetish that we have assiduously cultivated and promoted, distorting relationships among human societies and between man and nature at a scale where we have destabilized the climate and set off the sixth great extinction of all species. However, the combined heritage of our indigenous and peasant populations and the resilience of the commons that they have nurtured over millennia, present a real opportunity. This is why your initiative to turn the spotlight on the 'Nonurban' is extremely valuable. The way in which we read reality and our choices and actions flowing from this understanding will determine whether we have a future or not and I have seen young people intuitively groping for such a reorientation of our priorities and behavior. I look forward to seeing a flowering of like-minded, systemic and nurturing ideas through this appeal.