

Mumbai's gonna stand 'tall'!

Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH) has a history of transforming urban areas into high quality living and working neighbourhoods. For the last 40 years, there have been many feathers added to the CTBUH cap and the most notable thing to happen to our own Mumbai is that the CTBUH is organising their 41st year extravaganza in 2010 in Mumbai in conjunction with Remaking of Mumbai Federation (ROMF). Incidentally, the ROMF comprises eminent Indians, over 50 stakeholder associations and 9000 local members working on the 'Save Mumbai and Make Mumbai' mission.

At a glittering ceremony the other evening, where the who's who from the archi-



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itecture, planning and infrastructure industries were present, Lalit Gandhi, Chairman of the ROMF, made the formal announcement for the same. He spoke about the CTBUH 2010 'Remaking Sustainable Cities in the Vertical Age' conference to be held on February 3, 4 and 5, where delegates from around the world will engage with Indian professionals and developers for creating a World Class Urban renewal. The talk was on the realisation that in dense, congested

urban areas, there is no alternative but to go vertical to create more open space. But tall buildings are energy guzzlers and contribute to environmental pollution, hence the solution is to consider the design and sustainability of tall structures.

Also present at the event were Nana Chudasama, Sunil Mantri, Anand Gupta, Gul Kripalani, Mr Dharmadhikari and architects including Hafeez Contractor, Mukesh Mehta, Sen Kapadia, Manoj Daisaria, Akhtar Chauhan and Rajiv

Mishra. Shriya Kishore, PFMI-Earth 09, Dimple Patel, Miss Photogenic and Ishita Sarkar, Miss Golden Heart added the glam quotient to the event. Remaking of sustainable cities for the future has always been on CTBUH's agenda, and this is the first time that the conference is dedicated to Mumbai. For more information, log onto www.ctbuh2010-india.com.