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Manjari is a practising architect with a long list of successfully completed projects to her credit. She is a pioneer for the cause of **'security through architectural design'**, propagating the concepts of CPTED and counter terrorism through main stream architectural design not restricted to her country or region. This is her focus and subject of doctoral research. She has published many papers and blogs on the same (<http://msa.archi/blog/>) and the list is growing everyday. She has participated in many Indian and international conferences imbibing and contextualising all the knowledge for global benefit.

She is lecturing in many of the premium architectural schools of Delhi and participating in many of the national conferences to advocate the universal concepts of CPTED. Her passion has inspired many budding architects to undertake research in this brand new aspect of design in the national capital of India. Together with her team of likeminded youngsters, she is heading an Indian chapter of the International CPTED Association.

This **'Association for Building Security- India'** ([www.buildingsecurityindia.com](http://www.buildingsecurityindia.com)) is a not-for-profit society with many disparate projects underway. While they delve majorly into research and contextualisation of the CPTED concepts, they are also into public advocacy (with workshops and lectures), projects for the betterment of schools, market places, neighbourhoods and communities.

Manjari is also now a **Member of the Board of Directors of the Indian CPTED Association**. This strategically positions her and empowers her to strive towards the dissemination of knowledge about CPTED (specifically) and integrated/embedded forms of security in general in the vulnerable built environments of her country and the world.

The principle objective of the organisation and for Manjari individually is to dispel the myth that it is alien to architecture. The organisation is already steeped in some ground breaking research into the various theories and are in constant interaction with its global counterparts. They contribute as much to the global know-how with some ground breaking Indian stories, as learn from them. Through their efforts they hope to rescue the urban environment from the clutches of fear and improve the lives of all humanity.

She keeps in touch with the latest developments in her field by her various affiliations within and outside India. Her tie-ups with institutions like SWI (Security Watch India), IES (Indian Eye Security) and BDO India LLP are all based upon the practical implementation of her research thrusts. She is currently in the process of developing a system of **incentivisation of security** by her liaisons with like-minded agencies locally.