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The restoration of the monumental Vikram Sarabhai Library heralds an important step forward in the preservation of 20th century architecture in India. The linchpin of Louis Kahn's iconic Indian Institute of Management campus in Ahmedabad, the library was rehabilitated from a state of extensive material dilapidation. Through careful studies and extensive modelling, the conservation team has conquered a range of difficult technical challenges to extend the life of the composite brick and concrete structure with its distinctive geometric forms. The project has recovered configurations and uses of space in line with the architect's original vision, while upgrading functionality to ensure that the library is ready to meet contemporary requirements and provide universal access. With Modernist heritage enjoying increasing acclaim, but still facing the widespread threat of demolition, this initiative promises to have major policy impact within Ahmedabad and throughout India.

Award of Distinction

**Vikram Sarabhai Library
Indian Institute of Management
Ahmedabad, India**

Owner:

Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIM-A)

Organizations/Individuals Responsible for the Project:

**IIM-A (Pankaj Patel, Errol D'Souza, Manoj Bhatt,
Hanumappa Anilkumar, Pranaya Srivastava);
SNK (Brinda Somaya, Nandini Somaya Sampat, Homeyar Goiporia,
Ritika Jharia); TCS Foundation**

Architect / Designer / Consultant:

**Somaya & Kalappa Consultants (SNK);
Ghadiali & Raval; Indian Institute of Technology Madras;
S Gandhi Associates; Jhaveri Associates; Jones Lang LaSalle**

General Contractor:

**Savani Heritage Conservation Pvt. Ltd; Samir Construction Company;
Abhishek Interiors; S.A. Enterprise Pvt Ltd; BlueStar Ltd;
Vedant Engitech & Infrastructure Pvt.Ltd;
Akshar Fire & Safety**

