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Principal

Bachelor of Architecture from Bombay University, Sir J.J. College of Architecture 1989
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About: After working for 2 years in Bombay on numerous cooperative housing and commercial projects under senior architects she started her firm called **Archiden** based in Delhi and worked on various residential, institutional and hospital projects. The practice also included commercial and residential turnkey interiors. A keen traveller having cycled and walked through India she trained under a UNESCO funded programme on building with mud. She was selected and sponsored by SIDA for an international 'Architecture and Development' programme by Lund University, Sweden. Mona attended an executive course at Harvard University by Christoph Reinhart on Daylighting. Her passion is learning and teaching in a hands-on environment, decolonising architecture education. With 14+ years of rich experience teaching in premier institutions in visiting and permanent roles she sparks interest and enquiry. Her Ph.d. is a search for defining Indian parameters for urban design. Her guiding principle to understanding the built environment: what seems disorder for one may be a calculated higher order of organization for another. Simplistic solutions may look neat but have a high probability to entropy into chaos.