



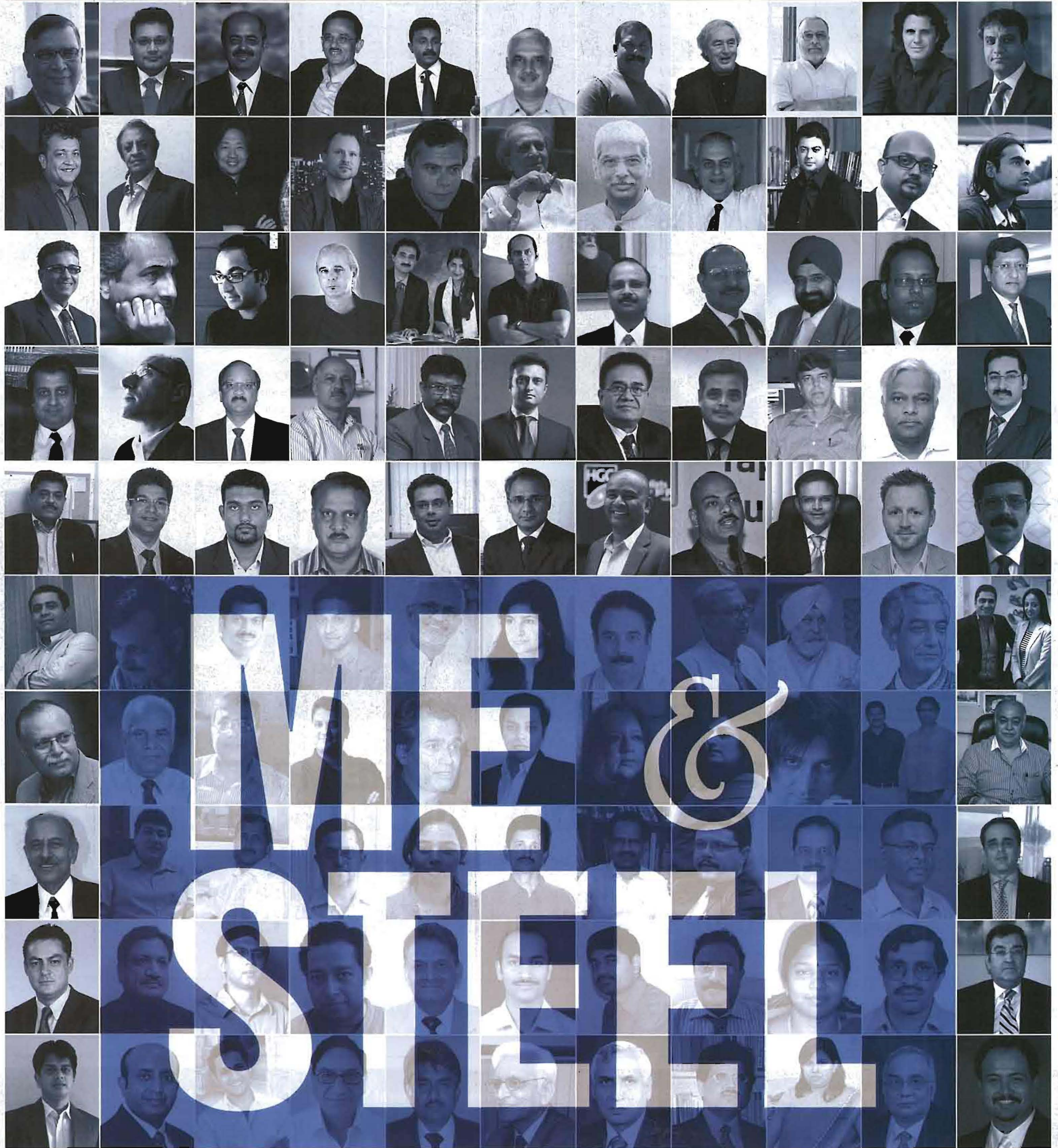
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This was the first steel building built at the university campus. For framed buildings in India one can either use concrete or steel. Personally, I prefer to use steel for a number of reasons that are connected with my own experiences and commitments. Being committed to expanding the awareness about green buildings in India, I prefer to use steel because it is entirely recyclable which concrete cannot be. In India, most clients are in a hurry to start. For those clients who are in an urgent hurry, I suggest using steel extensively as it is much faster in the building process. To make ever more beautiful buildings is the challenge of any architect. I love the elegance of steel, its slim lines, its ability to give large spans as well as its simplicity of lines.

CASTRO CAFE, JMI UNIVERSITY, NEW DELHI

A Cafeteria in a University Campus located near auditorium, cultural center, mass communication, was expected to become hub of all social activities of the Campus. Most student canteens in India are not air-

conditioned, and are often poorly ventilated, making them very hot and oppressive in the summer and very cold in the winters. This canteen was proposed as a semi open air café. This allowed having an ambient temperature for most of the year along with good ventilation, and a variety of degrees of shade from the climate. The design is truly unique and contemporary and we feel, will herald a new age of architecture for the University. As one walks along the length of the building westwards, initially the eating enclosure is defined by two walls and a roof, further still the sense of interior is defined by one wall and the roof, further still the space is articulated by only one wall, and yet further still, there is only the floor, and then that too stops continuing. Throughout this changing sense of interior and exterior, the eating surface and the seating surfaces continue, almost acting like stitches that tie this entire space together. All the elements of the building are defined distinctly and independent from each other. The walls don't touch the floor and the roof does not touch the walls.

