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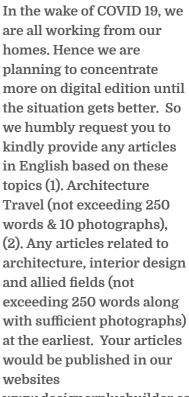
The pandemic for good or bad has reshaped the world as we know it. With trending hashtags working as awareness programs asking people to 'stay home', for the first time in the decades gone by, it is a fact that we have never been more connected as citizens of the world. This has led us to re-interpret the topic 'Transport Hubs, Integration, Networks' – transportation of ideas across space and time; integrating balance between work, domestic life and altruism; networks of mobility that are physical and virtual."

Our world is composed of fragmented islands of humanity, with physical boundaries that are sometimes also emotional and intellectual. However, such extraordinary times are seeing the lines on the maps diminishing.

Irrespective of the social distancing, our world is moving to an amorphous state, like a non-crystallized blob of humankind. While the means of mobility and networking connect, coalesce and complement each other, the process as made us more responsive and responsible towards our society.

Transport Hubs are critical junctions, nodes in such networks. Presently, these hubs are the arteries of physical mobility through highways, airways, railways and waterways. In contrast to this satisfying present, the demanding future would witness superhighways of information and data, the congregation of service providers and sophisticated support functions. An ideal model would be an eco-system, which combines the activities of the present with the technology of the future, in a manner that is seamless yet distinctly identifiable and functions as a standalone micro-cosmos, self-sustained yet modular.

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