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Minnette de Silva, Sri Lanka's first woman architect, left a lasting legacy with her pioneering design that combined tradition and modernism

Minnette de Silva was an internationally recognised architect, considered the pioneer of the modern architectural style in Sri Lanka. De Silva was a fellow of the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects. De Silva was the first Sri Lankan woman to be trained as an architect and the first Asian woman to be elected an associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) in 1948. She was also the first Asian representative of CIAM in 1947 and was one of the founding members of the Architectural publication Marg. Later in her life, she was awarded the SLIA Gold Medal for her contribution to Architecture in particular her pioneering work developing a 'regional modernism for the tropics'.

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HAFT RANG

Shiraz, in Iran, is a city of many panoramic views and also the birthplace of the famed seven colour tiles or haft rang tiles, come explore with us...

Shiraz is known as the city of poets, gardens, wine, nightingales and flowers. The crafts of Shiraz consist of inlaid mosaic work of triangular design, silver-ware, carpet-weaving, and the making of the rugs called gilim (Shiraz Kilim) and the blanket called Jajim in the villages and among the tribes. The city is one of the key tourism sites in Iran, and its cultural heritage, its beautiful architecture, especially its tiling history is of global importance. One of the most important handicrafts of Shiraz, the capital of Fars Province, is a seven-color tile, the Haft Rang, a type of tile belonging to the Islamic era architecture. The design and use of seven-color tiles do not have a specific history, but the evidence obtained indicates that seven-color tiles were used to construct the colossal building of Persepolis and works made during the Achaemenid period.

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