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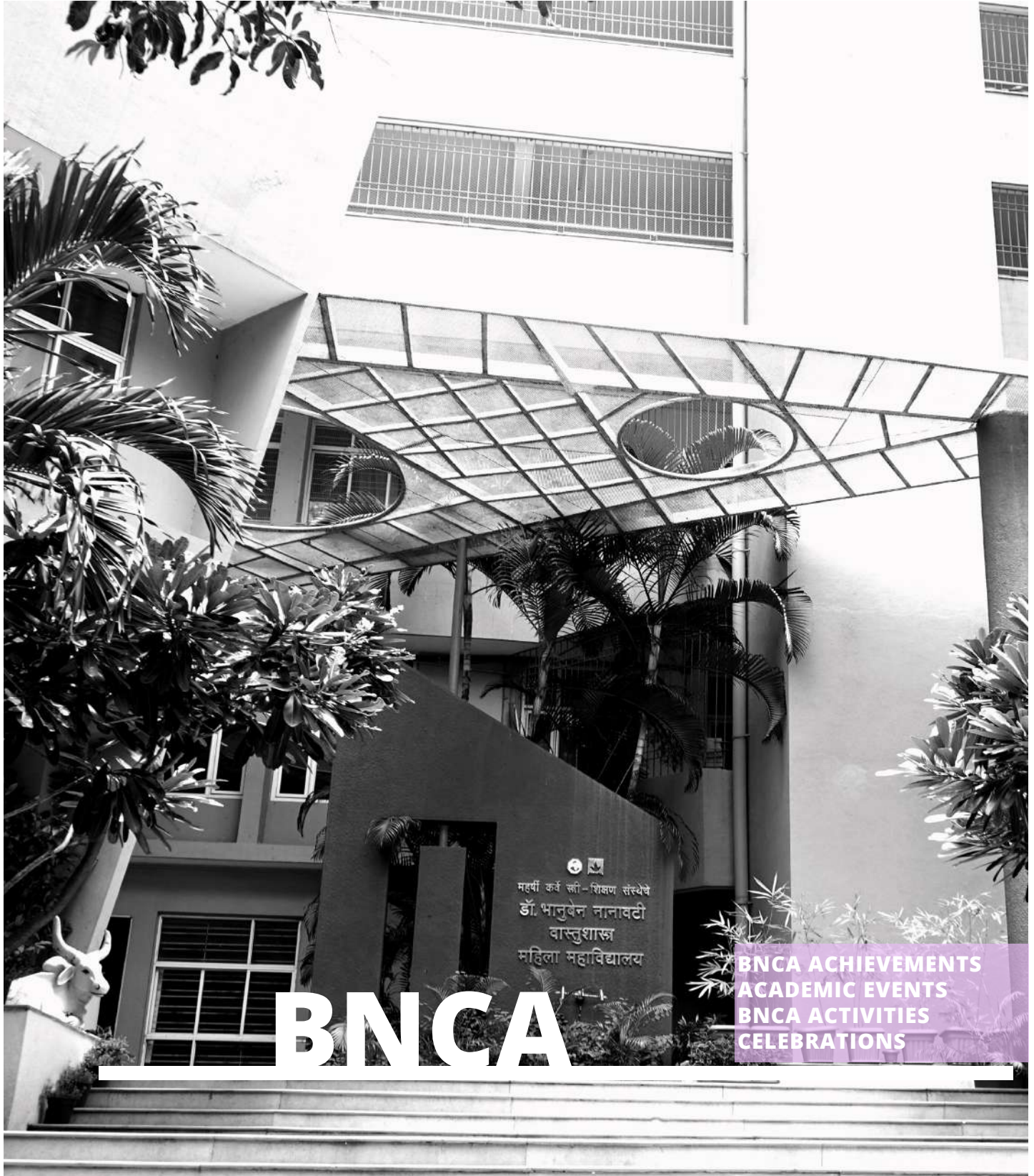
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Team BNCA visits Liverpool John Moores University under British Council's 'Going Global' Partnership programme

MKSSS's Dr. B. N. College of Architecture, Pune has received a funding of around 33000GBP under British Council's Going Global Partnership programme.

An Academia-industry consortium is formed among Liverpool John Moores University, LJMU UK, MKSSS's Dr. B. N. College of Architecture, Pune, Pune Construction Engineering Research Foundation PCERF, and Rohan Developers Pvt. Ltd.

Dr. Anupa Manewa from LJMU, UK, and Dr. Vaishali Anagal, BNCA, Pune, as co-applicant had applied for research funding.

The objective of the Going Global Partnership programme is to promote collaboration and innovation in teaching and learning and facilitate Transnational Education in Higher Education Institutions between India and the UK.

The overarching aim of the Going Global Partnerships programme is to catalyse new teaching and learning partnerships that will allow more Indian students to experience the UK education system and global learning approaches.

The Indian construction industry is the second largest employer of the country and contributes 9% to the economy. The sector employs 44 million workers; however, skill gaps in terms of both the shortage and mismatch is identified as one of the dominant concerns which needs

immediate attention.

The new jobs arriving into the market along with the innovative technologies, need reskilling/upskilling to facilitate the market demand and the standards. The magnitude of the problem is further highlighted in 'Future of Jobs in India' (2022) by confirming that more than 50% of workforce will need to be reskilled to meet the demands of the evolving employability. Therefore, the skill demand and existing skill gap in the construction industry needs to be identified and appropriate mechanisms need to be developed.

Under this program, a one year post graduate diploma course will be developed to offer apprenticeship programs that offer a combination of education and skills to the student, creating an innovative employer funded financing model.



Team BNCA at the Everton Football Stadium Site, UK

In a way, the linking of the higher education degrees to the learning-by-doing and learning-while-earning will be possible to make higher education more inclusive and demand-driven. The National Education Policy India (2020) endorses apprenticeship schemes while claiming that the unemployability of graduates is higher than that of other youth.

The programme aims to develop a knowledge and skills hub and a top-up degree course to cater to the skill crisis in the Indian construction sector.

The curriculum will be developed by identifying the skills gap through initial research in the construction industry.

The apprentices will be given an option of completing their degrees either in India or UK. The course will be open for the students from both cognate and non-cognate disciplines. The students from deprived and disadvantaged communities and differently abled, will be encouraged. In the stage 1 of the research, interviews with experts from construction industry including architects, developers, construction project managers, facility managers, and civil engineers were conducted.



Demonstration on SPOT DOG- Dr. Lyath Kraidi, LJMU

The objectives of the interviews were to identify current knowledge and skills gaps, to investigate reasons of the industry-academia skills gaps, to analyze the issues faced by industries due to the knowledge and skills gaps in their current employees and to understand the possible mechanisms to bridge the industry-academia skills gaps.



The 'Going Global' partnership program



Dr. Vaishali presenting the research findings



With Mr Shaun McKee at Tetra Tech

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'Training the Trainers' program for BNCA at Liverpool John Moores University, UK

A 3-day 'Training the Trainers' program was organized by Dr. Anupa Manewa at Liverpool John Moores University, UK between 23rd May 2023 and 25th May 2023.

Dr. Anurag Kashyap, Principal, BNCA, Dr. Vaishali Anagal, project coordinator, Dr. Sujata Karve, Dr. Sharvey Dhongde as Indian Academic partners and Engg. Jayant Inamdar as representative of Industry partner, PCERF, Pune visited LJM, UK for this training program. The visit included research activities and site visits to construction projects.

The BNCA team of professors visited Everton Football stadium site. Quantity Surveyor Racheal Jack and Digital engineer Anisha Begum presented the digital management of the construction project. Mr. Steve, project manager explained the construction technology used for the project during the site visit.

Later, Prof. Vaishali Anagal presented the research findings of the stage 1 research conducted by BNCA team. A meeting was conducted between BNCA team and Dr. Jin Wang, FET Research Director at LJM to discuss the future collaborations for research projects.

Shaun McKee, Senior Quantity Surveyor at Tetra Tech presented the apprenticeship program at Tetra Tech. The BNCA team discussed with him on skill challenges in construction industry and apprenticeship program. A demonstration on SPOT DOG, a



Maritime Simulator at LJM

walking indoor and outdoor 3D scanner was conducted by Dr. Layth Kraid, LJM.

BNCA team and Dr. Keith George, vice chancellor - Research, LJM, Dr. Ndy Ekere, Dean - FET, and Dr. Mike Riley - Director CECB discussed the future collaborations between BNCA and the department of built environment at LJM for joint research projects, twinning programs, joint studios etc. Team BNCA presented their publications to the LJM team. The BNCA team visited the Maritime simulator at LJM and had an hands on experience on Maritime Simulator. Later, Dr. Helen Jermark presented their current research project in Astrophysics to BNCA faculty.

BNCA team visited the department Architecture at LJM and had a meeting with Dr. Ian Wroot, Head of Architecture and Arts and Design department, where he presented works of undergraduate and post graduate students.

Team BNCA visited the studios of graduate and post graduate programs in arts, fashion technology and Architecture and also the fab lab, wood working lab and other labs at the Architecture department. There was a detailed discussion on the research agenda of both institutes, future collaborations for joint



Construction project site at Rickmansworth studios, workshops, joint research, students' exchange, consortium with industry partners, dual degrees, twinning programs between BNCA and Department of Architecture at LJM, as a part of outcomes of the on-going research project funded by the British Council.

An MoU of collaboration for conducting these activities is under process which will be established in the purview of the National Education Policy 2020.

BNCA team also visited a construction project site at Rickmansworth executed by Kier Constructions, a leading construction company in the UK.

Common research areas identified for future collaborations were Housing technologies, De-carbonization and net zero energy construction practices, Research on construction materials, especially clay, for façade design in collaboration with industry partners, Adaptable and flexible housing, reuse through adaptations, Urban Design- Contextual response, use of Virtual Reality technology for teaching, learning and collaborative design processes.

This training programme gave BNCA faculty and industry representative an exposure to construction practices, technological advances, integration of digital technologies in construction, safety parameters, construction project management practices adopted in UK. It also offered an exposure to advanced technologies used for teaching-learning at undergraduate, and post-graduate programs and for research.



LJM-BNCA Teams



Dr. Kashyap, Dr. Ian Wroot and Dr. Inamdar

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Dr. Kashyap receiving the prestigious Award

The Center for Educational Development Administration (CEDA) established by renowned educationists recently gave away “The Best Innovative Teaching College” award to Dr. Maharshi Karve Stree Shikshan Samstha’s Dr. Bhanuben Nanavati College of Architecture for Women (BNCA). Principal Dr. Anurag Kashyap was honored with the award, at the hands of Vice Chancellor of SNDT University, Dr. Ujjwala Chakradev.

In this felicitation ceremony President of CEDA Prof. Dr. Anirudh Deshpande, President, Progressive Education Society, Gajanan Ekbote and Council of Architecture President Abhay Purohit were present. In her speech, Dr. Chakradeo said that Dr. Kashyap’s visionary leadership took the institute to a global level by signing academic agreements (MoUs) with 57 international Universities.

CEDA also awarded Dr. Vijayalaxmi Kulkarni of Modern college of Commerce and Dr. Jyotsna Ekbote, Principal of Modern college of Engineering for their achievements in their respective fields of work.



Dr. Kashyap addressing the audience

Immersive Design Lab (IDL) and Digital Fabrication Lab (DFL) inaugurated at BNCA

On 21st April BNCA had arranged a function for felicitating Ar. Abhay Purohit and Ar. Gajanand Ram on respectively being newly elected as President and Vice president of CoA. On this occasion, the refurbished Digital Fabrication Lab at BNCA (DFL) was inaugurated at the hands of Mr. Atul Chordia Chairman of Panchshil Realty, while Immersive Design Lab (IDL) at BNCA was inaugurated at the hands of Mr. Ranjit Naiknavare, President CREDAI Pune.

Dr. Anurag Kashyap, Principal BNCA, Er. Jayant Inamdar, Member, Managing Committee MKSSS, Architect Abhay Purohit President Council of Architecture (CoA) Gajanand Ram, Vice-President, CoA were present on the occasion.



Book Release at the hands of the dignitaries

Two books, one, on ‘Learning Basic Design’ by Ar. Pradnya Chauhan and the other titled ‘Columbia: India Outside India’ by Dr Ujjwala Palsule were released on this occasion at the hands of the guests.

Mr. Atul Chordia said that Architectural education should involve some lessons of project management. There is a need to bridge the gap in the production cycle of the



Inauguration of the Immersive Design Lab

construction industry.

Ranjeet Naiknavare, President Credai Pune said that this college reflects the vision of innovation which is going beyond the curriculum. DFL and Immersive lab is a testament of that. Real Estate today needs a lot of innovative ideas. Citing the example of Credai, he said Pune has always been a knowledge leader in real estate fraternity as well.

Our newer generation in this field are very keen to learn from global leaders, adapt it and give seamless experience to customers. To be able to deliver on time, we need to adopt newer technologies. Therefore we need to collaborate with colleges like BNCA to adopt innovative methods. Dr. Anurag Kashyap, Principal BNCA said that the labs are a reflection of our quest to establish the latest digital design, fabrication, and visualization facilities.



After the Digital Fab Lab inauguration

This will enhance our capacity to innovate and establish future relevance by reimagining the architectural discipline and being future ready and make our professional collaborations much more impactful. Immersive Design Lab (IDL) is a space equipped with advanced virtual and augmented reality technologies that allow the students & professors to create, design, and experience



Team BNCA with CoA President and VP

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virtual environments before manufacturing or implementing them in the real world.

Immersive Design labs use a combination of virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR), and mixed reality (MR) technologies to create highly interactive and engaging digital experiences.

Immersive design labs are commonly used in fields such as architecture, product design, gaming, and education.

The Digital Fabrication Lab at BNCA incrementally developed since 2010, is a specialized workshop equipped with advanced digital manufacturing tools, such as 3D printers, laser cutters, CNC routers, and robotic arms. These tools enable the students, professors & researchers to transform digital designs into physical objects, allowing for rapid prototyping, customization, and production of complex geometries.

Enthusiastic local response to BNCA Rasta Peth Cluster redevelopment workshop

BNCA successfully conducted a two day "Public Participatory workshop on Cluster Redevelopment of Rasta Peth" under Council of Architecture Urban Study Research Project, based on the Housing studio led by Dr. Vaishali Anagal with her tutor team and 40 students of the studio, with the encouragement of BNCA Principal Dr. Anurag Kashyap.

Citizens of this neighborhood enthusiastically registered their



The student team with the Rasta Peth Model



Inauguration of the Workshop

participation in the activity.

On this occasion, while interacting with the local citizens, it was observed that the citizens also now feel that the idea of redevelopment is appropriate due to the increasing population and inconvenience in the area.

The workshop had an exhibition of the design panels, 3D physical model as well as a virtual reality model of the proposed development.

The residents of Rasta Peth navigated through the virtual model with the Oculus and their mental mapping was simultaneously done to note their reaction to the proposed redevelopment design of Rasta Peth. Council of Architecture President Prof. Abhay Purohit and Ar. Gajanand Ram, Vice President inaugurated the workshop.

Bharatiya Janata Party leader Dr. Medha Kulkarni, Study Project Head Dr. Vaishali Angal, as well as Dr. Sharvey Dhongde, Dr. Sujata Karve, Prof. Chaitanya Peshave, Prof. Nikita Oak, Prof. Suresh Modak, Prof. Sonali Malvankar, Dr. Swati Sahasrabuddhe, Prof. Deva Prasad and Prof. Mahesh Bangad from BNCA were present.

BNCA Principal Dr. Kashyap said that the students and professors have prepared this laudable project with



Students-Citizen interaction

hard work and great determination. It is a matter of happiness and pride for us that this will repay the debt of the society.

President of the COA, Prof. Abhay Purohit said that they had selected nine proposals out of 75 project proposals submitted to COA at the college level on various urban issues across the country. It includes Rasta Peth redevelopment project.

The observations and findings of this research project will be scrutinized and published in a national level research journal. Based on that, a national policy regarding cluster redevelopment will also be suggested to the central government.

Like Rasta Peth in Pune, group redevelopment in old settlements in many cities of the country is the need of the hour and it will help realize the dream of an advanced India.

Project Head Dr. Angal said that we have prepared this educational project for around 2200 families living in eight hectares of Rasta Peth and It will not affect any religious places with historical heritage. Also, its implementation can provide relief to the residents of poor and middle class settlements in other cities of the country in the future.

Also, through this group redevelopment, it will be possible to create parks in the new open spaces by keeping the old trees in the area and making it more green.

Most of the citizens of Rasta Peth who participated in BNCA's workshop said that since 1980, many problems are arising due to the increasing



Students explaining their work to the citizens

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population and the ever increasing settlements and also the increasing garbage in the area.

At present, only the garden in Somwar Peth is available for children to play. There is an urgent need for open spaces and parks for senior citizens and children. If group redevelopment is beneficial, efforts should be made to make it a reality and it needs to be made feasible for implementation. People are staying here due to their affection for the area and close ties with their neighbours.

Dr. Medha Kulkarni appreciated all the students who worked on this study project. She said that for the implementation of such a good study project, the local citizens must unite. If that happens, the government will also remain positive.

Lecture on 'The History of Women's education in India since the Vedic period'



Dr. Sucheta Paranjape

On the occasion of World Heritage Day and the 165th birth anniversary of BharatRatna Maharshi Dhondo Keshav Karve, BNCA Center for Cultural studies had arranged a lecture on the "history of women's education in India since the Vedic period".

The speaker was Dr. Sucheta Paranjape who is a teacher and researcher of international acclaim and has a research background of the Vedic period. The session started with the felicitation of Dr. Paranjape at the hands of Dr. Shubhada Kamalapurkar.

Dr. Vaishali Latkar, the center



Awards for the Photography Competition co-ordinator, Dr. Sharvey Dhongde and Prof. Saurabh Marathe were present for this session.

A photography competition had been organized by the Center for Cultural Studies and the winning students Samiksha Bhosale, Shravani Dhumane and Ojas Kulkarni were awarded certificates at the hands of Dr. Paranjape.

In her speech she said that the strong tradition of women's education, which has become an integral part of life since the Vedic period five thousand years ago, was mainly stopped or reduced due to various foreign invasions.

Brahmavadinis or learned women during the Upanishads include Sula-bha, Gargi and Maitreyi. Mathematician Bhaskaracharya wrote his treatise 'Lilavati' on mathematics while teaching mathematics to his daughter 'Lilavati'. Co-education of boys and girls was in existence even at that time. Parents had given their daughters the freedom to choose a partner for marriage and had faith in their choice and understanding.

It was through faith and this freedom given to them that society had matured. The texts of Yajnavalkya and Vasistha Rishi also emphasize on women's education.

Later in the 4th century AD, Chanakya emphasized on giving special training to widows, poor women and courtesans in different fields along with women's education.

In modern times, women's education has flourished more than anywhere else in Maharashtra and especially in the city of Pune.

In that sense, our daughters are lucky and it has created a changing society, Dr. Paranjape said.

Online session on Building Material Stewardship

An online session open to all BNCA students and faculty, by Prof. (Dr.) Antonio Lobato Santos from Lisbon School of Engineering, Portugal, on Building Material Stewardship was organized by Dr. Sujata Mehta on 20th April, 2023, Thursday at 3pm. Prof. Antonio is an Architect and Assistant Professor at Faculdade de Arquitetura - Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal.



Prof. Dr. Antonio Lobato Santos

His research is focused on building material stewardship, both by provision of adaptability or flexibility in new buildings or by preservation of existing materials and elements in new settings.

Guest session and demo for 2nd year students on Drone Technology

A guest session on 'Introduction to Advanced Mapping using Drones' was arranged for the 2nd year B. Arch students for the subject Site Survey and Analysis on April 19th.

They learnt about how to use drone



The students, Teachers and session Mentors



Students manouvering the drone

technology for mapping and various architectural applications. A demonstration was arranged with live case examples and mapping of the campus was demonstrated. The training team from ISDS Drone Center was Prof. Nidhi Dixit, Prof. Namrata Dhamankar, Saurabh Sable and Nikhil Yadav. The session was an outcome of the initiative by Dr. Sujata Mehta, Prof. Preeti Namjoshi and Prof. S.M. Deo.

Seminar by Dr. Madhuri Kashyap on Young Women's Health



Dr. Madhuri Kashyap addressing the audience

On the occasion of World Health Day, a seminar on Young Women's Health by Dr. Madhuri Kashyap was organized for BNCA students and faculty. The seminar was held on 12th April, Wednesday, at 2.30pm in the BNCA auditorium.

Dr. Madhuri, an MBBS & MD – Obstetrics & Gynaecology from B. J. Medical College, has her nursing home at Bibwewadi.

360 students and all faculty attended this seminar.

Many young women are struggling these days with health issues which are primarily due to unscheduled routine and eating habits. Many architecture students face this issue



Dr. Kashyap felicitating Dr. Madhuri Kashyap causing hindrance in their academics as well as at personal health level. Dr. Kashyap addressed these issues and broadly gave guidelines on how one can focus on health and attain a healthy lifestyle for a better future. The objective of this seminar was to sensitize young women about the importance of health and healthy lifestyle and to spread awareness about the various lifestyle related health issues and conditions like PCOD, PCOS etc.

She shared guidelines to attain a healthy lifestyle based on health and nutrition principles.

The organizing team for the seminar was Dr. Dhruv Chandwania, Prof. Kanchan Atnurkar and Prof. Ketaki Kadam.

'Re Imagining Urban Voids' activity at MKSSS's Campus

An online teacher's training program on "Reimagining Urban Voids", was hosted by the Council of Architecture Training and Research Centre in association with Brick School of Architecture, Pune. It culminated in a campaign for "Catalysing Change in the Built Environment".

Amongst the 10 projects selected by COA and Brick school, BNCA Urban Voids Project was selected.



Wall painting with a window theme



Students with their work

This was the right opportunity to enhance the quality of spaces from within the MKSSS campus itself and the intervention was named as "Revitalising the spaces of Educational Campus: Maharshi Karve Stree Shikshan Samstha (MKSSS) Campus". The project was led by Dr. Shubhada Kamalapurkar, Ar. Madhuri Zite and Ar. Ketaki Kadam along with active participation of 4th year and 3rd year B. Arch students of BNCA.

Some intervention areas were specifically for school children, more relevant to their scale, turning it into a fun and learn place, with possibilities



Making the pathway colorful

of outdoor teaching-learning while some other areas were developed to become a catalyst for community engagement and awareness about best practices of managing, recycling and upcycling waste.

The site was chosen near Mahilashram high school in the MKSSS campus and the students and teachers were involved in drawing



Students and Mentors captured together

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competition and small activities.

The other contributors were Maharashtra Karve Stree Shikshan Samstha authorities, Vastu Vyavastha, redevelopment wing of MKSSS and the Waste management wing of PMC.

This activity helped identify which are the neglected areas of the campus and need to be rejuvenated.

The Cummins Engineering College Workshop was used for creating the props used in the activity. The active involvement of all stakeholders and their positive approach towards the intervention brought in a strong sense of ownership and an equally strong sense of satisfaction.

Joint workshop: M.Arch Landscape, BNCA & MIT Masters in interior space and furniture



The workshop participants at BNCA

A joint workshop between M.Arch Landscape (BNCA) & Masters in Interior space and furniture (MIT) on "Ideation to Prototype"- designing a product in a Landscape setting, was held on 17th & 18th April at BNCA and on 25th & 26th April at MIT Campus, Pune.

It was a hands-on collaborative workshop that focused on evolving an approach for designing prototypes for benches, signages and outdoor drinking water fountains in the landscape setting of MKSSS's Camus, Karve nagar, Pune and visualizing them through various digital and handcrafted media. 31 students and 8 faculty from both the institutes participated in this workshop.

The workshop was conducted by 3 resource persons, namely Ms. Aditi



The workshop participants at MIT

Agrawal – Outdoor Kids & Urban Furniture Expert

Ar. Yogesh Dandekar – Wayfinding and Public Interest Design Expert

Mr. Sundeep Naik – Water Fountain Design Expert.

The industry has become multidisciplinary and therefore joint studios are great opportunities for students to understand different approaches.

It was indeed great opportunity for students to learn from each other and work together as a team.

Students made a good presentable output and also learned new skill sets from each other from ideation of prototype to actually making the prototypes on a scale of 1:5.



Students making the scaled models at MIT

37th Vanaja session on LANDSCAPES OF CAMBODIA by Dr. Ajit Vartak

The lecture was based on the landscapes, natural resources and ancient history of Cambodia and how it influences the architecture of Cambodia.

The ancient archeological and historic background of Cambodia was lucidly explained with visuals, by Dr. Ajit Vartak in his presentation.

Dr. Ajit Vartak has obtained his PhD. from Savitribai Phule Pune University



Dr. Vartak conducting the session

one of the foremost universities in India. His chief interest is paleontology and he has worked on Ammonites from the Cretaceous deposits of South India.

He served on the teaching staff in the Department of Geology, at Nowrosjee Wadia College, Pune, for



Dr. Vartak with the Vanaja Team

33 years and has also received his Master's Degree in Indology. He is a Limca Book of Records holder for his personal collection of fossils. He has been interviewed on television channels 'Saam' and 'Etv'.

He is a life member of Maharashtra Vriksha Samvardhini, Pune and The International Collectors Society of Rare Items, Pune, Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune and Marathi Vidyan Parishad, Pune. It was indeed a great opportunity for BNCA students to interact with him through this session.

Technical Seminar at BNCA by Dr. Sunita Jahirabadkar on World IPR Day

World IPR Day is celebrated on 26th April. To commemorate this day, BNCA's Research and Innovation Cell had organized a technical seminar from 3 pm on Tuesday, 25th April, at the BNCA seminar hall.



The Session in progress

The guest speaker was Dr. Sunita Jahirabadkar, who is a Professor in Computer Engineering Department at MKSSS's Cummins College of Engineering. She is the Dean of the Research & Development department. She has authored more than 20 research papers and has won "Women in Science and Innovation" and IP Recognition awards.

Her session started with the basics of what is intellectual property and what comes under its purview, giving examples that we encounter in our day to day lives.



Dr. Sunita conducting the session

She also gave the examples of famous lawsuits pertaining to intellectual property, that have grabbed world attention.

It was an eye opening session, conducted very well by the speaker in a lucid manner, that was easy to understand for everyone.

On this occasion, Dr. Shubhada introduced the 'Institutions Innovation Council' to the audience.



Felicitating Dr. Sunita Jahirabadkar

Lecture by Ar. Karan Puranik from Zaha Hadid Architects

Department of Digital architecture, BNCA had organized a lecture by Ar. Karan Puranik from Zaha Hadid Architects under the Global Connect_Engage_Exchange Lecture Series, on 25th April at 9.30 am in the BNCA Auditorium. He addressed the students regarding career opportunities.

Karan Puranik is an Architect and a Designer at internationally renowned architectural firm Zaha Hadid Architects based in London. Karan has pursued Msc in Digital Architecture at the University of Sheffield.



Ar. Karan Puranik

His study and work focuses on utilizing computational tools to create generative designs and to enhance the design process through efficient user experience modelling techniques. The session was particularly useful for the fourth and final year students.

BNCA Architectural Design Mega Jury on 11th April 2023

A mega jury was organized for Architectural Design for the second, third and fourth year students of BNCA on Tuesday, 11th April 2023.

There were two types of juries. One was in the classroom, for 38 students of that particular studio, while 2 best students from each studio gave a special jury to a panel of teachers. The studio tutors had identified the 2 best students. There were 4 panel juries. Each panel examined 2 students each from second, third and fourth year studios.

The jury members were Architectural Design faculty across all the years. After giving their own jury, students could move about and watch the juries of their classmates and of the other academic years in the respective classrooms and the panel juries. A lot of meticulous work went into organizing this jury for approximately 480 students of BNCA. The organizing team was led by prof. Saili Andhare and assisted by Prof. Ketaki Kadam and Prof. Kanchan Atnurkar. Apart from the students getting an exposure to comments from other design teachers, the design tutors also got insights into the work being done by the other studios across the years.

World Landscape Architecture Month WLAM celebration

BNCA Department of Landscape Architecture initiated and celebrated WLAM from 28th to 30th April. Participants were to create a "1min" reel on what Landscape Architecture means to them and their experience at LA BNCA.

They had to post it on instagram or facebook tagging LA dept of BNCA at [bncalandscapearchitecture](https://www.instagram.com/bncalandscapearchitecture).

Research paper by BNCA faculty Prof. Preeti Namjoshi

A research paper titled "Application of Genetic Programming for Predicting Bond Strength of Concrete" authored by BNCA faculty Prof. Preeti Namjoshi and Dr. S.G. Joshi has been accepted in 5th International Conference on Recent Advancements in Engineering and Technology (ICRAET-2023)

Prof. Preeti teaches the subject 'Theory of structures' at BNCA and is a team member of "Structures Cell" at BNCA.

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BNCA Architectural Design Project (ADP) Interim Jury on 26th April 2023



Thesis Jury with BNCA Faculty

The Architectural Design project ADP interim jury was held on 26th April 2023. It was a day long event from 8am to 4pm. All the jury members were BNCA Alumni who have made their mark in the field.

The juries were organized by the ADP team led by Dr. Dhruv Chandwania and assisted by Prof. Sourabh Marathe and Prof. Nishigandha Sakhardande.

It was a refreshing change to have BNCA Alumni on board as jurors.

The jurors were Ar. Supriya Abhyankar, Ar. Amruta Pathak, Ar. Vishakha Deshmukh, Ar. Tanvi Chavan, Ar. Nina-da Kashyap, Ar. Madhura Rasane, Ar. Priyanka Lokhande, Ar. Anuja Inamdar, Ar. Nupur Chinchkhede, Ar. Samvedna Jadhav, Ar. Shravani Shirke, Ar. Vinita Lulla, Ar. Pooja Ghorpade, Ar. Bhavana Chinchwade and Ar. Nidhi Rathi.

The external jurors were paired up with the eight ADP moderators and other Architectural Design faculty from BNCA. Each pair examined around eight to ten students.

The day started with breakfast organized in the boardroom for the external jury as well as the internal faculty



Dr. Dhruv briefing the jury members

members who were a part of the jury. The juries began after a short briefing by Dr. Dhruv Chandwania.

Lunch was organized for all the jury members in the BNCA Boardroom where they all could interact with Dr. Kashyap.

It was like a mini reunion for the teachers and the past students with fond memories being recalled.

The inputs given to the students by the jury members, were to the point and extremely valuable in helping them to gear up for the University final exams scheduled at the end of May.



Thesis Jury interacting with Dr. Kashyap



BNCA CELEBRATIONS

Ambedkar Jayanti celebrated at BNCA by Equal Opportunity Cell BNCA



Dr. Ambedkar : April 1891- Dec 1956

Ambedkar Jayanti was celebrated at BNCA on Wednesday 13th April by paying tribute to Bharatratna Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar on his 132nd birth anniversary.

The session was organized by the "BNCA Equal Opportunity Cell" headed by Dr. Meera Shirolkar.

In the session held at the Seminar Hall, Dr. Kashyap addressed the students about the importance of equality in the field of education. Through examples, he stressed on the importance of getting an opportunity for education and making the best of it through perseverance. It proved to be an engaging session for all students.

Birthday Celebrations in April 2023



Celebrating Mrs. Ranjana Chavan's Birthday Library staff Mrs. Ranjana Chavan's Birthday was celebrated in the BNCA circular courtyard.

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