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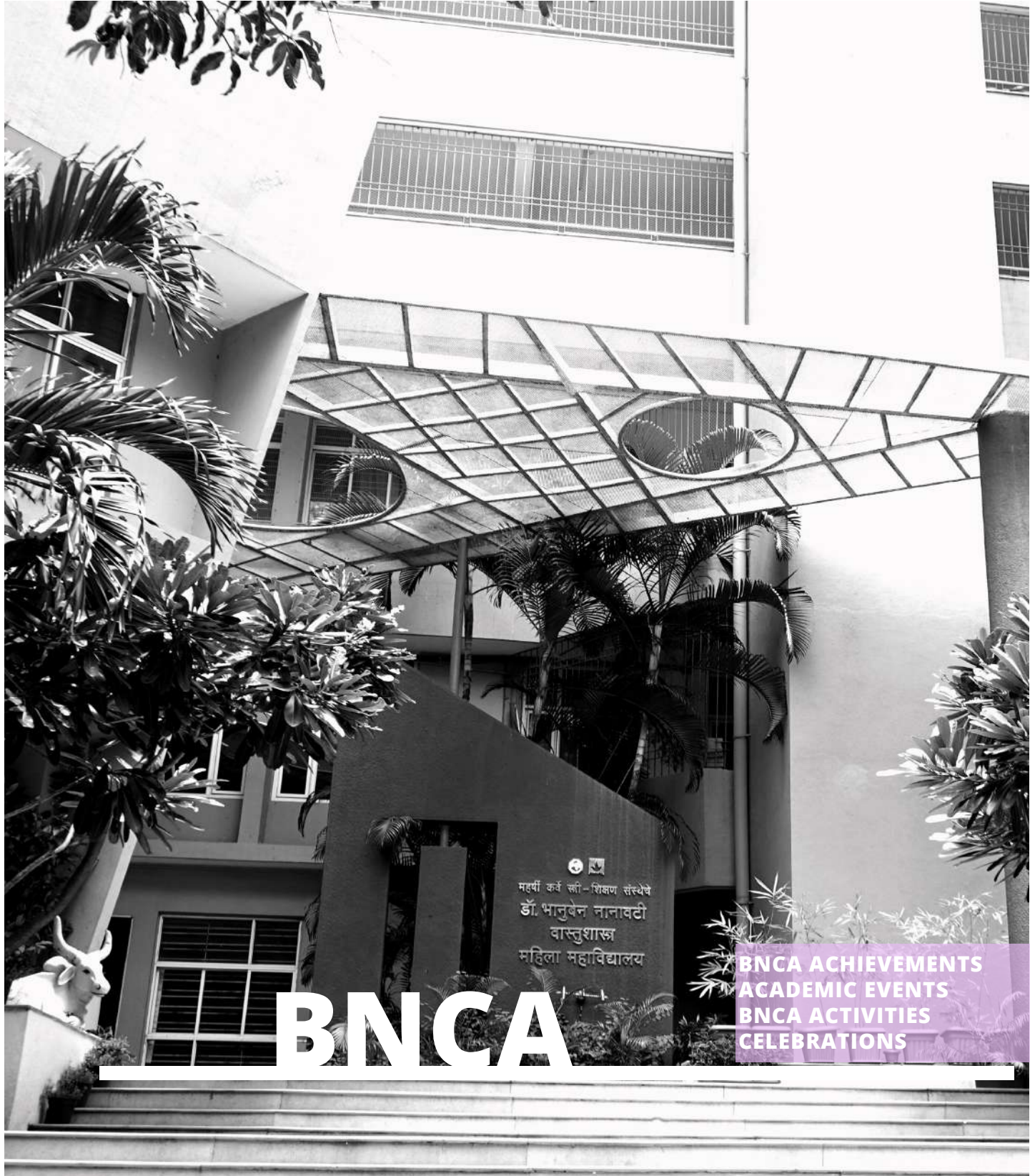
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# BNCA

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### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

#### BNCA student Sejal Tote receives SPPU Sports Scholarship



Student Sejal Tote

Student of MKSSS's BNCA, Miss. Sejal Tote of fourth year B. Arch has received a Sports Scholarship from SPPU for securing first place in Rollball tournaments at All India University level for representing Savitribai Phule Pune University.

#### BNCA celebrated its 29th Foundation Day on 8th August 2023

The 29th Foundation Day of BNCA was celebrated on Tuesday, 8th August 2023.

The celebrations began at 2pm with a mass recital of the Samstha's Ashramgeet in the circular courtyard in the presence of all students, teaching and non-teaching staff.

This was followed by the cake cutting ceremony and inauguration of the Architectural Design Project 2023 (ADP) Thesis exhibition at the hands of the Vice Principal Dr. Sharvey Dhongde. The exhibition was scheduled to be open till 5th September.

After this, everybody made their way to the auditorium where the



Cake cutting ceremony

badging ceremony of the student council took place.

All Division Co ordinators (HoDs) class teachers and Portfolio heads were called upon stage to hand over the badges to the students.

The students proudly displayed the badges with the promise of fulfilling all duties associated with their respective positions in the students council, that has a strength of 121 this academic year.



Badging of Kaladhaar heads



Badging of Alumni heads



Badging of Newsletter heads

The architectural design project ADP thesis exhibition hosted by BNCA exhibited top thesis projects of the fifth-year students. This exhibition aimed to address the social, cultural, political and economic aspects through the designs. Panels of 16 students that were put up, intended to begin a discussion about impact of architectural interventions, their need and the way forward.

The panels exhibited different building typologies and represented cultural, structural, recreational, political restatement and emerging technologies for evolution of built environment through the projects. The outreach exhibition was a medium to understand and start a dialogue about potential of design to address various aspects of built environment, cities and their socio-cultural interrelationships.



Badging of General Secretaries



ADP Exhibition of 2023



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The exhibition lasted for a month, where it was visited by students of all the years, parents and professionals. The students whose works were displayed were Divya Saboo, Maitreyee Prabhudesai, Ayushi Toraskar, Urvashi Vijwade, Tejal Takalkar, Shweta Bansal, Nivedita Raghawan, Snehal Kinikar, Isha Nagar, Samrudhi Sheth, Isha Parmar, Nikita Thole, Mansi Shirke, Shweta Amnerkar,

Reema Salunke and Trushna Dantale. The exhibition proved to be a good approach to showcase the work of the thesis students. The feedback from the participants, students and the guests was that it was motivating and set a benchmark for thesis work.

### **Seminar on Conserving Heritage through Architecture Capability by Dr. Nikhil Joshi**



Dr. Latkar welcoming Dr. Nikhil Joshi

The seminar, organized by the Center for Cultural Studies BNCA was held on 4th August 2023 from 3pm to 4pm. It was co-ordinated by Prof. Siddhi Joshi and Prof. Yash Joshi. Dr. Nikhil Joshi is the co-director at ArcLab; National University of Singapore and a senior lecturer in the Department of Architecture. He introduced students to the state of conservation, efforts taken by the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Singapore and contribution of NUS towards identifying and protecting urban heritage. He presented the case of Baba House and ArcLab and explained the process of conservation, community participation and policy decisions, initiatives by the development authorities towards identification of heritage, policy reforms and fund generation. He presented his research on inclusion of AI and VR in building tools to help in the documentation, restoration processes and data management and the need to keep up with the global trends.

### **77th Independence Day Celebrations and Tree plantation Activity at BNCA**



Student and Faculty on 15th August 2023

On 15th August 2023, the "77th Independence Day", the flag hoisting ceremony was hosted by BNCA on the basketball court at 8 a.m. Mr. Bhanupratap Barge, Assistant Commissioner of Police, ATS and Mr. Jayant Inamdar, Member of the Management Committee of MKSSS, were invited as the chief guest and guest of honour respectively. The event started with the flag hoisting, accompanied by the national anthem and the dhvaj-geet. This was followed by the introduction and felicitation of the guests. Mr. Bhanupratap Barge, is known for his actions against the Mumbai underworld and anti-terrorist operations in the state. He was also a part of the 'Lokhandwala Shootout' in Mumbai and a part of the Anti-terrorism Squad. The introduction ceremony was followed by a cultural program which included Ganesh vandana, group patriotic poetry recitals, singing of patriotic songs and dance performances.



Har Ghar Tiranga pictures



Sudiksha Anantharaman, a third year B. Arch student of BNCA, gave a splendid Bharatnatyam performance. The cultural program was followed by an inspiring speech by Mr. Bhanupratap Barge. The event was formally concluded with the recitation of Vande Mataram by everyone present.

On 15th August, the NSS team of BNCA organized a tree plantation activity. The event, running from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 70 students, faculty and staff. The activity not only added greenery to the campus but also instilled a sense of unity and responsibility towards the environment among the participants. Symbolizing growth, freedom, and environmental commitment, this initiative effectively merged sustainability with national pride.



Vice Principal Dr. Sharvey planting a tree



Prof. Kiran & students planting a tree



Tree plantation activity



**BNCA ACTIVITIES****Fireside Chat by ISDS at BNCA with Forbes 30 Under 30 Entrepreneur Ajinkya Dhariya**

Entrepreneur Ajinkya Dhariya in conversation

MKSSS-BNCA Institute of Sustainability and Development Studies (ISDS) recently played host to a fireside chat featuring the dynamic entrepreneur, Ajinkya Dhariya, the founder of Pad Care Labs.

In collaboration with CII Yi Pune Climate Change, this event showcased the remarkable journey of a young visionary who has garnered acclaim for his groundbreaking work in the realm of sanitary napkin recycling and sustainability.

The fireside chat was held on August 11, 2023, from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm at the BNCA Auditorium.

The spotlight was trained on Ajinkya Dhariya, a budding entrepreneur whose dreams have taken concrete shape in the form of solutions addressing the critical issue of sanitary napkin recycling and its dire environmental repercussions.

The event featured an insightful and candid conversation between Ajinkya Dhariya and two distinguished personalities in the fields of entrepreneurship and sustainability,



ISDS Team with Ajinkya Dhariya

Sameer Dhamangaonkar, Founder of Snovel Creations, and Parul Vaidya, CEO of SVP India. These discussions delved into the intricacies of Dhariya's entrepreneurial journey while shedding light on his ambitious future, offering attendees valuable insights and inspiration.

Dhariya's notable achievements, such as being featured in Forbes 30 Under 30 and his participation in Shark Tank India Season 2, attest to his unwavering commitment and innovative approach to sustainability. The success of this insightful fireside chat was made possible through the collaborative efforts of CII Yi Pune Climate Change, BNCA-MKSSS' ISDS, supported by Dr. Anurag Kashyap, Ar. Nidhi Dixit Laturkar, Prof. Asmita Joshi, Parul Vaidya and Sameer Dhamangaonkar.

Pad Care Labs groundbreaking work has seen a contribution from a BNCA student of Environmental Architecture department, Aishwarya Mandavgane. She has collaborated with them on making environment friendly fly ash bricks processed from sanitary napkin waste.

**BNCA student volunteers from NSS unit attend voter's registration training session**

10 volunteers from NSS unit attended the voter's registration training session which was conducted in MKSS campus while the second part of the campaign was conducted in the BNCA campus where the volunteers helped the students to register themselves in the voter's list. In total, 38 people participated in the event and 15 people were able to register themselves.

**Orientation Session on Gate exam for Architecture students by Career Counselling Cell**

An orientation and overview Session on GATE Exam for Architecture Students was organized for fourth year B. Arch students, by the Career Counselling Cell of BNCA on 22nd of August 2023 in the BNCA Auditorium. The Session covered overall information about the GATE examination, like the eligibility criteria, the important dates for registration, and form filling. Also information about the attempts, age limit, exam paper pattern and syllabus were discussed. There were over 120 Students who benefitted from the Session.

**Research News - BNCA - BRH**

BNCA's Dr. Swati Sahasrabudhe received recognition for her research expertise with her appointment as co-guide for Ph.D student Shefali Arora who is pursuing her PhD at the Karnavati University, Gujarat.

Dr. Swati Sahasrabudhe's paper was published in conference proceedings of "ECLAS-Scales of Change" conference. After the oral presentation, 33 selected authors out of 385, were invited to write the full paper for publication. The selected papers were peer reviewed and published after almost an year long process.

The Environmental Architecture and Landscape Architecture departments of BNCA had submitted a proposal for Research Lab under a project proposal for funding, under the CURIE program hosted by Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi, Govt of India- Call for Women's PG Colleges 2023 to WISE-KIRAN

## BNCA ACHIEVEMENTS

Division of DST , which has been shortlisted for the next stage. Prof. Neha Adkar and Prof. Namrata Dharmakar put in lot of effort for preparing the proposal. This is BNCA's first attempt on this type of government platform as a private college.

The poster submitted by BNCA to the British Council, highlighting the progress of a research project under its Going Global Partnerships program is selected for poster presentation at British Council's Conference at Delhi. Dr. Vaishali Anagal is leading this research project along with Dr. Sujata Karve.

The extended abstracts of Ar. Yash Joshi and Ar. Nishigandha Sakharande were selected for poster presentation at the National Youth Conference on the Indian Knowledge System (NYCIKS) 2023 which was conducted at IIT Roorkee from 25-27th August 2023. Both co-authored two extended abstracts with the titles "Temple Enclaves: Guardians of Intangible Indian Traditional Knowledge Systems" and "Decoding Indian Temples as Tangible Living Repositories of Traditional Knowledge Systems" which were shortlisted for presentation at the IIT Roorkee campus under the theme 'Indic Traditions of Architecture, Design And Planning'. The poster presentation was reviewed and evaluated by stalwarts from this field .



Prof. Yash & Prof. Nishigandha at IIT Roorkee

### Live streaming of Chandrayaan 3 landing in BNCA auditorium

Chandrayaan 3 was launched by ISRO on 14th July 2023. On 23rd August 2023, Chandrayaan 3 lander landed successfully and softly on the lunar surface to the south.

The live streaming of Chandrayaan 3 landing was done on 23th August '23 from 5:30 pm in the college auditorium. It was open for the entire college. The initiative was taken by the BNCA Film Club.

India is the 4th country on the moon and the first country to reach the SOUTH POLE of the MOON in its first attempt.

### BNCA presents customized leather planners to all faculty

BNCA presented customized leather planners to all faculty with the initiative of Prof. Jayant Patwardhan who designed these diaries and Dr. Swati Sahasrabudhe who supported the endeavor in all its aspects. The assembly of the diary was planned as a do-it-yourself activity and an immaculately done video for the same was released for guidance.



The customized diary cover



Assembling the writing pages

### Workshop on Indian Traditional Architectural Knowledge System



Students & Design-teachers with Ar. Ketaki  
A two-day workshop on 'Indian Traditional Architectural Knowledge Systems' was organized on consecutive Fridays, 4th and 11th August 2023 by BNCA third year studio A team of Prof. Asmita, Dr. Meera, Prof. Mohit and Prof. Shruti and BNCA IQAC.

The workshop was inaugurated at the hands of Ar. Ketaki Patwardhan, Program Head of Master of Architecture in Traditional Indian Architectural Knowledge Systems- MIT ADT School of Architecture, Pune. Ketaki Patwardhan is an architect, academican and Indologist with an overall work experience of 18 plus years. She is pursuing her doctoral studies in traditional Indian architectural knowledge systems. She is a director at Green Hat Studio Pvt Ltd, an architecture and design consultancy firm in Pune. The objectives of the workshop were to understand the chronological development of Indian architecture from ancient civilizations like the Indus Valley to contemporary practices. Concepts like Vastu Purusha Mandala, cosmic harmony and spiritual symbolism were taught. The outcome of the session was the Design of a Ganapati Temple based on vastu-shastra principles. Students were taught to utilize the Sadvarga Ayadi tool for this architectural design assignment.

## BNCA ACTIVITIES

### Meet for BNCA M. Arch Landscape students and Alumni



BNCA teachers, students & alumni with GSA The Multinational Landscape Architecture Firm, Green Space Alliance (GSA) initiated an Interactive Meet with all Alumni and current batch students, of the Department of Landscape Architecture, BNCA at their office in Pune. The intent of this meeting was to discuss the different possibilities of Industry - Academia collaboration between GSA-BNCA. The Director and Principal Landscape Architect of GSA presented the Vision of GSA and the various project typologies handled at GSA. Shamika Phadke (Alumni, Department of LA, BNCA) who is currently working as as Design Lead at GSA , spoke about research getting integrated into GSA's work culture offering opportunities for the students. Anupama Khatavkar, Assistant professor at BNCA, spoke about providing various opportunities to students through internships or project based work opportunities, commercial projects to be taken up in the design studios as collaboration etc.

### BNCA Intra College Sports Day event on 29th August 2023-

BNCA's Intra-college Sports Day for teachers and students was held on 29th August 2023, Tuesday from 3pm at the Basketball Court, MKSSS's Campus. There were challenges like Balloon Chain, Ball Pass by Bridge, Run Spin Run, Human Chain Puzzle

Dodge Ball and Musical Chairs.

National Sports Day in India is dedicated to honouring the birth anniversary of the legendary Indian hockey player, Major Dhyan Chand.

The event commenced with the pledge of team spirit and to follow a healthy lifestyle. Students participated enthusiastically in this event. The cheers from the sidelines added more excitement to the games. The heart of Sports Day was the musical chairs for faculty. It was a reminder that sports can bring people together, promote a healthy lifestyle, and instil values that contribute to personal and national development.



Students playing the balloon chain



Faculty playing the musical chairs

### BNCA M. Arch Induction Week

A week long induction program from 21st Aug to 25th august 2023 was conducted for Masters courses of Landscape Architecture, Digital Architecture and Environmental architecture at BNCA.

On the first day, students of all the disciplines gathered in the square courtyard over a tea session, after which a guided tour of the MKSSS campus was conducted with a visit to the Samadhi and zopdi and a tree walk for students, after which they



Faculty and students at the Principals address

were introduced to the library.

The second day began with the Principals address in the auditorium and ended with a visit to the environmental lab, the digital fabrication lab and the Landscape lab. From the third day to the fifth day, department wise activities were conducted to orient the students further, which included movie screenings of 3 movies in the auditorium and a session on creative landscape graphics and illustrations. Students did a creative illustration on their learnings from the one week Induction Program as an outcome.

Building a paper catenary arch was a creative and engaging ice-breaking exercise conducted on induction days for students of M. Arch Digital Architecture. Students got to know each other while working together on this fun and educational activity.



M. Arch Digital students doing the activity



Landscape students- tree tagging activity



## BNCA's Purushottam Karandak play at Bharat Natya Mandir

Since the emergence of Purushottam Karandak about six decades ago, it has been one of the most prestigious platforms for amateur play-writers, actors and directors. This year, for the very first time, Dr. B.N College of Architecture decided to take part in the competition and showcase the immense talent that the students of this college possess. The practice sessions were planned diligently, making sure that they aligned with everyday college hours. Needless to say, being an Architecture college, the students worked exceptionally hard on set designing and sharpened their acting, sound and lighting skills.

The play, "Soul-Mate", was based on "Artificial Intelligence or AI" which has been a hot topic among the youth recently. The script conveyed the message that "AI cannot replace human emotions and take the place of a person in someone's life". The play was performed on 28th of August 2023 with great success.

The play was written by Divya Kulkarni, directed by Renuka Mangalge and starred Vaidehi Joshi, Janvi Patil, Isha Abhonkar, Arushi Askhedkar, Siddhata Bendre and Revati Sangam.

Other members included Ashlesha Durgule, Shubhada Shivankar, Manasvee Dixit, Khushi Mantri who took care of the backstage and Set Design.

Radha Kale was in charge of Music while Mrunal Patil and Akanksha Shirsathe took care of the lights.

The college team was represented by Revati Sangam.

The play caught the fancy of many, struck a chord amongst the audience and therefore received an overwhelming response. The first impression of anything is always everlasting, and BNCA made sure to create one that would be worth remembering and cherishing forever. From faculty side, the entire endeavour was meticulously mentored by Prof. Amruta Barve and Prof. Sourabh Marathe.

These times will always be a memorable experience for the entire team.

### The Purushottam Karandak team



Aarushi Askhedkar  
Actor



Renuka Mangalge  
Director



Isha Abhonkar  
Actor



Divya Kulkarni  
writer



Janhavi Patil  
Actor



Akanksha Shirsathe  
Lights



Revati Sangam  
Actor



Mrunal Patil  
Lights



Khushi Mantri  
Backstage



Siddhata Bendre  
Actor



Manasvee Dixit  
Backstage



Shubhada Shivankar,  
Backstage



Riya Thakar, costume  
and makeup



Ashlesha Durgule  
Backstage



Vaidehi Joshi  
Actor



Radha Kale  
Music

### ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS



Ar. Nidhi Rathi at YAF 2022

Nidhi Rathi, BNCA Alumnus of 2017 batch started her studio in 2021 and was shortlisted in the YAF- Young Architects festival 2022 held by IIA in Calicut for Best Young Practice in the Architectural Detailing category.

**ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS**

Ar. Rati Chaudhary

Rati Chaudhari has been selected to receive the School of Environment and Education Development PhD Studentship at the University of Manchester and will be starting off in September 2023.



Ar. Surabhi with the medal

Surabhi Ghodake-Lonari has been selected for prestigious award of 2023 ARCC KING STUDENT MEDAL for innovation, integrity, and scholarship in architecture for her final year thesis project during her Masters in Architecture at the University of Utah.



Ar. Mohini Bhosekar receiving the award

BNCA alumnus Mohini Bhosekar was invited to speak and present her thesis at a panel discussion at the Y20 National Youth Conclave 2023 summit held in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 13th March 2023. She was felicitated at the hands of Mr. Ajay Kashyap - Convenor Y20 Secretariat, Shri Kunal Kumar – Joint Secretary MoHUA and Mr. Shombi Sharp – UN Resident Coordinator in India.



Ar. Disha Patil wins the crown

Mrs. Disha Patil Tamhane, BNCA alumnus of 2021 batch won the Mrs. Nashik 2023 title.

**2023 Scholarship Recipients**

Ar. Chandana Mahale

BNCA alumnus Chandana Mahale and Alejandro Toro-Acosta are recipients of the 2023 Garth D. Hall Memorial Scholarship in Architectural Technology. Chandana is currently working as graduate teaching assistants at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

**Birthday Celebrations in August 2023**

Dr. Aarti Verma's 50th birthday celebration

Dr. Aarti Verma, Co-ordinator of B division turned 50 on 3rd August and Prof. Smita Ogale Co-ordinator of A division turned 50 on 28th August 2023. Dr. Kashyap's office organized the celebration for both these birthdays. An invite was sent to the families of Prof. Smita Ogale and Prof. Aarti Verma.

**BNCA CELEBRATIONS**

The traditional ceremony of 'aukshan' was done by family and colleagues. Interesting experiences were shared along with gifts and sweets.



Prof. Smita Ogale's 50th birthday celebration



Amol Hinge's birthday celebration



Prof. Priya's Birthday celebration



Dr. Amita Pradhan's birthday celebration



Dr. Sanjeevani's birthday celebration

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 Manasvee Dixit Ananya Sakle  
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