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BNCA bags 3 prestigious awards in Architectural Education given by Design Awards India at Bengaluru



BNCA Faculty at Bengaluru Conference

MKSSS's Dr. Bhanuben Nanavati College of Architecture for Women, Pune (BNCA) has been awarded this year's three prestigious Awards in Architectural Education, given by Design Awards India at the Architecture and Interior Design Awards & Conference 2024 held at Bengaluru. BNCA was honoured for Design Pedagogy, Architectural Research and innovative ideas. The college was recently conferred this honour in Bengaluru in the categories of Best Research Centre in Architecture (Maharashtra), Commendable contribution to Design Pedagogy and Architectural Education (Maharashtra) and Exemplary Contribution to



Dr. Sharvey Dhongde accepting the award for BNCA's commendable contribution to Architectural Education

Architectural Research in Academics (Maharashtra). All the three awards were presented at the National Conference on 15th March 2024 at the Taj Westend in Bangalore.

A total of 20 faculty members from BNCA attended the Conference & the Award Function, where each one of them was felicitated at the hands of the dignitaries for their active participation in the daylong conference.



Dr. Vaishali Anagal accepting the award for her outstanding contribution in Architectural Research



Dr. Shruti Joshi accepting the award for Best Research Centre in Architecture

Different eminent speakers like Dr. Ar. Gopalan Nair Shankar, Ar. Krishnarao Jaisim, Dr. Vibhuti Sachdev presented their works and addressed about the changing paradigm of architecture and allied disciplines.

Ar. Dhanashree Sardeshpande, Department head of M. Arch Digital Architecture at BNCA presented

on Digital Darwinism: a way ahead, where she emphasized on computation of design and analysis and prototyping through digital fabrication.

BNCA Faculty Prof. Siddhi Joshi & Prof. Mandar Athavale win a Research Grant by Ethos Foundation



Announcement of the finalists

Prof. Siddhi Joshi & Prof. Mandar Athavale won a Research Grant of Rs. 1,00,000/- by the Ethos Foundation sponsored by Saint Gobain for execution of a project under the socio-responsibility pillar. Their project was named 'Basera-Interconnecting the Indistinct'. The project focuses on social community spaces by using "Place-Making" as a tool.

BNCA at the 66th Annual NASA Convention 2024



Student Group Photo- NASA

MKSSS's BNCA got a "Special Mention" Award and finished among the top 05 amongst 280+

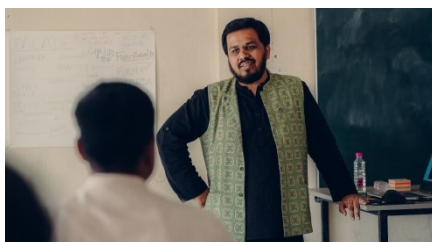
Executed Entries for the Annual NASA Design Competition (ANDC) Trophy at the 66th Annual NASA Convention 2024 at Eranad Knowledge City, College of Architecture, Manjeri, Kerala from 29th February to 3rd March 2024. BNCA had its first time podium finish for the coveted ANDC.



BNCA Students at project site

The ANDC Competition was centred around showcasing the transformative potential of repurposing discarded materials to create innovative spaces. The team created a special play and nurture environment called ASHRAY, for kids on a construction site in Pune. 80 BNCA students from various academic years collaborated diligently on this activity.

Prof. Mahesh Bangad moderated two panel discussions on changing paradigms in architecture and



Prof Mahesh-Design Thinking workshop

avenues after architecture.

He also conducted a workshop on Design Thinking, empowering students with valuable skills.

BNCA students Sejal Tote, Rama Velankar, and Janhvi Patil curated a successful two-day workshop on the integration of AI in architecture.



AI in Architecture workshop

BNCA at ArchInnovate AI Competition



ArchInnovate-BNCA Students

Fourth-year B. Arch. students, Nishka Gada and Neha Patil Won the Second and Third prize respectively in the ArchInnovate AI Competition, held by the MIT School of Architecture and Planning.

BNCA at Shearforce Intercollegiate Sports Tournament 2023-2024



BNCA students At Shearforce

Shearforce Intercollegiate Sports Tournament was organised by PVP COA from 15th to 17th March 2024 at SRPF Ground, Pune. BNCA team bagged the Gold in Football and a cash prize of ₹12000/-. They were Runners Up in Basketball with a cash prize of ₹12000/-. BNCA girls

bagged 6 'Player of the Match' Individual Awards and Cash Prizes. Sejal Tote won 2 individual awards while Shruti Veer, Vaishnavi Nivekar, Akanksha Dhupal & Ananya Samanpure bagged one award each. 'Best Player' for Football was bagged by third year student Vaishnavi Nivekar.

BNCA SDG Hub session – Bite into Wellness

The BNCA SDG Hub event on March 2nd, 2024, showcased a productive partnership between BNCA and Student Katta of Validus EduTech, focusing on SDGs 4, 5, and 6. Held in BNCA's courtyard, the event drew more than 30 students from diverse backgrounds, eager to explore SDGs. Participants benefited from insightful discussions and practical guidance.



Participants of the BNCA SDG Hub Session

Fostering healthier lifestyles and sustainability, this exchange of ideas emphasized the importance of SDGs 4, 5, and 6 in the current scenario. The event demonstrated a collective commitment to a better future, highlighting the power of collaboration in addressing global challenges. It underscored the significance of engaging students as drivers of positive change in their communities and beyond.

Finance and Design Literacy workshop for Construction Labourers



Workshop participants – Circular courtyard



Team ETHOS and Prof. Mandar

Maharshi Karve Women's Education Institute's Dr. Bhanuben Nanavati College of Architecture for Women (BNCA) recently organized a separate workshop on architectural design and financial literacy for construction workers working on buildings on 21st March. About 40 construction workers from Pune participated in it and were guided by Gita Balakrishnan, Architect of Ethos Foundation, Sonam Ambe and their experienced expert colleagues. From BNCA, Prof. Mahesh Bangad and Prof. Mandar Athavale played an active part.

Research News - BRH

Centre for Publication Ethics (CPE), Savitribai Phule Pune University had organized an online workshop on "Literature Search", on 30th March 2024, especially for research

students and faculty. Dr. Amita Pradhan, BNCA Librarian was a resource person for this workshop.

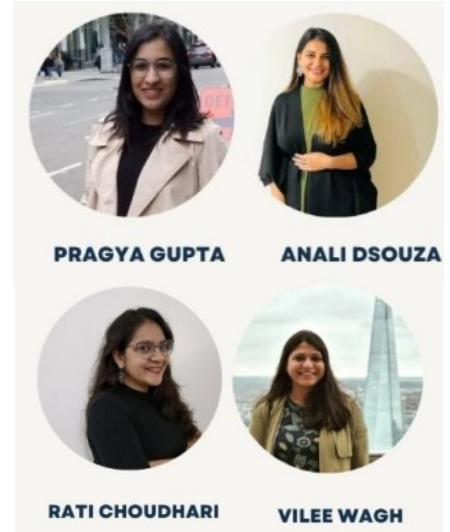
Full length research papers of fourth year B. Arch students Akansha Dhumal and Nikita Bedmutha were selected for in-person presentation at National Council, IIT Kharagpur at the Kharagpur campus. Fourth year B. Arch students Vedika Kulkarni and Pooja Bafana presented their papers in online mode at the International Conference at the School of Arts, Architecture and Fashion Technology while 4th year student Maitreyi Bakre presented her paper at National Conference, MIT Pune. All the five students were guided by Dr. Vaishali Anagal.

On 28th March 2024, at 2.00 pm, Mr Prafulla Wange from Bhate and Ponshe Consultants conducted an insightful session demonstrating cases of Patent, copyright and design registration with examples. This was followed by a hand holding session with those faculty whose patents and /or copyright and design registration cases had been approved by him during the initial session.

Dr. Shubhada Kamalapurkar who heads the Innovation Cell, took the lead in organizing this.

“BNCA Alumni Journeys” to celebrate Women’s Day

"EKATRA", BNCA Alumni Association celebrated International Women's Day 2024 with their flagship "ALUMNI JOURNEYS " talks. Alumni speakers shared their



Alumni Speakers, Alumni Journeys BNCA

experiences from the Academia and Profession. Online sessions were held on 8th March and 15th March 2024 from 05.00 PM onwards. The speakers on 8th March were BNCA Alumni Ar. Pragya Gupta who is currently working in NBBJ Design in USA and Ar. Anali Dsouza who is currently based in Australia. On 15th March BNCA alumni Ar. Rati Choudhari, a PhD Researcher based in UK and Ar. Vilee Wagh, also from UK shared their inspiring journeys. All the sessions very insightful for the students, to inspire them in their careers and journey ahead as architects. 3rd Year, 4th Year & 5th Year students attended the Sessions.

Second Year B. Arch Settlement Study Tour to Madhya Pradesh

Known for its unique Maratha architecture and the towering legacy of Ahilyabai Holkar, Maheshwar holds a special place in the heart of the country. A group of 8 teachers with 85 students



Students and Faculty at Settlement Study

of 2nd year embarked on the tour to Madhya Pradesh to explore this magical town along with the adjacent town of Mandleshwar and of course to discover the historic city of Mandu and Charles Correa's masterpieces in Bhopal.

Housed on the banks of the divine Narmada River, the temple towns of Maheshwar and Mandleshwar present as case studies for the students to understand the evolution of architecture and building style pertaining to the adjacent water body and the ever-changing waterscape. The scales of both the towns across Narmada tell a very different story about the vitality of water in people's day to day lives. Students witnessed a lot of holy and commercial activities.

The evenings lit up with hundreds of lamps and hordes of people on the ghats to perform various activities which students could document during different times of the day. In contrast to the Maheshwar ghats, the Mandleshwar riverbanks were quiet and used for the daily chores and people chitchatting. With some important temples on both the ghats, they both have served as pauses for the devotees performing Narmada Parikrama.

The students could, therefore, document the different town

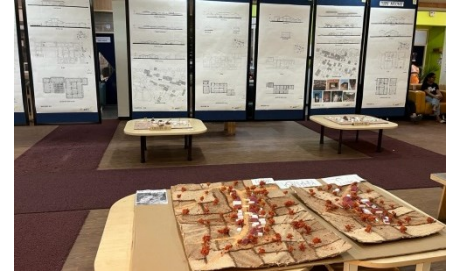
patterns based on Lynch map, cognitive and sensory patterns, the vibrant colours and the life of people.

In contrast to the Maratha traditional architecture, students could witness the contemporary beauties of Charles Correa viz. Vidhan Sabha and Bharat Bhavan in Bhopal. The spatial design, the perfect geometry, the stature of the buildings pertaining to the activities taking place, the related scale of the structures, the beautiful blend of interior with the exterior, was enough to make everyone mesmerised with the language Correa has brought to the buildings. The students were able to realise the importance of design with respect to various regional and geographical context and most importantly they could study the architecture and lifestyle adjacent to the Narmada and how its legacy affects the ecosystem of the nearby areas.

The students were accompanied and guided by Dr. Sharvey Dhongde Vice Principal of BNCA, Prof. Mahesh Bangad, Prof. Surabhi Gadkari, Prof. Jayant Patwardhan, Prof. Yatin Moghe, Prof. Shruti Ramteerthakar, Prof. Chaitanya Padhye and Prof. Asha Kale.

Khamba – Amajhiri Settlement Study Exhibition- First yr B. Arch

BNCA FY div D B.Arch (2023-24) presented an exhibition for their settlement study of Amajhiri-Pench Madhya Pradesh and FYB presented their settlement study of Khamba-



Sheets and Models of the exhibition

Pench, Nagpur. The exhibition was open from 22nd March to 29th March 2024, during college hours.

Architectural Design Mega Jury 2024



The Mega Jury for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year B.Arch students was successfully conducted on 22nd March 2024 from 9.00 am onwards. Faculty members from the Jury had a brief Orientation Session at 8.15 am in the Seminar Room. The jury panel comprised of eminent professionals from the field including Dr. Amita Sinha, Ar. Shekhar Garud, Ar. Kunal Kelkar, Ar. Rahul Vaishampayan, Ar. Chaitanya Potbhare, Ar. Mayuresh Shirolkar and Ar. Rakesh Bhosale.

Tree walk in BNCA Campus by M.Arch Landscape department

M. Arch students of Landscape Architecture, BNCA conducted a Tree-walk for the students of Second year B.Arch, on Wednesday 20th March 2024 from 10am to



Participants of the BNCA "Tree Walk"

11am. This session was conducted under the EVS subject for the B.Arch students and for M.Arch for the 'Environment and Ecosystem analysis' subject. The M.Arch students spoke about the environmental benefits like hydrogen fixing, soil improvement, origin of the trees, the historical and mythological significance of the trees. This activity brought about vertical interaction amongst the students on the campus.

Bharat Entrepreneurship Week and Women's Day Celebration



Panel discussion invitees with Dr. Kashyap

In celebration of Bharat Entrepreneurship Week and Women's Day, the Entrepreneurship Vertical of CII Pune in collaboration with Yuva, ISDS and BNCA held a Panel Discussion on March 12th at 2:30 pm at BNCA Auditorium, Karvenagar, Pune. The theme was "Empowering Women in Entrepreneurship and Leadership". Mr. Pradeep Bhargava, Ex-Managing Director, Cummins Generator

Technologies India Ltd. was the distinguished Chief Guest. The Invited panelists were Mrs. Mital Hiremath, IDAS - JDS Pune SEZ, Supriya Badve, Executive Director, Belrise Industries Ltd, CA Rachana Ranade, Finance Influencer, Pritika Manjrekar, Founder, Moco Design Studio. The Key Focus Areas were Insights into Entrepreneurship and Leadership, Practical Advice and success stories and opportunities for Networking and Mentorship.

BNCA Celebrations



Women's Day celebration lunch

Women's Day was celebrated by BNCA on 7th March with a lunch organized for all at Vishnuvardhan Dining Hall. It was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with each other over some great food. Prof. Kanchan Atnurkar who heads the 'Days Celebration' portfolio, had organized the same. At this function, Dr. Shruti Joshi's birthday was celebrated with a cake cutting ceremony.



Dr. Shruti cutting the cake

Prof. Ninad Jog, Prof. Madhuri Zite and Prof. Mandar Athavale's

birthdays were celebrated by BNCA in the month of March 2024.



Student's birthday celebrations

BNCA Principal's office has started the practice of celebrating student's Birthdays. Dr. Kashyap personally presents a greeting card and chocolates to the student in the classroom or in his office.



Prof. Madhuri Zite's birthday



Prof. Mandar Athavale's birthday



Prof. Ninad Jog's birthday

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