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# BNCA

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**BNCA ACHIEVEMENTS****Two students of MKSS's BNCA win NASA India Awards**

Students Trupti Thapa & Mohini Mandke with Principal Dr. Anurag Kashyap & mentor Prof. Mahesh Bangad

Two students of MKSS's Dr. Bhanuben Nanavati College of Architecture for Women (BNCA) Trupti Thapa and Mohini Mandke, were felicitated by the National Association of Students of Architecture 'NASA India' with awards. They were mentored by BNCA professor Mahesh Bangad.

Trupti Thapa, a fourth-year student at BNCA, was awarded the Gold Medal for Leadership by NASA India in the last academic year (2024-25). In this academic year (2025-26), she has been selected as the Divisional Chair for NASA Division III for a one-year term. Her area of responsibility includes students from all 40 architecture colleges in Maharashtra, except Mumbai.

Trupti is elected as the Zonal President of Zone 03, comprising of 53 colleges for the next year which is the 68th Year of NASA, India.

She is the third Zonal President from BNCA in last 05 Years at NASA India, following the legacy set by Ayushi Sawalka and Arushi Ponnala.

Mohini Mandke, a third-year student at BNCA, was felicitated by NASA India with the first prize of 'Student of the Year' for her work in the previous year (2023-24). It includes a certificate and a cash prize of Rs. 11,000.

For this, a competition for all 320 architectural colleges across the country was organized by NASA India and guided by the Council of Architecture (COA).

Mohini Mandke will take charge as the Unit Secretary of BNCA for the 68th Year of NASA, India.

**MKSS'S BNCA signs an MoU with ARCHIP University, Prague, Czech Republic**

Dr. Shruti Joshi with Czech counterpart

MKSS'S Dr. Bhanuben Nanavati College of Architecture for Women (BNCA) recently signed an MoU with ARCHIP University, Prague, Czech Republic, under the guidance of Dr. Anurag Kashyap, Principal BNCA.

A workshop was recently organized in the Czech Republic on the topic of 'Urban Planning and Design' in which 3 Professors and 33 undergraduate students from BNCA participated.

This MoU will enable joint studios, joint research and student exchange program between the two educational institutions.



Students and Teachers during the Prague visit

A visit to Czech Republic was organised under the leadership of Dr. Shruti Joshi, head of this project along with Prof. Surbhi Gadkari and Prof. Pooja Ghorpade.

Four professors and twelve post-graduate students from the College of Architecture at ARCHIP University participated in this workshop.

Dr. Shruti Joshi informed that the workshop studied the metro station area in Veleslavin, a suburb of Prague in the Czech Republic. A proposal was submitted by BNCA students regarding potential of opening new facilities in the open spaces around the metro station, also using the urban design interventions and landscape to attract the new generation, and making the most efficient use of the space.

Students discussed and adopted an urban design approach while considering the need for more residential areas, along with other buildings, and appropriate use of the open spaces in between. Addressing various challenges like increasing the demographic diversity and more interactive spaces formed the basis of the local area plan for Veleslavin.

She further said that the workshop was organized to suggest practical solutions from an architectural perspective on various urban planning issues there.

The workshop started in January 2025 this year when professors and students from ARCHIP University in the Czech Republic came to BNCA in Pune.

The first workshop was organized on the same topic of metro stations in Pune at that time. The workshop at Prague was second stage of this collaboration.

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**Training workshop by University of Liverpool, IIT Bombay, MKSSS's BNCA and PCERF at Liverpool, England**



Participants of the Liverpool workshop

The conclusion of a training workshop organized by the University of Liverpool, England (LGMU), IIT Bombay (IITB), Maharshi Stree Shikshan Samstha's Dr. Bhanuben Nanavati College of Architecture for Women (BNCA) and the Construction and Engineering Research Foundation (PCE RF) in Pune was recently held in Liverpool, England. On this occasion, the participating students from BNCA and IITB received guidance on sustainability and circular economy in the construction sector.

Ten students from BNCA and IITB participated in this workshop from India. The students are conducting research on topics such as creating a sustainable built environment through circular economy, innovative building materials, strategic planning for sustainability, research methods, block chain technology, digital workflow and business models for circular economy.

This initiative is being implemented through joint fundraising by the Union Government, Ministry of Human Resource Development, British Council, UK and Scheme for Promoting Academic Research (SPA RK). The website for Capacity Building in Built Environment Sustainability Reserve (KBEER) was launched last year by BNCA Principal Dr. Anurag Kashyap

and Vice Principal Dr. Sharvey Dhongde. The first workshop was organized at BNCA in December last year. It is called India Training Faculty and Students Mobility and 14 students from India and UK participated

The workshop in Liverpool was led by Dr Bakul Rao from the Centre for Technology Alternatives for Rural Areas (CTARA) at IIT Bombay, along with Dr Vaishali Angal, co-investigator (India) of the project, Dr Anupa Maneva, principal investigator from AJMU in the UK, and co-investigator Dr Mohan Shrivardhana. In addition, professors Dr Sujata Karve and Dr Amruta Garud from BNCA also participated in the workshop. The participating students included Riya Deshmukh, Prerna Chopde, Tanaya Takle, Shagun Shah, Nishigandha Sakhardande, Sinhika Deshmukh and Samrudhi Shende from BNCA, while Meghraj Garad, Shriya Bhatia and Harshal Kate from IITB.

The students participating in the workshop in Liverpool received guidance from internationally renowned experts along with a rigorous twenty-day training. Apart from this, they were also able to visit famous and unique buildings in Liverpool and London. On this occasion, it was decided to work together between IITB, BNCA, and AVJMU in six areas on various subjects. This includes important topics such as joint research work, student exchange and curriculum development.

The project will culminate in an international conference at IITB in Mumbai in February 2026, courtesy of PCERF. The results of the studies and research carried out during these two years will be presented in it.

**Ferrocete session at BNCA by Mr. Nanadkumar Jadhav**



Prof. Dhanashree felicitating Mr. Jadhav

On Friday 18th July, a session on Ferrocete construction was held in the BNCA auditorium from 2.30pm onwards. The speaker was Er. Nanadkumar Jadhav, leading Ferrocete contractor at Deep Enterprises with a number of popular projects to his credit.

This session was open to third and 4th year B. Arch students. It was particularly useful for third year students who opted for the digital design studio which focuses on non standard forms, Ferrocete technology being the most suitable for non standard form based architectural design. He showcased his projects and explained the construction process through actual site photographs, encouraging students and faculty to ask questions.



Mr. Jadhav presenting the session



The session in progress

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Swastik- Hobbit cottage construction image



Rudrana Restaurant at Wai construction stage image

Students were able to build their understanding on shell thickness, scale constraints for structures having Earth and Landscaping over the roof and visualization and execution these structures through the example of Ferrocement Hobbit cottages at Swastik Well-being Sanctuary by Nyati Group.

Through an example of Rudrana Restaurant in Wai, students learnt about large scale ferrocement structures based on Shape/Form, shell thickness and design and construction constraints and advantages for such large structures.

They developed an understanding on the Construction of Ferrocement structures on sloping sites and related constraints and advantages.

**BNCA students attend Membrane Structures Workshop at Stuttgart , Germany**

A one day workshop on Membrane structures at Stuttgart technology university of applied sciences ,Stuttgart was organised by Archineering Cell, BNCA in collaboration with IMS

Bauhaus, Dessau. The workshop on membrane structures was conducted to provide BNCA students with hands-on exposure to tensile architecture.



Students with BNCA faculty Dr. Poorva Kulkarni and Sara Von der Weth of IMS



Students doing hands-on experimentation

Students developed a clearer understanding of the behavior of tensile and flexible materials under tension, differentiating them from conventional rigid structures. The workshop on membrane structures proved to be a valuable learning experience, equipping architecture students with new design perspectives, technical skills, and an appreciation for innovative construction systems.

The students were accompanied by Prof.(Dr.) Poorva Kulkarni, Head of Archineering Cell BNCA.

**International Conference on Built environment and Beyond- CAPABLE initiative**

The international conference on Built Environment and Beyond (Be-Beyond) with a special focus on Circular Economy in Built Environment was announced in July 2025 inviting

scholars, researchers, professionals, and students to contribute papers addressing the evolving landscape of sustainable development and innovation in the built environment.

This conference is part of the CAPABLE program—Capacity Building in Built Environment Sustainability Research—a two-year collaborative initiative funded by the UK-India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI) and SPARC. The program, jointly led by IIT Bombay, Liverpool John Moores University (UK), Dr. B. N. College of Architecture (Pune), and the Pune Construction Engineering Research Foundation (PCERF), aims to strengthen research capacity at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels and build meaningful bridges-between academia and industry in India and the UK.

Abstract and full paper submission and acceptance dates were announced. The conference will be held on 18th and 19th February 2026 at VMCC, IIT Mumbai.

**Choice based Presentations for Architectural Design**

Choice based presentations for Architectural Design for second and third year were held in BNCA Auditorium on 1st July 2025 from 10.30am onwards, followed by elective presentations. The choice based presentations for Fourth year were held on Friday 4th July 2025.

**BNCA National Conference announced on 3rd and 4th February in online mode**

BNCA Research Hub announced its yearly National Conference titled BUILT ENVIRONMENT & BEYOND 4.0: From Traditional Wisdom to a Resilient Future, the fourth

conference in the series.

It would be held on 3rd and 4th Feb 2026 in the online mode and would be a platform to explore how Heritage combined with Innovation could yield a resilient future.

The key themes would include Traditional Knowledge & Local Practices, New technologies for resilience, Resilient Urban & Rural-Scapes, Equity, Inclusion and well being, Infrastructure and Mobility, Sustainability & Low Carbon Built Environment. There would be an ISBN Publication and Best Paper Awards would be given.

The conference would be Ideal for Students, Professionals & Researchers and all participants would be awarded with certificates.

### Seminar on Town planning Schemes by guest speaker Er. Nachiket Patil



Er Nachiket Patil at BNCA

A Seminar on Town Planning Schemes was arranged on Monday, 28th July from 10 to 11.30 am by Urban Studies Faculty for fourth year B. Arch students, in the BNCA auditorium. The guest speaker was Er. Nachiket Patil, an accomplished Urban Planner and Civil Engineer. He has led numerous town planning projects using GIS analysis, drone surveys, and structured decision making frameworks. He holds a Master's in Urban Planning from Guru Nanak Dev University. He is an associate member of ITPI and currently serves

as assistant Town Planner at Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PMRDA).

The students were able to build clear understanding of what Town Planning Schemes are and how they function within urban development. He also discussed the use of GIS or mapping tool, development of roadmap for upcoming schemes and regarding urban governance and legal provisions.

### Birthday Celebrations at BNCA



Prof. Mahesh Bangad's Birthday celebration



Prof. Rahul Chutake's Birthday Celebration



Dr. Swati's birthday celebration

Birthdays of Prof. Mahesh Bangad, Prof. Rahul Chutake, Dr Swati Sahasrabudhe and Digital Lab Technician Yogesh Kulkarni were celebrated in the circular courtyard in the usual BNCA style.

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Yogesh Kulkarni's Birthday Celebration

### BNCA at WADe ASIA Awards 2025, New Delhi



BNCA students with their awards

BNCA students Rhea Deshmukh and Sejal Tote of Final year B. Arch batch of 2025 have been awarded the First Prize- Gold Award in Amateur Category Photography at the prestigious WADe ASIA Awards 2025, held in New Delhi from 21st to 23rd August 2025. Rhea Deshmukh won First Prize under the theme "My Idea of India. Sejal Tote won First Prize under the theme "Reflections."

BNCA students Vedika Kulkarni and Abhaya Babhulkar of Final year B. Arch batch of 2025 were shortlisted under Painting (Amateur Category) and Photography (Amateur Category) respectively in Top 08 in India.

### Archineering-Edutech session on Hardware Solutions conducted with Assa Abloy

The 25th Edutech session was held on Friday 1st August 2025 from 2.30pm onwards at the BNCA Auditorium.

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Mr. Gaurav and Ms. Snehal with BNCA teachers Prof. Nilima and Dr. Poorva

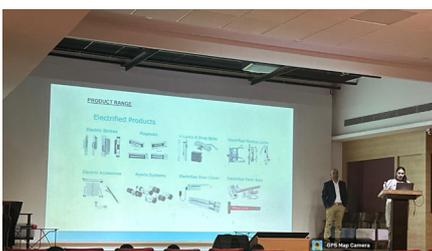
The session was organized by BNCA teachers Prof Smita Ogale , Prof. Nilima Dhamal and Dr. Poorva Kulkarni. The industry invitee was Assa Abloy, and the session was conducted by Er. Gaurav Bal, Director of Product Management and Competence Management for the SAARC region.

Assa Abloy India was established in 2005 as part of the global ASSA ABLOY Group. It provides advanced door opening and access control solutions, including mechanical and digital locks, automatic doors, and biometric systems. The company serves residential, commercial, and institutional sectors across India.

Mr. Gaurav spoke and illustrated the function and application of doors, hinges, lever handles, panic exit devices, door closers, floor spring, pull handles and general hardware.



BNCA teachers and Assa Abloy members



Introduction of the Guest speaker

**30th Foundation Day of BNCA celebrated with aplomb on 8th August 2025**

The 30th anniversary of Dr. Bhanuben Nanavati College of Architecture for Women (BNCA) of Maharshi Karve Stree Shikshan Sanstha was celebrated with great enthusiasm through various activities. On this occasion, about 200 students who completed their PhD, Masters Degree and Graduation courses in 2024-25 were awarded certificates by BNCA. Parents of all the students who received the certificates were present in large numbers in this program.

Apart from this, the fourth year students of BNCA were appointed to the student council. They were ceremoniously awarded the badges by the Principal Dr. Anurag Kashyap and the professors at the well attended badging ceremony.

A digital release of the BNCA Alumni book was also done on this occasion.

The certificate awarding ceremony at BNCA was attended by architect Sandeep Mahajan, along with BNCA Principal Dr. Anurag Kashyap, Vice Principal Dr. Sharvey Dhongde, as well as MKSSS managing committee member Engineer Jayant Inamdar and Head of the BNCA Exam



The Foundation day Badging Ceremony



The Foundation day Badging Ceremony

Department Dr. Dharti Sote. Dr. Amruta Garud moderated the program.

On this occasion, the proceedings of the BNCA National Conference 'Built Environment and Beyond: Challenges and Opportunities' was released. The Conference convener Dr. Vaishali Latkar, the co-convener, Dr. Meera Shirolkar, as well as Dr. Swati Sahasrabudhe and Prof. Nishigandha Sakhardande were present. On the occasion of the certificate awarding ceremony, Architect Achalkar guided the certificate-taking students. He said that architecture is different from other fields and in it, one has to initially accumulate hard work and experience. On the basis of that, one can later start one's own business and accordingly, one's income increases.

Therefore, considering the nature of this field of your graduating daughter, do not compare her to fields like information technology. By encouraging her, she will progress faster and become a successful architect. Architect Mahajan also explained that after completing architecture



Dr Kashyap releasing the BNCA Alumni book



Felicitation of the Chief Guests

degree, she will have the opportunity to design landscapes, environments, and various types of buildings, and that her future is bright.

Dr. Anurag Kashyap, in his speech, assured the students that there is definitely a bright future in the field of architecture. He said that our curriculum keeps the students updated by focusing on the developments in the world and the use of modern technology. There is no reason to worry about the changing policies of the US at present. Be assured that as confident Indians, there are no limits to the career of women in the field of architecture.

Jayant Inamdar Sir said that the graduating students should now keep their focus on Pune, Maharashtra and India. The Indian brain is more profound than that and its maximum use should be made for India.

BNCA Alumna Reema Salunke gave away the scholarship in the name of her late father to recipient Anita Dhebe.

Dinner was arranged for the graduating students, teachers and parents.



Releasing the Conference Proceedings



Parents at the Graduation Ceremony



M. Arch student receiving the certificate



Doctorate student receiving the certificate



B. Arch student receiving the certificate



Reema Salunke giving away the scholarship



A division graduation photograph



B division graduation photograph



C division graduation photograph



D division graduation photograph



M. Arch Digital graduation photograph



M. Arch Environmental graduation photo



M. Arch Landscape graduation photo

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**Research News**

A research paper titled ‘Exploring Circular Building Materials: Transforming Industrial and Agricultural Waste into 3D Printable Materials’ authored by Ar Tanaya Takale and Dr Vaishali Anagal won Highly Commended Paper Award in CIOB International Conference at SriLanka dated 15th and 16th Aug 2025..

**Technical session in BNCA on Chenab Bridge**

BNCA hosted an exclusive technical event titled “Technical Presentations on India’s Pride “Chenab Bridge” with eminent speakers sharing insights on the world’s highest railway bridge on Friday, 22nd August 2025 BNCA Auditorium, MKSSS Campus, Pune. The event started at 4:00 PM The eminent speakers were Er. Vikas Ramgude – JT. MD, MSIDC, Govt. of Maharashtra, Dr. Sunil S. Basarkar speaking on “Geotechnics of the Iconic Chenab Railway Bridge” and Er. Shashank Rajbhoj delivering a session on “Design & Construction Aspects of Chenab Arch Bridge”

**Online session of CAPABLE Project by Dr. Manewa**

An online session was organized by Dr Anupa Manewa of Liverpool John Moores University, UK as a part of online training offered under CAPABLE Research Project.

The topic was Digital technologies for circular construction with speaker Prof. Srinath Perera, Professor- Built Environment/Construction Management, School of Engineering.

This session was held on 26th Aug 2025 from 2pm onwards.

**Workshop and showcase on Adaptable Urban Commons**

On 15th August, 2025, a Workshop Showcase was put up from 10:30 to 12:30pm at the BNCA Exhibition Area at ground floor, featuring the works of Fourth Year - Studio C students from the International Workshop on Adaptable Urban Commons – Rethinking residential design through critical thinking. The workshop was held from 11th to 14th August, with 15th August as the showcase day.

The exhibition presented a series of outcomes exploring the concept of adaptable urban commons through diverse design approaches. The students reimagined urban commons, proposing inclusive and sustainable solutions fostering community engagement and collective stewardship. The workshop mentors were Dr. Robert Schmidt III and Dr. Cagri Sanliturk.



Workshop team with Principal Dr. Kashyap



At the exhibition with Dr. Sharvey Dhongde



Students with the workshop mentors

Dr. Robert is Professor of Architecture at Loughborough University, formerly leading the Architecture program (2020-24). He currently heads the RaRe design Lab and Adaptable Futures Group. His research spans adaptability, circularity, and transdisciplinary design.

An international speaker and author, he has worked with renowned firms and holds three global degrees. Dr Cagri is a Lecturer at Loughborough University and co-lead of the RaRe design lab; his work explores architecture as a social and emotional practice. He co-lead a summer school with Heatherwick Studio, developed the Doncaster Toolkit, and holds a PhD from Sheffield. The BNCA studio faculty were Dr. Vaishali Anagal, Prof. Chaitanya Peshwe, Prof. Sonali Malvankar, Prof. Kshitija Kolhatkar and Prof. Ketaki Kadam.



Students presenting during the workshop



Students presenting during the workshop



Students at work during the workshop

**Independence Day celebra-  
tion 15th August 2025**

On the auspicious occasion of “79th” independence day”, (15th of Aug 2025), BNCA organized the flag hoisting ceremony on the basketball court. Faculty and students attended the program in large numbers. The chief guest for this occasion was Prof (Dr) Capt. CM Chitale, Emeritus Fellow (UGC) Former Dean - Faculty of Management (SPPU) Former Head - PUMBA (SPPU) Former Registrar - SPPU Shantanurao Kirloskar Chair Professor (SPPU). The Flag hoisting was followed by Rashtrageet, Dhvajgeet and Maharashtra geet. and introduction of the Chief guests. This was followed by the cultural program and speech by the Chief Guest. The program ended with the Vote of Thanks and Vandemataram.

On the occasion of Independence Day, the BNCA NSS unit ASF 200 at BNCA conducted its annual donation drive for clothes for our Samstha workers and labourers.



BNCA teachers & students on 15th August

**BNCA Birthday Celebrations**



Dr.Chetan's Birthday Celebration



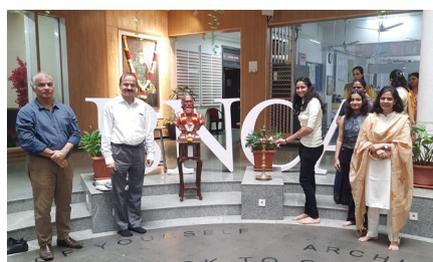
Student Birthday Celebration



Prof. Priya's Birthday Celebration



Student Birthday Celebration



Student Birthday Celebration



Prof Smita Ogale's birthday celebration



Dr. Sanjeevani's Birthday Celebration

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**BNCA students' team at Kreate competition organised by Kalika Steel Ltd, Jalna.**



BNCA students with their design

BNCA students' team won one of the consolation prizes at Jalna in Kreate competition organised by Kalika Steel Ltd, Jalna. The winners were guided by Prof. (Dr.) Sujata Mehta.

The winning trophy titled “Krishi Amrut” impressed the judges with its fluid design, symbolic depth, and precise execution. The winning design represented the harmony between nature, structure, and human ambition.

The team members Swarali Kalushe, Deepika Varma, Purva Ranade and received a cash prize of Rs 10000 each from Kalika Steel and a certificate of excellence for each member.

**BNCA students at STHIRA 2025 Bangalore**

MKSS's BNCA students Pragati R. Dimble, Aparna Hinge, and Abhiri Shastrakar of fourth year B. Arch division C have received a Special Mention for their project GrowMoto at STHIRA 2025—India's First Sustainable Food Innovation Challenge by Foodwize in collaboration with the University of Gastronomic Sciences, Italy. The event took place in Bangalore on Friday 12th Sept 2025. The students were mentored by Dr. Sujata Karve.

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**International Ferrocement Conference hosted by BNCA in collaboration with Ferrocement Society of India**

A two-day International Conference 2025 on the “Art, Science & Technology of Ferrocement Construction” was held at BNCA in hybrid mode on Friday, 12 September and Saturday, 13 September 2025.

The event was co-hosted by the Ferrocement Society (India) and MKSSS’s Dr. Bhanuben Nanavati College of Architecture for Women.

The conference was inaugurated at the hands of Prof. Ar. Abhay Purohit, President of the Council of Architecture. The keynote sessions across both days were by leading academics, practitioners and industry experts from India and overseas, including contributors from Italy, the United Kingdom, Bangladesh and the United States. The keynote speaker on day one was Dr. Liberato Ferrara, Professor of Structural Analysis and Design from Italy while Dr. Antonie E Naaman University of Michigan USA was keynote speaker on day two. Both connected with the conference in the online mode.

The themes included structural analysis and design, expeditionary architecture and engineering, research and development in major infrastructure firms, practice-led innovation, and architectural applications of ferrocement. The sessions had technical papers, and discussions on applications in both civil and architectural engineering.

Post the session, the organizers had scheduled live demonstrations of ferrocement construction on 13 September 2025.

This two-day event in Pune supported by multiple academic and industry partners brought together academicians, researchers, engineers, and architects from India and abroad as well as attendee students and those who presented their papers.

A key highlight of the conference was the unveiling of the cover page of an upcoming COA-BNCA publication dedicated to ferrocement research.

In his keynote address, Prof. Ar. Abhay Purohit, President, Council of Architecture (COA), noted that ferrocement offers significant economic and environmental advantages aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). However, he cautioned that the material remains underexplored and requires rigorous experimentation to achieve mainstream adoption in construction.

Other speakers, including Er. P. P. Lele, President of the Ferrocement Society (India), and Er. Jayant Inamdar of MKSSS, highlighted the material’s applications in water storage, check dams, and infrastructure projects where it reduces costs while improving longevity. International experts from Italy, the UK, Bangladesh, and the US presented successful case studies showcasing the material’s strength, lightweight properties, and design flexibility.

On day two, Architect Arjun Doshi of Studio Acrobot and Ar. Manish Banker of Tao Architects, presented their projects in Ferrocement. There was also a presentation by Ulhas Paranjape of Jalvardhini Prathisthan.

A major announcement came from Prof. Purohit, who confirmed that ferrocement technology will be

introduced into the architecture curriculum in line with the National Education Policy (NEP).

He also revealed that the Council of Architecture is setting up a Centre of Excellence at its upcoming Bangalore campus, which will focus on advanced research in this material and other innovative materials, supported by digital tools and artificial intelligence.



Faculty with student volunteers



Conference participants after the valedictory



Ferrocement Posters exhibition



Felicitating guest speaker Ar. Manish Banker



Ar. Arjun Doshi presenting his projects



Paper presentation Breakout session



Ferrocete demonstration in process



Ar. Abhay Purohit addressing the audience



Principal Dr. Kashyap's address



Paper presentation Breakout session

### Architectural Design Mega Jury 2025 for B. Arch at BNCA



Orientation session in BNCA Boardroom

Mega Jury for the Academic year 2025-26, Term I was conducted on 26th September 2025 at BNCA. The jury is conducted for all B. Arch students of second third and fourth year.

The Mega Jury at BNCA is a platform to receive constructive feedbacks and to offer a fresh perspective from expert reviewers to encourage students in rearticulation of their designs.

The jury is seen more of as an input session rather than just assessment. The jurors are practicing Architects who give the students an exposure to Architectural practice with their comments. This year the jurors were Ar. Manoj Tatooskar and Ar. Ninad Rewatkar for fourth year, Ar. Sunil Hingmire and Ar. Tejashree Kulkarni for third year and Ar. Gouri Deshpande and Ar. Anudnya Dnyaneshwar for second year.

From BNCA, the Jury Coordinators were Prof. Suvarna Akhegaonkar for third year, Prof Nilima Dhamal for fourth year and Prof Siddhi Joshi for second year.

A brief orientation session for all the Reviewers was held in the board Room at Ground Floor, followed by breakfast. This session, conducted by Prof. Smita Ogale provided an overview of all design studios yearwise and division wise to all the reviewers.

All BNCA Architectural Design faculty of B. Arch, M. Arch and IQAC were internal jurors for the Jury.



Ar. Tatooskar and Dr. Aarti Verma as the jury



Ar. Revatkar conducting the jury



Ar. Hingmire conducting the jury



Ar and Prof. Suvarna as the jury



Ar. Gouri and Prof Siddhi in the jury

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IQAC Panel Jury- Dr. Chetan



IQAC Panel Jury- Dr. Sharvey

**First Year B. Arch Induction & Orientation Week 2025**



Principal Dr. Kashyap addressing the students

BNCA welcomed the new batch of First Year B.Arch 2025–26 with the 32nd Induction Day held on 8th September 2025 with the Principals address conducted in the BNCA auditorium.

The Orientation Week for the students was held from 9th to 12th

September 2025, meticulously planned by the first year class teachers, in which a series of sessions were planned, which included familiarizing the students with the campus.



Campus Orientation at the SMART premises



BNCA students at the Karve Museum

**Teachers Day Celebrations in BNCA on 3rd September 2025**



Teachers Day Celebrations

BNCA Student Council 25-26 had planned a Teachers' Day Celebration on 3rd September 2025 to honor and appreciate the guiding lights of their journey and to express gratitude and create memories.

The celebration was held from 2 pm onwards in the Square Courtyard of BNCA.

All the teachers were divided into colour-coded teams to play fun games. There were games like guessing

Bollywood dialogues with a twist, solving English-translated song lyrics, guessing songs from tunes, scribble drawing, tongue twisters, Dumb Charades, and Heads Up.

One novel activity conducted was that of identifying teachers from their childhood photos!

Teachers, students and non teaching staff all had a great time.



Teachers participating in the Games at the Teachers Day Celebrations



Teachers Day Celebrations



Teachers Day Celebrations



Students at the celebrations

**Talk on Krishna Parikrama by Dr. Shrikant Ingalhalikar**



Dr Ingalhalikar at BNCA

The Word Bookshop in collaboration with BNCA Library Club and BNCA Center for Cultural Studies organized a special session by well known author, agriculturalist and tree conservationist Dr. Shrikant Ingalhalikar, known for his 10 publications on flora, expertise in rare tree propagation, and innovative work in urban arboriculture.

The session took place on Friday 19th September 2025 from 2:30 PM onwards at the BNCA Auditorium.

The session included a talk on the study and care of urban trees, with a focus on his latest book, Trees of Pune. He also talked about his book, Krishna Parikrama, a cultural voyage on Krishna river and the session concluded with an exclusive book- signing event.

**BNCA Birthday Celebrations in September 2025**



Prof. Yash Joshi's Birthday celebration

Birthdays of faculty Prof. Yash Joshi, Prof. Shweta Albal and Prof. Jayant Patwardhan and peon Mankar kaka were celebrated.



Prof. Jayant's birthday celebration



Mankar Kaka's Birthday Celebration



Prof. Shweta's Birthday celebration

across India gathered to celebrate architectural excellence.

BNCA students stood out for their clarity of thought, innovation, and contextual sensitivity. At the B. Arch level, Second Year B Division students mentored by Prof. Sayali Kulkarni emerged Winners in the Arts and Craft Category (Related to Buildings) for their outstanding documentation and work on Built Traditions in Gundawadi and Bursewadi.

Second Year B. Arch Division D students mentored by Prof. Pooja Ghorpade who emerged winners at the Zonal level in the category- Indigenous Dwellings went on to present their work at the national stage.



BNCA team with Mentor Prof. Sayali

In the Post Graduate category the thesis awards, Mansi Mokashi and Tejashree Pise from the BNCA Environmental Architecture Department secured first place and second place respectively. Devashree Bawaskar from the BNCA Digital Architecture Department secured second place for her thesis on 3d printing of desert sand. Manasi was awarded a prize of Rs. 1 lakh and a certificate for her masters thesis while Tejashree and Devashree were given Rs. 25 thousand each and a certificate. Manasi's thesis was titled "Suggesting infrastructure based on Pune City's Heat Action Plan to develop a temperature resistance strategy along with a study of hot spots in the city".

**BNCA ACHIEVEMENTS**

**BNCA Shines Bright at COA National Awards 2025**



BNCA team receiving the National Award

The students of MKSS's Dr. Bhanuben Nanavati College of Architecture (BNCA) achieved remarkable success at the prestigious Council of Architecture (COA) National Awards 2025, All award-winning entries were presented at the National Level in Ahmedabad, where students from

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Mansi was guided by Prof. Dr. Prajakta Kulkarni of the Environment Department of BNCA and Tejashree was guided by Dr. Sujata Karve, Head of the Environment Department of BNCA. Devashree Bawaskar was guided by Prof. Supriya Dhamale from the Digital Department and Prof. Dhanashree Sardeshpande, Head of the Digital Department.



Winners Mansi, Tejashree and Devashree

**BNCA LA students shine at Student Charette conducted by Nantes under IFLA**

Masters students Anushka Jadhav and Sampada Kulkarni from the BNCA Department of Landscape Architecture, participated in the Student Charrette conducted by Nantes, France, under the IFLA (International Federation of Landscape Architects) Global Studio Project (GSP).

Anushka Jadhav’s team won the FFP Spécial Prize – “Coup de Cœur du Jury” for their project Nantes Facing the Loire. The student team was mentored by Prof. Anupama Bapat. The Charrette brought together landscape architecture students from across the world, offering a rich platform for intercultural exchange, collaborative learning, and innovative design thinking.



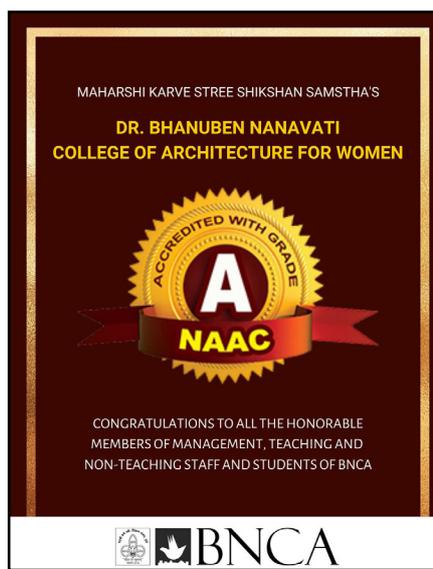
BNCA students receiving the award

**BNCA achieves A grade in NAAC Accreditation**

BNCA got accredited with a CGPA of 3.04 on a seven point scale at A Grade valid for a period of 5 years from 29-05-2025.

The NAAC team tirelessly worked for almost 7 years assembling this success piece by piece.

This has been a long journey for everyone at BNCA. Faculty, students, non teaching staff- admin, IT, library, labs, peons under the able leadership of Dr. Anurag Kashyap have contributed to this much deserved success.



**BNCA Alumna earns Masters degree with flying colors**



BNCA Alumna Mohini Bhosekar

BNCA 2022 Alumna Ar. Mohini Bhosekar graduated with a Master’s in Architecture and Urban Design from Politecnico di Milano, Italy,

with a final score of 110/110 making BNCA proud to be her alma mater. Her thesis was titled “A Spatial Grammar for Rural India: Traditional Grids as a Framework for Rural Development — A Case of Sukala, Odisha,” In a note to BNCA, she expressed her deep gratitude to her professors from B. Arch and to her alma mater BNCA, for shaping her journey and constantly inspiring her to grow.

**Lecture and Live Demonstration on Life Safety & Fire Protection at BNCA**

On Friday, 10th October 2025, BNCA’s Building Emergency Evacuation Operation Plan (BEEOP), in collaboration with the Fire and Security Association of India (FSAI), had organized a lecture titled 'Life Safety and Fire Protection in the Built Environment: Insights from the National Building Code'. The lecture was conducted 2pm onwards in the Auditorium, followed by a demonstration of Fire Safety Equipment by Mr. Sagar Kulkarni, Managing Director of Safety Saarthi Pvt. Ltd.

This event marked the formation of the FSAI Students’ Chapter for BNCA, in the presence of Mr. Sujal Shah, President, FSAI Pune Chapter.

This activity was organized by Ar. Yash Joshi, guided by Dr. Meera Shirolkar of Team BEEOP, BNCA.

**Session on Road Safety for Students**

On 9th October 2025, an important awareness session on Sadak Suraksha (Road Safety) was conducted at the BNCA Campus, near mango tree from 3:00pm onwards. The session was mandatory for the student council and the selected NSS members.

**BNCA ACTIVITIES**

**BNCA collaborates on Historic Cities Satara 2025**



Participants of Historic City Satara

Historic cities series- Satara edition was successfully conducted on 11th Oct 2025 with enthusiastic participation from Satara people in the surroundings of historic Old Palace Satara. It included Heritage walk, Sketching activity and symposium. Initiated by NIUA, Dronah Foundation, ICOMOS India and supported by BNCA- Pune, INTACH Pune, Yashoda College- Satara, Nayantara Foundation. It was patronised by Chhatrapati Shrimant Vrushaliraje Bhonsle, Her Highness Princess of Satara, Vilas Wahane- State Archaeology Department.

A separate illustrated book based on this day-long initiative in Satara city and its surroundings will also be published.

Experts and scholars have stressed upon the need to document the heritage of Satara city, which is blessed with historical traditions.

Dr. Vaishali Latkar, Head of Center for Cultural Studies at MKSS's Dr. Bhanuben Nanavati College of Architecture for Women (BNCA), took the responsibility of coordinating this initiative on the initiative of Principal Dr. Anurag Kashyap. Dr. Latkar said that since this initiative is of national importance, this local heritage should be preserved using digital media. A separate workshop will be organized for this soon.

**Dr. Kashyap as Chief Guest at the Annual Convocation ceremony of 'Vedashastrottejak Sabha'**

Work knowing the cause and effect was Dr. Anurag Kashyap's statement at the 'Veda Shastrottejak Sabha' ceremony "To achieve the ultimate goal at all levels, we should work knowing the causality behind the work we are doing," asserted Dr. Anurag Kashyap, Principal of Bhanuben Nanavati College of Architecture for Women (BNCA). He was speaking as the chief guest at the annual convocation ceremony of 'Vedashastrottejak Sabha'. The program was presided over by Dr. Geetali Tilak, Vice Chancellor of Tilak Maharashtra University and President of 'Vedashastrottejak Sabha'.

On this occasion, on behalf of 'Vedashastrottejak Sabha', Ven. Md. Shantaram Shastri Bhanose Ghanpathi and Vidun Rajeshwar Shastri Joshi were also felicitated by Dr. Kashyap with certificates of appreciation, shawls and shripals for their work. Dr. Kashyap said, "Vedic priests and students who perform the priesthood should increase their devotion by reading extensively as the role of Vedics as teachers of the society is very great."

He expressed the hope that our ancient Indian knowledge would be used to reach the masses.



Dr. Kashyap felicitating the vedics



Dr. Kashyap delivering his address

In his speech, Dr. Kashyap explained the relationship between quantum physics and Yogavasishta by giving many references from the Yogavasishta.

**44th Vanaja Session - Guest speaker Dr. Mahesh Shindikar**



Dr. Mahesh Shindikar conducting the session

The 44th Vanaja session titled "A Landscape between the Sea and the Soil" was held on Friday 3rd October 2025 from 2pm onwards in the BNCA Auditorium. The guest speaker was Dr. Mahesh Shindikar.

Dr. Shindikar is the Head of Applied Sciences & Humanities at COEP Technological University and is a botanist with over 20 years of expertise in plant ecology, environmental analysis, remote sensing, and mangrove conservation. He holds a Ph.D. in Botany from Savitribai Phule Pune University, where he studied the ecology of mangroves along the Maharashtra coast. As an expert member on state biodiversity and wetland committees, he contributes to curriculum development, environmental awareness, and policy advisory, making him a leading voice in ecological conservation and education.

**BNCA CELEBRATIONS**

**Kumarika Poojan at BNCA on 1st Oct 2025**



Kumarika Poojan preparations at BNCA

Like every year, Kumarika Poojan was done at BNCASquare Courtyard on 1st Oct 2025 from 2pm onwards. The admin department had made elaborate arrangements and decorations for the same.

**Garba-Dandiya celebrations at BNCA on 1st Oct 2025**



BNCA students enjoying the Garba



BNCA Student Council at the Garba 2025

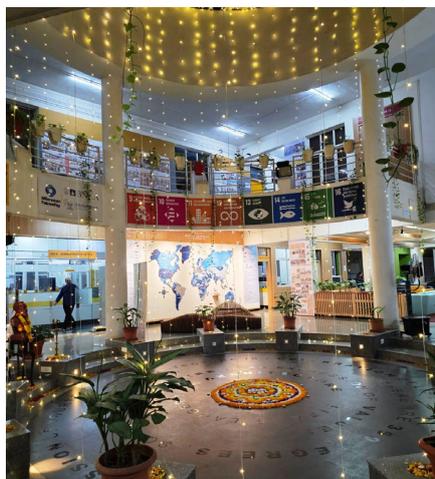


Student Council with Prof. Yash Joshi

**Deepotsav 2025 celebrations at BNCA**



BNCA faculty with Dr. Kashyap at Deepotsav



Deepotsav 2025 decorations at BNCA



Admin-accounts staff with Dr. Kashyap



MKSSS dignitaries, Dr. Deo and Dr. Kashyap Deepotsav 2025 was celebrated by all units of Maharshi Karve Stree Shikshan Samstha on 17th October 2025 from 6pm onwards. BNCA faculty and staff were present for the celebration for which elaborate decorations were done by the admin department.

**October 2025 Birthday celebrations at BNCA**



Athavale Sir's Birthday celebration



Atul Bhalekar's birthday celebration



Ranjana Mavshi's Birthday Celebration



Sagar Sir's Birthday Celebration



Prof. Sarabjeet's Birthday Celebration



Dawale Sir's Birthday Celebration

**BNCA ACHIEVEMENTS**

**BNCA shines at the Maharashtra state powerlifting bench press competition**

Their creativity, commitment, and academic rigor have been recognized at this prestigious international platform, reflecting the strength, innovation, and vision embedded in BNCA's postgraduate landscape programs.

**BNCA PhD Research Centre receives extension of approval till 2030**

BNCA PhD Research Centre inspection was held in November 2025. Looking at the progress in a short span of 10 years, the committee recommended extension of approval till 2030. Noteworthy is the fact that BNCA PhD Research Centre is the only PhD Centre under SPPU. The Research Centre Team comprises of Dr. Meera Shirolkar, Dr. Vasudha Gokhale and Harshada Gadgil is the administration counterpart.

**BNCA Alumna earns Masters degree with flying colors**



Vaishnavi receiving the certificate

BNCA Alumna Vaishnavi Bampalwar received the Gold Medal from NICMAR University, Pune, for securing First Rank in Master of Planning (Urban Planning), Batch 2023–2025, at the annual convocation held on 7th November 2025. In a note to BNCA, she expressed her deep gratitude to her professors from B. Arch and to her alma mater BNCA, for the strong foundation gained during her time at BNCA.



Student Birthday Celebration



Prof. Swapnil Shinde's Birthday Celebration



Accounts person Trupti Bhide's Birthday



Vice Principal Dr. Sharvey Dhongde's Birthday Celebration

BNCA October Birthdays were celebrated in the usual style. The birthdays of faculty Prof. Athavale, Dr. Sharvey Dhongde, Vice Principal, Prof. Swapnil Shinde and Prof. Sarabjeet were celebrated. Birthdays of Admin staff Atul, Dawale Sir and IT staff Bhima and Sagar and Ranjana Mavshi were celebrated in addition to student birthday celebrations.



Mrunal with her Gold medal

Mrunal Rajput, a final year B. Arch student of BNCA bagged the Gold Medal at Maharashtra state powerlifting bench press competition in the body weight category of 57kg, Bench press lift : 65kg. She is selected for the Nationals.

**BNCA Shines at the IFLA APR – Mumbai Charette Awards 2025**



BNCA team pictured at the IFLA

Students from the Department of Landscape Architecture, BNCA, have brought home outstanding honors from the prestigious IFLA APR Mumbai Charette 2025, held during the Global Conference in Mumbai. Shreya Gaikwad and Team bagged the 1st Prize at IFLA Global Studio Mumbai Charette while Keyuri Redka and Team won 2nd place. Tejal Barai, Shriya Thorat and team won the 3rd Prize. mentors @Swati S Bnca @Anupama K Ma'am and @Ar Mukta Kulkarni BNCA LA.

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**BNCA students installation bags the Gold at FOAID Expressions 2025 Mumbai**



Students and Faculty with Ar. Manish Banker



Students Devaki Mandhane, Mohini Mandke, Haritha Raghavendran and Madhura Phadnis with their installation

BNCA student team of Madhura Phadnis, Devaki Mandhane, Haritha Raghavendran and Mohini Mandke won the Gold at the FOAID Expressions Competition – Mumbai Edition 2025.

Their design was showcased at the Design Arena- Exhibition space in the form of an installation from 18th Dec to 20th Dec 2025.

Their Faculty mentors were Prof. Amruta Barve and Prof. Deva Prasad. This effort was supported by Dr. Kashyap, the DA department, Prof. Dhanashree and Prof. Kiran Nichale. Ahmed and Tejas from the BNCA woodworking lab helped to make the installation possible.

**BNCA - Center for Cultural Studies signs MOU with Maharashtra Stepwell Campaign**

On 3rd December 2025, BNCA- Center for Cultural Studies signed an MOU with Maharashtra Stepwell Campaign for architectural documentation of stepwells in Maharashtra.

This MOU happened with the support of BNCA Principal Dr. Anurag Kashyap, Vice Principal Dr. Sharvey Dhongde and IQAC head Dr. Chetan Sahasrabudhe.

The documentation will be coordinated by Prof. Sayali Kulkarni with the help of Dr. Vaishali Latkar and Prof. Sourabh Marathe.

The Center earlier celebrated the World Heritage Week 2025 in the historic and picturesque Wada precinct of Menavali with Heritage Expert Rahul Chemburkar, Vastu-Vidhan- Mumbai, Yashoda College of Architecture, Satara and IIA Satara on 23rd Nov 2025. A guided trek to Pateshwar was organized under the same on 20th Nov 2025, led by Prof. Sourabh Marathe.

**Research Achievement**

A research paper authored by M. Arch Digital Architecture Alumni Ar.Devashree Bawaskar and Prof. Supriya Dhamale from the DA Department has been accepted for presentation at CAADRIA 2026. The theme for CAADRIA 2026, "Humanistic Computation and Intelligence," highlights the role of computational methods and AI in advancing human-centered design research. This year it will be hosted in Hsinchu Taiwan and the proceedings will be published in Scopus indexed CUMIN-CAD publication.

**Student Mrunal Rajput wins Gold in Powerlifting**



Mrunal Rajput secures Gold medal BNCA final year student Mrunal Rajput received Gold Medal in the Inter Zonal Powerlifting Competition at Shirrampur on 10th December 2025

**BNCA Masters Alumna honored with Sigma Lambda Chi International Honor**



Pratiksha with her mentors



Pratiksha at the Philadelphia University BNCA M. Arch Landscape alumna Ar. Pratiksha Hurlpade completed M.S. in Construction Management from Thomas Jefferson University and was honored with the Sigma Lambda Chi International Honor.

**BNCA ACTIVITIES**

**Gathering Theme Reveal 2025**

The Gathering Theme Reveal took place on 15th Dec 2025 in the square courtyard of BNCA from 10am onwards.

Everybody followed the dress code of 'anything black' for Faculty, shades of brown with blue jeans for the host batch and white top and jeans for all other students.

The host batch gave spirited performances and everybody enjoyed a lot as all the vivas had finished the earlier day.



BNCA student council with Prof. Mahesh Bangad



The overflowing BNCA square courtyard



B. Des Students dance performance



Host batch performance

**Collaborative workshop by M.Arch. (Landscape Architecture) BNCA & M.Arch. (Urban Design) PVP College**



The Team at the Circular Courtyard BNCA

A collaborative workshop designed for M.Arch. Landscape Architecture and M. Arch Urban Design students was conducted at BNCA from 17th to 19 th December 2025 (Wednesday to Friday) from 9am to 3pm at the BNCA Seminar Hall.

The workshop focused on the common ground between the two disciplines, using space-related parameters as the central thread- specifically outdoor-indoor relationships, real environments, human experiences, urban spaces and people.

The students explored shared and unique ways in which both disciplines understand space and the built environment.

There were 18 students of first year M.Arch Landscape Architecture (LA), first year M.Arch Urban Design (UD) and few B.Arch students put together while 10 faculty members of the Department of LA and UD mentored the students.



Students presenting their work



From BNCA Landscape department, there was Dr. Swati Sahasrabudhe, Head of Department of Landscape Architecture, Prof. Mukta Gokhale Kulkarni- Co-ordinator and Assistant Professor, Department of Landscape BNCA, Prof. Anupama Bapat and Prof. Kshitija Kolhatkar and Prof. Snehal Mijar, all three being Assistant Professors at Department of Landscape Architecture, BNCA.

From B. Arch department, there was Prof. Shruti Joshi – Head of International Cell, and Prof. Siddhi Joshi. From PVP College of Architecture there was Prof. Anuja Chawda- Co-ordinator and Associate Professor, Department of Urban Design, PVP, Prof. Madhura Rairikar - Assistant Professor, Department of Urban Design, PVP and Prof. Gauri Deshmukh – Visiting Faculty member.

The Tapestry of Theories workshop emerged as an intensive three-day interdisciplinary learning platform where students of Landscape Architecture and Urban Design explored spatial theories through direct engagement with real environments. A key highlight was the collaborative group structure, wherein each group



Interactive sessions during the workshop

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worked with one Landscape Architecture theory, one Urban Design theory, and one theory common to both disciplines, enabling a nuanced understanding across scales from site to city. Through site-based observation at the J.M.Road, Pune, supported by sensory mapping, sketches, photography, diagramming, and discussions with mentors, students translated abstract theoretical ideas into lived spatial readings.

The workshop culminated in the production of a short movie, which served as the final outcome—allowing students to creatively synthesize theory, site experience, and narrative, and to communicate their integrated understanding of space through an audio-visual medium.

**BNCA National Tour  
December 2025**

The BNCA National tour to North India started from Pune on 13th December and concluded on 22nd December 2025. 4 faculty accompanied 44 students on this tour. Among the faculty were BNCA Vice Principal Dr. Sharvey Dhongde and B. Arch division Co-ordinators Prof. Amruta Barve, Prof. Sourabh Marathe and Prof. Surabhi Gadkari.

On 14th December the team reached Jaisalmer and visited Jaisalmer Fort, Jaisalmer Jain Temple, Maharaja Palace and Gadisar Lake post lunch.

On 15th, after breakfast they visited the havelis of Jaisalmer-Haveli of Diwan Nathamalji and Patwa Brothers Haveli and proceeded to Sam dunes post an early lunch. Enroute, they visited Kuldhara, an abandoned village in Jaisalmer. They had an enchanting evening in the silky Sam dunes and enjoyed Rajasthani folk dance.

On 16th December the group proceeded to Jodhpur and visited the Mandore Garden and spent their free time in the local market. After an overnight stay at Jodhpur, the next morning on 17th December, they visited the Mehrangarh Fort, Toorji Ka Jhalra Bavdi, Jashwant Thada, the Umaid Bhawan palace and Panchkund Chattriya.

After early breakfast on 18th December, they proceeded to explore Nagaur and visited the Nagaur Ahichhatragarh Fort, after which they proceeded to Mandawa for an overnight stay.

After breakfast they explore Mandawa, which is renowned for its historical havelis and the Mandawa Fort. They visited the Jhunjhunwala's Golden Haveli and Tarkeshwar Goenka Haveli.



At the Jhunjhunwalas golden haveli, Mandawa



Students & faculty at the Jaipur Patrika Gate



At the Maharaja Palace Jaipur



A candid moment at the Jawahar Kala Kendra



At the Amer fort, Jaipur

On Saturday 20th December: the group proceeded for Jaipur and explored the Amer Fort and Hathi Gaon designed by Ar. Rahul Malhotra post lunch. Later they spent their free time to explore Jaipur local market for shopping.

The next morning on 21st December, they visited the City Palace, Jaipur, the Jantar Mantar, Hawa Mahal and Chowki Dhani in the evening.

On 22nd December, after an early breakfast they visited the Jawahar Kala Kendra designed by Ar. Charles Correa and Albert Hall Museum. They visited the Birla Mandir post lunch and proceeded to the Airport stopping en-route for a quick photostop at Patrika Gate.

They reached Pune post 11pm thus fruitfully concluding the tour on 22nd December 2025.

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