In light of the UN Habitat Week, Faculty of Planning celebrated Prameya from 1st-7th October, 2018. This year, Cities: Now and After was adopted as the core theme. The program was an amalgamation of a series of events which included lectures by renowned members of the urban planning and design fraternity and student activities like quiz, design competition, academic game, flash-mob, sports day and cultural night. Prameya witnessed ardent participation from students and faculty members, making it an immense success.

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FP Lecture Series 2018
Transforming Urban Development in India

Date: 02nd November (Friday)
Time: 06:00 pm to 07:30 pm
Venue: Auditorium

Diwali Break 2018
05th November (Monday) to 09th November (Friday)

End Semester Juries
19th November (Monday) to 24th November (Saturday)

ACADEMICS @ PRAMEYA 2018

FP Lecture Series
Prameya is a platform wherein students get to learn and interact with professionals in the planning realm from across the country. This year too, a myriad of ideas and experiences was brought to CEPT as eminent consultants, academician and practitioners graced the occasion of Prameya 2018.

Dr. Nilesh Rajadhyaksha

The keynote series of Prameya 2018 began with Mr. Nilesh Rajadhyaksha, Project Coordinator MPD 2041 at NIUA. With over 10 years of experience in the field of urban planning, Mr.Rajadhyaksha is a graduate from Kamla Raheja Vidyanidhi Institute of Architecture and has pursued his Masters in Urban Planning from School of Planning, Delhi.

He started the session by asking the audience to implore the surfeit amount of options which fall under the work domain of urban planners. Throughout the lecture he urged to question and view Indian cities as centres for cultural production and exchange, rather than encourage national programs which hoard them with a series of hard infrastructure.

S Vishwanath

Day 2 began with a keynote by S Vishwanath, an eminent water conservation expert and a rainwater harvesting and ecological...
sanitation campaigner. Mr. Vishwanath has been instrumental in advocating, teaching, and demonstrating the efficacy of good water and sanitation management solutions.

Mr. Vishwanath emphasised the need for effective water management techniques, especially in a country like India. He discussed the present situation of water supply in Karnataka, the unequal distribution throughout the state, and the untapped sources which could be utilised. He presented examples of effective waste water utilisation, which included the use of leachates for irrigating cash crops. The contribution of several NGOs and probable policy changes were also highlighted during the lecture.

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He talked about how the unplanned growth of Indian cities along with issues of poor governance and implementation of development practices and climate change have led to increased vulnerability. Questioning the current guidelines that inform the planning processes, he stressed on how they fail to integrate mitigation/adaptation concerns in plans. His valuable insights brought out aspects that often go unnoticed while planning; a key learning for all budding planners.

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The film and his talk revolved around changing perceptions of modernity, self and architecture of housing over a period of a century. Drawing examples of housing architecture over a period of a century, ranging from large estates, villas, semi open houses and public housing, he seeks to explore the relationship between the spaces and the bodies that inhabit them.

He provided unique insights on how the ‘past’, present’ and ‘future’ are understood based on social human construction and notion of time, and how developments are rooted to history and human experience.

**EXTRA CURRICULARS @ PRAMEYA 2018**

**Food Waste Calibration**

As part of Prameya 2018, the Faculty of Planning took the initiative of segregating and calculating the amount of food waste generated in the University canteens. Food was segregated from other waste, weighed and the value was displayed in the canteens to create an awareness and responsibility among the students to avoid its wastage. Around 78kg of food was collected within two days that could feed numerous people. The event witnessed diligent participation from the students who were utterly thoughtful in supporting the initiative.

**Sports Night**

Prameya 2018 saw a power-packed sports night, comprising of outdoor, indoor as well as digital games

A plethora of games like badminton, volleyball, table tennis was organised and saw full house participation, with games being extended until late night. Innovative games like Devil's Circuit was a highlight, with participants pushing their limits while they raced towards their final goal in unison. The simultaneous happening of all these sports enabled students to participate in the sport of their choice. The winners of each sport were announced during valedictory, with each of them winning a memento to take back to reminisce.

**Planning Night**

An evening of performances or the ‘Planning Night’ were organised during the annual festival ‘Prameya’ 2018.

The Planning Night commenced with a group dance performance by the students of Faculty of Planning. Throughout the evening, students from various faculties performed and created an atmosphere of utmost fun. The performances were a perfect blend of both singing and dancing, varying from traditional to western style. Dr. Bhargav Adhvaryu, Faculty of Planning, joined the evening with a performance on electric guitar. A band constituting of students from various faculties enriched the evening with a beautiful variety of performances.

The evening hosted an enthusiastic audience, entertained by talented performers, put together through commendable work by the organisers.

**Meddlesome Mind**

A multi-faceted quiz exploring the numerous aspects of cities, was organised on the first day of Prameya 2018.

Twelve teams, comprising three members, participated in the competition. Comprising 6 rounds, the event tested the participants' knowledge on themes like food, landmarks, fictional towns, etc. The wild-card entry of the eliminated teams boosted the enthusiasm of the participants and the spectators. The quiz witnessed cut-throat competition, enhancing the knowledge of both the participants and the spectators on key urban themes.
Elysian

Urban Design tickles the mind to imagine futuristic possibilities of a city for a better tomorrow.

A 3 day event, starting October 5th 2018, was organised to test the knowledge and co-ordination of students by giving them urban constraints. The task was to imagine a futuristic city. The students weaved their knowledge through this incremental time-based problem which was later presented to the jury members. The event proved to be great model learning through hands on experience.

City Game

A ‘City Game’ was organized to put to test how upcoming planners would design cities of the future. Designed to test their imagination, ingenuity and abilities to put theory into practice, the game proved to be the best way to learn and demonstrate decision making.

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Cleanliness Drive

Till you do not take the bucket and brooms in your hand, you cannot make your towns and city clean. The cleanliness drive, an initiative by the Faculty of Planning and Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, was organised in tandem with the global goal of UN Habitat Week ‘Municipal Solid Waste Management’.

A utility kit, (including jackets, brooms, masks) was provided to participants by the AMC. The cleanliness drive initiated from CEPT Campus, joined by Dr. Bimal Patel, faculty members and students, saw a turnover of over a hundred people.

Initiating the drive from CEPT Campus, the participants were divided into two groups, simultaneously cleaning both sides of the street. Students were seen carrying placards with slogans to spread awareness about the goal towards achieving a clean city. A waste collection vehicle (from AMC) assisted the participants in transporting the collected waste for disposal. The drive terminated at the Commerce Six Roads, where snacks were served by the AMC.

The cleanliness drive was initiated with a talk by the Officials of AMC, which gave a brief glimpse of the efforts required to keep a city clean and the importance of a zero-waste campus. As a gesture of appreciation, the faculty members handed over Mementos to the AMC officials.

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