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ACADEMICS @ FP



Fig 01. The Spring Semester End Exhibition inauguration ceremony, P.C. Gokul K

The Semester End Exhibition for the Spring Semester 2019

The Semester End Exhibition for the Spring Semester 2019, held from 10th May 2019 to 14th May 2019, turned out be a platform for exchange of learnings and knowledge.

The Exhibition was inaugurated with a lamp lighting ceremony and a welcome note by Dr. Bimal Patel on 10th May 2019. It was followed by refreshments for everyone present at the Campus. Late evening saw a performance by a Rock Band in the South Lawns.

The entire campus was divided into various areas for each discipline. The exhibition displayed students' work for the Spring Semester 2019, which included

their drawings, photographs, models and more. The exhibition, through its variety of work, brought together students, teachers, academicians and professionals from various disciplines, on one platform.

The exhibition also included various events like workshops (Poetics of Kinetics, Digital Fabrication, Shaping Contours through Augmented Reality Sandbox) and a photography competition. It also included pre-admissions open house for Undergraduate Programs on 11th May 2019.

The exhibition throughout the campus displayed the works of more than 1500 students, supported by more than 130 faculty members, and was a success for CEPT University.



Fig 02. Spring Semester End exhibition inguration, P.C Gokul K



Fig 03. Spring Semester End exhibition, P.C Gokul K

LECTURE SERIES @ FP

Shri Durga Shankar Mishra

The Faculty of Planning organised a lecture on "Urban Renaissance in India" by Shri Durga Shankar Mishra on 15th May 2019.

Shri Durga Shankar Mishra is Secretary in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India. He has held assignments in Union and State Governments, covering a variety of topics. He has published papers on topics which relate to good governance in national as well as international journals.

The lecture focused on an urban renaissance in India, while its main focus was on the scope of urban planning in India. It also highlighted the available opportunities for Urban Planners in India.



Fig 04: Shri Durga Shankar Mishra, P.C. Cept University

FP ACHIEVEMENT @ CEPT

ICOMOS - India Scientific Symposium 2019

Paper Presentation by Aditi Rai (MURP 2018)

ICOMOS-India Scientific Symposium 2019, organised on 21st and 22nd June 2019 in Varanasi, saw a presentation by Ms Aditi Rai on a paper titled "Planning of Urban Areas with Heritage Value - Towards a Heritage Precinct Conservation & Improvement Local Area Plan" which emerged from her DRP research guided by Prof Jignesh Mehta of Faculty of Planning. The paper assesses and identifies the issues in current Heritage-Transferable Development Rights (HTDR) regulations and mechanism, as implemented in Ahmedabad Walled City, followed by recommending improvements and applicability of the same in the conservation of the cultural heritage of sacredscapes. It discusses the approaches for incentivising conservation of listed and contributing structures in a heritage precinct, with Dhal-ni-Pol, Ahmedabad, as a case study.

St Gallen Symposium

Essay Presentation by Pratiksha Surpuriya (MURP 2018)

St Gallen Symposium was organised at the St Gallen University, Switzerland between 8th and 10th May 2019; Ms Surpuriya was shortlisted as a participant through

an essay competition. The theme for the competition was "Capital for purpose". Her essay, titled "Re-routing to the Right Road: Urban Transport and Finance" proposed developing visionary government policies; dedicating funds towards public transport (PT), non-motorised transport (NMT), and pedestrian safety; as well as realigning transport investments pertaining to PT and NMT, multimodal integration, and innovative financing mechanisms. The essay suggested a human-centric approach of moving people instead of vehicles.



Fig 05 and Fig 06: Pratiksha Surpuriya in St. Gallen Symposium

ADITI RAI

JIGNESH MEHTA

Planning of Urban Areas with Heritage Value
Towards a Heritage Precinct Conservation & Improvement Local Area Plan: A case of Dhal-ni-Pol, Ahmedabad, India
Aditi Rai & Jignesh Mehta

ICOMOS-India Scientific Symposium 2019

Interfacing Sacred Heritage, Cultural Landscapes and Sustainable Development
Goals: Reciprocity among Tangible-Intangible Heritages and Sacredscapes



Fig 07. Illustration of Dhal-ni-pol by author

ONGOING RESEARCH @ FP

Faculty of Planning helping formulate the Bhopal Development Plan 2031

The Centre for Urban Land and Real Estate Policy (CULREP), with the help of urban practitioners and domain experts, is helping the Directorate of Town and Country Planning (T&CP), Bhopal, in formulating the Bhopal Development Plan (DP) 2031.

Prof Vidhyadhar Phatak, Prof Jignesh Mehta, Prof Subhrangsu Goswami, Dr Rutul Joshi, Prof Rutool Sharma, and Dr Utkarsh Patel are among the leading experts advising the Directorate in preparing the Development Plan. The key focus areas include revitalising the old city areas, encouraging mixed use, managing urban expansion using land pooling techniques, and promoting transit-oriented development. The experts are reviewing the proposals of the DP to ensure that its provisions meet its objectives.

KNOW YOUR ALUMNI @ FP



Dr. Vijay Anadkat

This month, we interviewed Dr. Vijay Anadkat, a Planner from the batch of 2001. He is currently a fellow at World Resources Institute (WRI) with immense experience in the field of research and development.

FS: *How are you currently associated with the profession?*

VA: Currently, I'm working with WRI. Prior to WRI, I worked as a city engineer at Rajkot Municipal

Corporation (RMC). I have also been a coordinator at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and a team leader at Gujarat Urban Development Mission (GUDM). I was also an associate professor at CEPT University.

FS: *Could you briefly describe your work profile?*

VA: At WRI, I serve as an advisor to the Urban Development Department, Government of Gujarat for Smart Cities Mission and AMRUT. Also, I'm advising on programs for Urban Mobility and Waste Water Policy.

FS: *What was your experience in transitioning from a student to a professional?*

VA: I studied at CEPT University upon deputation by RMC. I was already serving as a city engineer at Rajkot Municipal Corporation. After completion of Post-graduation, I was welcomed back by RMC to work on city development. Over the years, I have worked in the field of research and development, apart from teaching.

FS: *Please share your non-academic experiences at Faculty of Planning.*

VA: I have a lot of memories of playing cricket and football at campus post lectures hours. I used share self-cooked food with fellow classmates.

FS: *Is there any message/advice you want to convey to the students?*

VA: I recently came across a study that says India needs about 3 Lakh Town Planners by 2031. This predicts a very bright future for all the students. But the real challenge is being competent. I want to urge all the students to work hard, be honest and learn ethics as it will take you a long way. Don't forget, knowledge is power.

SUMMER WINTER SCHOOL @ FP

Summer-Winter School provides a gamut of exposure to the students

Summer-winter schools provide a platform for students and professionals to enhance their knowledge on a gamut of topics while garnering exposure through direct interactions with experts from various domains.

This year, Faculty of Planning organised summer schools in Singapore and several cities of Europe and the Indian sub-continent. These were held either independently, or in collaboration with leading institutions and civic agencies. The students were acquainted with the various urban planning and design concepts, including designing public spaces, environmental impacts, transit-oriented development (TOD), governance, economics, and social inclusion to name a few. The course pedagogy included lectures and interactions with city officials and practicing professionals, through discussions and debates.



Fig 09 and Fig 10: "Conserving Varanasi Heritage" SWS Group



Fig 11 and Fig 12: "Blueprint for Urban Transformations: Learning from the Dutch Experience" SWS Group



A course, titled "Blueprint for Urban Transformations: Learning from the Dutch Experience" focussed on the concepts of TOD, design of public spaces, and governance in Dutch cities. The students presented their views on how the Dutch ideas could be utilised in the Indian context.



Fig 13: "Sustainable and Smart Urban Growth in Randstad Megapolis, Netherlands" SWS Group

Integrated mobility, bicycle-friendly cities, urban regeneration and water management, some of the trending topics in recent times, were studied in the context of Netherlands in the course titled "Sustainable and Smart Urban Growth in Randstad Megapolis, Netherlands" taught in collaboration with Breda University.

Quality of life of the citizens of Gangtok and Thimphu was analysed through the presence of urban services, in the course titled 'The Tale of Two Cities: Exploring Sustainable Himalayan Urbanism in Thimphu and Gangtok.' Another Himalayan expedition studied the impact of human activities on regional ecology, while another course documented the impact of the landscape on the local culture. Strategies to preserve the heritage were studied through an analysis of Varanasi's historic centres in yet another course. Another course studied and analysed the transformation of Singapore through various urban lenses; lastly, a course to examine what constitutes an 'active' city, through the works of Aldo van Eyck.



Fig 14: "Linking Urban Design and Transport, London" SWS Group

The summer school, through numerous courses, enriched the students' knowledge on the myriad aspects of urban planning and design.

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