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**MURP PLACEMENT ROUND 2.0**

*Specialisation: Infrastructure, Housing, Landuse, Environment, Transportation*  
**Total Students: 68**

**Placement Slot 2:** 12-16 March & 19-24 March 2018

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**CEPT WORKSHOP @ FP**



The Kenyan Delegation at CEPT University PC: Utkarsh Srivatsava

**Building Cities, Bridging gaps**

A fifteen day specialized training program was conducted for twenty two officers of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Kenya. The Organizing team had Prof .Vidhyadhar Phatak and Mr C.K Koshy as advisors and was led by Prof. Sejal patel and Prof. Sasawat Bandyopadhyay as course directors

Innovations in Urban planning , Housing & Urban development , the workshop was organized in collaboration with Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme, administered by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

It was inaugurated by Paresh Sharma, Chief Town Planner, Government of Gujarat; Vidyadhar Phatak, Dean, Faculty of Planning; Hemendra Sharma, Director (DPA-II), Ministry of External Affairs; Robert Ogara Sangori (as Head of the Kenyan delegation), Ministry of Housing, Kenya. The workshop was anchored by Prof. Sejal Patel, Area chair Housing, Faculty of Planning with a focus on the housing and urban sector in particular, the theme revolved around the policies and planning strategies adopted in Gujarat and Ahmedabad in particular.

**GUEST LECTURE @ FP**

**Lecture by Dr. Sheela Patel**

“What does professional education need to address to make a difference? Can a professional education train you for addressing, quality scale and coverage?” were some of the questions explored in a talk by Dr. Sheela Patel, Founder Director of the Society for Promotion of Area Resource Centres (SPARC) and Co-founder and Chair, SDI, held on the 20th February, 2018.

The obvious presence of formality in terms of social security and work, and mostly on how the space is occupied was a vantage discussed by Dr.Patel. She pointed that a typical city planning process does not count the informal, the land encroachment patterns or locate the informal settlements geographically. What turned exacerbating was the fact that cities are expanding and absorbing villages, even those with no infrastructure facilities to make them symmetrical with cities in other parts of the world, she said.

In her talk on ‘Must our cities remain divided into formal and informal?, Dr.Patel made a proposition not be swayed by the water tight binaries of bifurcating the formal and informal. The session was an

interactive one in comparison to the other conventional lectures and piqued the audience's interest to find the patterns that emerge from the informality and facilitate merging rather than distinction.

### Lecture by Vijay Limaye

FP Lecture Series hosted a special session on Air Quality Management Strategies in Cities by NRDC (Natural Resources Defence Council) in collaboration with the IIPHG (Indian Institute of Public Health) and IITM (Indian Institute of Technology Madras) on 30th January 2018.

IIPHG launched an 'Air Information and Response Plan-2017' as a part of the SAFAR program. The plan strategizes informing public at large and relevant stakeholders about air quality through AQI, in tandem of the larger perspective of the SAFAR Air Quality Monitoring application.

The keynote speaker was Vijay Limaye, a Climate Change and Health Science fellow at NRDC. Limaye also provides scientific consultation to the India Initiative's air program. He addressed the audience on the rising air pollution problem with an international perspective. Having an expertise in environmental epidemiology, he stressed on tackling this issue with a multi-disciplinary approach. The complexity of this problem lies in the fact that it not only affects human health but also has an impact on the larger economy and climate change, he said. With a large number of countries exceeding the air quality standards, he urged for air quality monitoring to focus on ecological hotspots, pollution coming in from the transport and manufacturing industries and urged people to involve in driving air quality policies.

### Round Table for Circular Economy Club held at Faculty of Planning

Faculty of Planning, CEPT University has partnered with Ekonnnect (Dr. Prasad Modak) to hold a CE round table in Ahmadabad.

The subject of Circular Economy (CE) has evolved today as effective strategy towards economic development and sustainability. Internationally, CE has been practiced in several countries notably in EU, Japan, Korea,



1. Vijay Limaye, a Climate Change and Health Science fellow at NRDC delivering his thoughts, PC - Yash Sugandhi; 2. Prof. Sheela Patel talking about informality in cities - PC Yash Sugandhi; 3. Attendees of the Round Table for "Circular Economy Club" held at Faculty of Planning; PC: CEPT University

South Australia and even legislated in countries such as China. In 2015, the Ministry of Environment & Forests & Climate Change (MoEFCC) established Indian Resource Panel (InRP). Based on the situation analyses and opportunities identified by the InRP, the NITI Ayog has started focusing on Resource Efficiency and Secondary Material Recycling that are the foundations of CE.

Recently, a vibrant international network of CE professionals has been established as Circular Economy Club (CEC) (<https://www.circulareconomyclub.com/>). In order to promote CE on a global basis, CEC is coordinating a Mapping Week across 60+ cities in the world

### ACADEMICS @ FP

#### Direct Research Projects (DRPs) - An alternative to dissertation/capstone project!

This is the second academic year of Directed Research Projects (DRP). It is a research mentoring programme and an alternative to the dissertation

project offered to students pursuing Master of Urban and Regional Planning.

Normally, in a dissertation, the student takes a design or a research method or both where they develop a proposal, work out the objectives, methodology and eventually resolves the questions. In the DRP, students get an opportunity to work on the ongoing research projects undertaken by faculty members and renowned researchers from outside CEPT.

The faculty members and researchers would put up the preliminary research project that they have developed. These projects are pre-approved by the Faculty as a potential dissertation projects, and students who are looking to work on a research topic for dissertation choose any of these proposals. They develop it in consultation with the faculty members or the professional researcher from outside.

Thirty-Eight DRP's were introduced for Spring semester 2018. The topics



The faculty of planning members playing a friendly match against the kenyan delegation , PC : CEPT University

listed by various researchers offer a wide variety and therefore, students have a choice to take up a topic of their interest. Some of the DRPs offered this semester are TAD or TOD. Making TOD plans and regulations work for Indian Cities by Dr. Rutul Joshi, Planning Guidelines, Policy and

Regulations for Innovative Reinvent the Toilet Technologies by Myles Elledge, Senior Director, RTI International. Working with researchers is a good opportunity for students as they learn while being a part of actual project. Currently, around 50 students from Faculty of Planning are a part of DRP and are gaining academic research experience.

**EXTRA CURRICULARS@ FP**

**Kenya- FP Football Match/Amity cricket league**

Sports help in building strength and determination to endeavour the goals in one's life. The Amity Cup, an inter-faculty cricket tournament commenced in full spirit on 17th February, 2018.

A friendly football match too was played between Kenyan Delegates, who were here to attend a capacity building workshop, and Faculty of Planning on 23rd February, 2018.

The delegate participants of the workshop took part in a friendly football match organised by the Faculty of Planning. The event was played with great enthusiasm by the sports fanatics and everyone cheered both the teams, as Faculty of Planning cruised towards the winning position. The cross culture sporty environment was a jovial event and it made the delegates visit a memorable one. The happy faces reflected the same after the match. The Kenyan nationals played their traditional music as a supportive gesture towards the fun filled event.

**KNOW YOUR ALUMNI @ FP**



**SHIRLEY BALLANEY  
Architect - Urban Planner**

*Shirley Ballaney is an Architect-Urban Planner with over 20 years of rich experience in areas of urban and regional planning, land management, urban legislation & policy. She is currently engaged in several statutory urban planning and research projects.*

*SS: How are you associated with the profession of architecture and planning currently?*

*SB: Since graduating from CEPT, I have been practicing continuously as an urban planner. My professional career started at CEPT, then I worked at Vastu Shilpa Foundation.*



FP batsmen in action ,in the game against M.arch



The cricket team of faculty of planning ; PC Ravichandra

Later, I moved to EPC and now I am associated with HCP. My work has been focused mainly on model cities, preparing and developing of TP schemes and development plans. I am also a visiting faculty at CEPT & Adani Institute of Management.

*SS: Could you kindly brief us about the research work that you do?*

*SB:* My research has been focused on land management, land-use planning and affordable housing ; particularly legislations that influence the dynamics of land supply.

*SS: It has been a long time since you graduated. But if you try to recollect, how was the transition from academics to profession?*

*SB:* I think academics exposes you to a wide variety of subjects. On the other hand, practice teaches you how to cope with pressure. It is the stage where you are ready to apply what you have learnt. However, as you go ahead in life, you realise your true passion. So all together, it is a complete learning process.

*SS: Please share some of your non-academic experiences from your days at Faculty of Planning.*

*SB:* I do not have much non-academic experience on campus but yes, the campus is extremely nice. I have spent a lot of time at the School of Architecture. Time we spent outside the class and travelling to far off places over the weekend, are all fond memories.

*SS: Lastly, I would like to request you to share a message for the students.*

*SB:* I would suggest everyone to make the most of their time on the campus. Work hard as there are no shortcuts to success, especially in this profession.

**ONGOING RESEARCH @ FP**

*Faculties and students at Faculty of Planning are constantly engaged in enhancing the rich repository of research work that CEPT proudly possesses. The month of February saw another addition to this repertoire.*

A research paper by Nida Haque, a student of Masters of Urban and Regional Planning on the topic "Is Participatory Planning Really Working



*Ms. Nida Haque presenting a paper on "participatory planning working for the urban poor" at Jamia Milia Islamia*

For the Poor?" was selected to be part of a publication by Wellworth Books International called 'Environmental Remediation and Rejuvenation'. It was released at the 6th National Seminar (themed Architecture for Masses) on 22nd February, 2018 at Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi.

The paper investigates whether the participatory planning process in India is indeed as inclusionary as it is envisaged. By citing examples

from current pressing issues in India related to water body redevelopment, the author stresses that public participation is class exclusive and biased; as a result of which the ones with least social access bear the greatest negative environmental and social impacts of the decisions taken.

The paper reflects the author's opinion and effectively articulates a significant concern through relevant examples from India and abroad.

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