ANNUAL REVIEW REPORT

CEPT UNIVERSITY

2024-2025

Since its establishment, CEPT University has been a leader in India in education, research, capacity building and advisory in the habitat disciplines. Its teaching programs build thoughtful professionals, and its research programs deepen understanding of human settlements. CEPT is a collaborative of academics and practicing professionals who play a key role in all aspects of the university's functioning.

CEPT University has been recognized nationally and internationally for the impact of its contributions. It has been accorded the status of **Centre of Excellence** by the Department of Education, Government of Gujarat, **Centre of Excellence in Urban Transportation** status by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India, Ranked among the **top 6 academic institutions** in the country in the Architecture Category in the National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF 2024, 2025), **Recognized by all levels of government**, philanthropic organisations, bilateral and multilateral agencies, and the industry for our research, advisory and training capabilities.

CEPT Laboratory has received accreditation from National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) in the field of 'Testing' under Mechanical and Chemical disciplines.

The broad activities are :-

- **Academic Activities:** Under CEPT University, there are Five Faculties – Faculty of Architecture, Faculty of Design, Faculty of Planning, Faculty of Technology and Faculty of Management. The University offers 5 undergraduate and 18 postgraduate programs and Doctoral program by Faculty of Architecture and Faculty of Planning and has a total student strength of around 2033 students.
- **Teaching and Learning Centre:** The Teaching and Learning Centre (TLC) is established to support and strengthen new directions in pedagogy and learning at CEPT. It facilitates various ways to promote excellence in teaching and learning, like External Board of Reviews, Excellence Exhibition, Excellence Awards for students and faculties, Innovation in teaching methods etc.
- **International Exchange programs:** International collaborations and exchanges aim to provide opportunities for CEPT students and teachers to get multicultural learning

experiences and exposure to the diversity of academic and professional environments. The University has over **34 long-standing collaborations** with top-ranked international universities and research institutes.

- **CEPT Professional Programs (CPP):** CEPT Professional Programs (CPP) bridge the gap between academics, practice, policymaking, and implementation through certificate programs and training programs. The mission of CPP is to support individual and organizational learning by creating opportunities to acquire new skills and capabilities, thus allowing professionals to stay relevant in the current knowledge-based global context.

- **Vocational Education and Skilling:** CEPT University is aligned with the aspiration of the NEP2021 to reduce the hard separations between vocational and academic streams to minimize hierarchies and silos between different areas of learning.
- **Mentorship:** CEPT University initiated the mentorship program for educational institutions in 2021 as part of its strategic vision and in line with the New Education Policy. This initiative envisages engaging with other Educational Institutions aiming for excellence to support their growth and development with the intent of sharing our learnings and scaling up the improvements in teaching and learning across the country.
- **CEPT Research and Development Foundation (CRDF):** The CEPT Research and Development Foundation (CRDF) is a multidisciplinary think-do-tank promoted by CEPT University. CRDF, through its thematic centres, strives to enhance and deepen knowledge, encourage innovation and provide professional services. Along with teaching, the faculty also involve themselves in various research projects and consultancies with the added purpose of furthering academic knowledge and understanding with field experience, offering students/graduates an opportunity to learn from real-life situations, and publishing findings of research/consultancy in such a manner as to further understanding develop teaching materials and make available to a wider audience, knowledge, and expertise.
- **CEPT Resource Centre:** One of the missions of our institute is to become a resource centre in the service of the state and the profession by developing databases and reference materials and offering training programmes and continuing education courses as well as consultancy services. To promote access to the University's resources like the Archives, Library, Press and Data Centre to academics, researchers, and the public.
- **Financial Aid:** CEPT University has been providing and will continue to provide its students with the highest quality academic programs at a competitive and reasonable fee to meet the cost of education. It strongly believes that no student should be denied the opportunity to pursue their studies for want of adequate financial resources. Financial Aid

seeks to bring the best students to University regardless of their ability to pay. It ensures a bridge between the educational cost and the family's financial circumstances.

In FY 2024-25, **Rs. 6.83 Cr** was disbursed to support 346 students under Merit, Means, and special needs scholarships. An additional **Rs. 3.91 Cr was** disbursed in assistantships benefiting **494** students.

- **Outreach and Community Services:** CEPT has played a key role in contributing to the Academic Community. This includes several open lectures, exhibitions, conferences, and seminars hosted by the University. Students, Faculty members, and Staff at CEPT are committed to working towards various community services like cleanliness drives, vaccination drives, blood donation drives, tree plantation drives, and teaching underprivileged communities etc.
- **Health And Wellness Centre:** CEPT University provides students with a safe, healthy, and collaborative environment. The centre has two doctors, one online and one on campus and three counsellors for their mental well-being.
- **Hostel Accommodation:** The University provides accommodation to students at reasonable charges. Managed by a committee appointed by the university, under the supervision of a rector, the hostels are committed to constant upgrades to meet student requirements. As CEPT University prioritizes student needs, the hostels remain a hub of growth, learning, and friendship, enabling them to focus on their educational journey without distraction.
- **Connect With Alumni:** The primary purpose of the University is to better engage with its alumni to establish a mutually beneficial relationship between CEPT and its alumni. It helps establish close linkage with profession and industry where the alums are placed to make teaching, training and research at the University relevant to the needs of the society.

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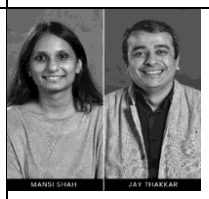
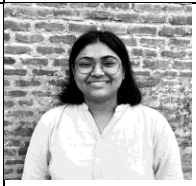
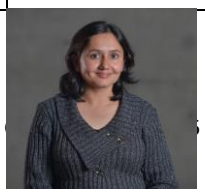
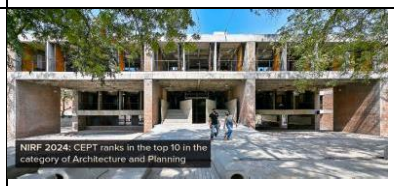
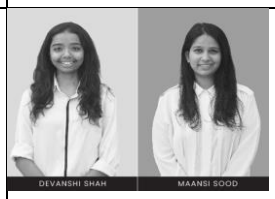
3	2024-25	CEPT Faculty Receive WWDF Research Grant	
4	2024-25	CPP Organizes Programs for Professionals in London	
5	2024-25	CEPT Library hosted a Book Talk featuring Rashmi Sadana	
6	2024-25	CPP Conducts Program on Universal Accessibility	
7	2024-25	The Masterplan' – an Exhibition by CP Kukreja Foundation took place at the Lilavati Lalbhai Library, on 26 Jul	
8	2024-25	FA Alum Conferred Two Scholarships	

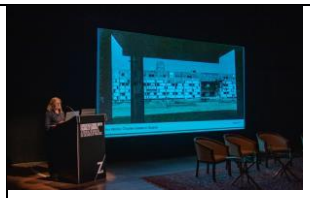
9	2024-25	FP Team Wins at Global Competition	
10	2024-25	FA Students' Work Exhibited in London	
11	2024-25	FP Student Wins Design Competition	
12	2024-25	Alum Receives a Canadian Scholarship	
13	2024-25	FT Faculty’s appointment to National Building Code Technical (S (BIS)	
14	2024-25	A Book Alive Session with Dr. Gauri Bharat, Assoc. Prof. FA was hosted at the CEPT Library on 02 Aug.	
15	2024-25	The CEPT Foundation Programme (CFP) inaugurated Let’s Play, an exhibition of student work, on 5 Aug, at the Lilavati Lalbhai Library.	
16	2024-25	The Doctoral Office at CEPT organized a workshop on ‘How to Publish’ on 26 & 27 Jul.	

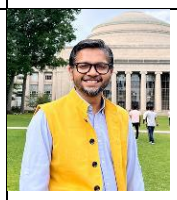
17	2024-25	CEPT Library hosted a book launch of ‘Architectures of Transition: Emergent Practices in South Asia’, curated and edited by Rahul Mehrotra, Devashree Shah, and Pranav Thole, on 13 Aug.	
18	2024-25	CEPT Excellence Awards & Exhibition, Spring 2024	
19	2024-25	Blood donation drive by IPA 2024 at FT	
20	2024-25	FT Student Wins National Skill Competition	
21	2024-25	CEPT Ranks within Top 10 in NIRF 2024	
22	2024-25	Alums’ Research Published in International Publications	
23	2024-25	Alum Wins Award at WADE ASIA 2024	
24	2024-25	CEPT Alum's Book Published	

25	2024-25	CEPT Alum Presented Paper at IASS 2024	
26	2024-25	Faculty elected Vice President of the IASS, Warsaw	
27	2024-25	FD Celebrates 34th Foundation Day	
28	2024-25	MID Design Boot Camp Exhibition	
29	2024-25	Geomatics Marks National Remote Sensing Day	
30	2024-25	A Book Alive Session with Shreyank Khemalapure, Assoc. Prof. FA was hosted at the CEPT Library on 11 Sep.	
31	2024-25	The Faculty of Planning (FP) organized a Master Class by Alain Bertaud and Salim Furth on 28 Aug at the BNB Lecture Hall for all Faculty of planning & Faculty of Management students and faculty members.	
32	2024-25	Architectural Works of Didi Contractor Gifted to CEPT Archives	

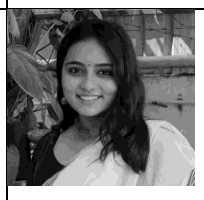
33	2024-25	FP Alum Presented Research at Madrid	
34	2024-25	MBEP Students Win First Prize in Quiz	
35	2024-25	MBEP Students Win Project StaSIO 2024 Awards	
36	2024-25	MBEP Team Recognized in ASHRAE Competition	
37	2024-25	Alum Presented Paper at International Symposium	
38	2024-25	The exhibition "Ways of Seeing," featuring photographic works by CEPT's faculty members, students, and alumni, was inaugurated by renowned photographer Amit Pasricha on 27 Sep.	
39	2024-25	CEPT Conference: Leveraging Earth Observation Intelligence	
40	2024-25	FT Celebrates Engineer's Day	

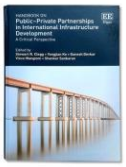
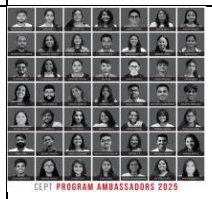
41	2024-25	FP Celebrates Prameya 2024	
42	2024-25	CEPT Celebrates Pipedream 2024	
43	2024-25	FT Student: Wooden Web Project Registered as IPR	
44	2024-25	FM Students Present at ICEGOV '24	
45	2024-25	FT Students Win National Competition	
46	2024-25	FP Student Presents at WASH '24	
47	2024-25	Twelve alums won awards at the WADE Asia National Awards 2024, held at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, from 22 to 25 Aug.	
48	2024-25	CEPT Alums Win First Prize at National Design Competition	

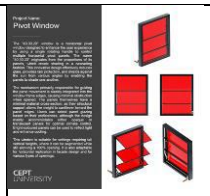
49	2024-25	FA Faculty Presented at Z-axis 2024	
50	2024-25	FA Faculty Invited as Chief Guest on Le Corbusier Day	
51	2024-25	FM Celebrates Prabandhan 24	
52	2024-25	CEPT Conferences: Civil Engineering and Urban Transport	
53	2024-25	FP Student Presents Research at the ESRI User India Conferenc	
54	2024-25	FA Students Presented Research at the 11th ZEMCH Internatio	
55	2024-25	FP Student Presents Research	
56	2024-25	FP Student Presented at UDL Seminar	

57	2024-25	CEPT Hosts Delegation from the Swiss Embassy	
58	2024-25	The book, Great Expectations: Notes to an Architect, authored by renowned architect and educator Prof. Christopher Benninger and published by CEPT University Press (CUP), was launched at CEPT on 21 Nov.	
59	2024-25	Winter Exhibition 2024 was inaugurated on 25 Nov, at the South Lawns. It showcases the work of 1,720 students across 109 studio units from Monsoon Semester 2024.	
60	2024-25	CEPT University expresses its heartfelt gratitude to a generous alumni couple who have donated Rs. 17 Lakhs towards the CEPT Endowment.	
61	2024-25	CEPT University extends its heartfelt gratitude to alum Sanjiv Sood (FA UG '67) for his remarkable generosity in supporting two students with a grant of INR 50,000 each, annually over the past six years to assist with their thesis expenses.	
62	2024-25	CEPT Alum Awarded Fellowship at MIT	
63	2024-25	The Board of Review (BOR) for the Monsoon 2024 semester was conducted at CEPT University on 29 Nov. 46 leading practitioners and academics from across the country were invited as BOR members, to review the work produced by students across 5 undergraduate and 18 postgraduate programs. The review took place during the semester-end exhibition, showcasing the outcomes of diverse studio units.	
64	2024-25	Winter Courses 2024 commenced at CEPT on 02 Dec. This year, 41 diverse courses are being conducted with 777 students and 59 faculty Members	

65	2024-25	Winners of the CEPT Essay Prize Competition 2024	
66	2024-25	CEPT Library hosted a Book Talk on Indigenous Architecture in India: Exploring Plural Lifeworlds, published by Routledge, on 20 Nov at the South Lawn.	
67	2024-25	CEPT University hosted gameplay sessions for 30 students from two schools – the Calorx Olive International School and the Gems Genesis International School, on 03 and 05 Dec, respectively.	
68	2024-25	CEPT Students Shine at ROOH Challenge 2024	
69	2024-25	FP Team Wins at Prajatantra 2024	
70	2024-25	FT Team Wins Con-Bowling 2024	
71	2024-25	'Shelves' - a project designed by Anshika Bhatt (FD UG ’20), has been officially registered and published by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, GoI.	
72	2024-25	CEPT Signs MoU with BIPARD	

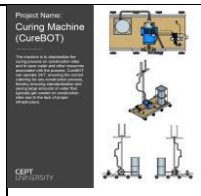
73	2024-25	CEPT Signs MoU with SPIPA	
74	2024-25	CEPT University gets 5-star plus in the GSIRF Rating 2024	
75	2024-25	FA Alumni Reunion: '74 Batch Celebrates 50 Years	
76	2024-25	FD Alum Wins Startup Challenge	
77	2024-25	FA Alum Presented Paper at INTACH	
78	2024-25	Faculty of Design UG '93 Batch Celebrates Reunion	
79	2024-25	FA Alum Receives SAH Membership	
80	2024-25	FA Alum Presented Paper at ISVS-13	

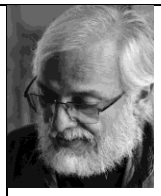
81	2024-25	FP Alum Bestowed ISRS Award	
82	2024-25	The CEPT Global Alumni Meet brought together 500 alumni from 25 cities globally, on 04 Jan.	
83	2024-25	FT Faculty Co-edits Handbook	
84	2024-25	The Master of Conservation and Regeneration (MCR), Faculty of Architecture (FA), in collaboration with the Education Programme of the Aga Khan Trust for Culture (AKTC), organized a Winter School *Catching Winds and Views at Al-Azhar Park, Cairo* from 14 to 21 Dec.	
85	2024-25	CEPT University is pleased to announce the scholarship support received from Making A Difference, NGO for initiating means scholarship for one UG and one PG student. Making A Difference, founded in 2011 by Manthan Patel, started with distributing 1,500 winter jackets and now supports 15,000 people annually.	MAD Making A Difference
86	2024-25	CEPT Welcomes new 49 Program Ambassadors 2025	
87	2024-25	FM Student at Prajatantra 2024	
88	2024-25	FA Student and Tutor Present Paper at ISVS '24	

89	2024-25	FA Students' Pivot Window Work Registered as IPR	
90	2024-25	CFP Students Showcased Board Games Nationally	
91	2024-25	CEPT hosted a public lecture on 'Public Finance Inputs for an Indian Urban Renaissance' by Dr. Ajay Shah on 17 Jan.	
92	2024-25	CEPT University hosted the launch of ‘Talking to Chhaya’, a book by renowned Indian architect and alum, Neelkanth Chhaya, on 24 Jan at the BNB Hall.	
93	2024-25	CEPT signs MoU with CREDAI	
94	2024-25	FA ‘95 Batch Celebrates 30 Years with a Reunion	
95	2024-25	CEPT Faculty Selected as Godrej Design Lab Fellows 2025	
96	2024-25	The winners of the Urban Innovation Challenge 2.0, organized by the Faculty of Management (FM) are Aditya Chaurasia, IK Gujral Punjab Technical University (*Climate Investment*), Harshit Raj, VIT Bhopal University (*Plastic Waste Management*) and Reem Hamraz, Integral University Lucknow (*Plastic Waste Management*).	

97	2024-25	CEPT University hosted an event titled Modern Architecture as Heritage, featuring talks and a panel discussion by esteemed experts in the field, from 16 to 21 Feb 2025.	
98	2024-25	CEPT Library hosted a book talk on 'The Diary of Manu Gandhi (1943-1944 & 1946-1948),' on 12 Feb at the South Lawns.	
99	2024-25	The book '**INC*LOO* SIVE - Feminist Toilet Architecture'**, authored by Sonal Mithal and Priyanka Awatramani, was launched on 06 Feb at South Lawns, CEPT. Published by the CEPT University Press (CUP),	
100	2024-25	The 5th edition of the annual CEPT Research Symposium (organized by the Doctoral Office) was held at the University on 7-8 February 2025.	
101	2024-25	World Plumbing Day 2025 - Essay & Poster Competitions	
102	2024-25	Dr. Mercy Samuel, Sr. Assoc. Prof. FM presented her research at the Bring Your Own Research (BYOR) session on Jan 28.	
103	2024-25	CEPT Library hosted a Book Alive session with Dr. Anil Kumar Roy, Sr. Assoc. Prof. FP, on 30 Jan	
104	2024-25	FD Students Wins Scholarship	

105	2024-25	Alums Presented Research at IIHS Conference	
106	2024-25	FT Alum Wins 2025 TEXO Competition	
107	2024-25	FT Alums & Faculty Present Paper on 'Mobile Air Quality Monitoring of Naroda GIDC and Vatva GIDC'	
108	2024-25	Uttam C. Jain gifts his work to the CEPT Archives	
109	2024-25	GeoQuest: A Hands-on GIS Event Held at CEPT University	
110	2024-25	Book Launch: Traditional Architecture, House Form of the Islamic Community of Bhoras in Gujarat	
111	2024-25	Student Competition for Waste Bin Design at CEPT University	
112	2024-25	FA Student Wins Battle of Projects Award 2025	

113	2024-25	FT Student's Work Curing Machine Registered as IPR	
114	2024-25	FD Student's Work 'Floor Display' Registered as IPR	
115	2024-25	The exhibition 'Unseen Unknown' by Nehal Desai, an artist in residence at CEPT University Printmaking Studio, was inaugurated on 28 Feb.	
116	2024-25	The winners of the **CEPT Essay Prize Competition 2024**, Kruthika Ganesh (researcher, writer, and designer), Karan Saharya (architect, scholar), and Devanshi Modi (architect, researcher, yoga teacher), were felicitated in an award ceremony on 25 Feb.	
117	2024-25	Global South Academic Conclave on WASH and Climate 2025	
118	2024-25	The inauguration of the CEPT Excellence Exhibition 2025 and the award ceremony were held at CEPT on 21 Feb. For the Monsoon Semester, 9 individual Student Projects and 2 Studio Units were shortlisted for the Excellence Awards presentation.	
119	2024-25	FA Alum Presented Research at Urban ARC 2025	
120	2024-25	FA Alum Wins First Prize in Architecture Competition	

121	2024-25	CEPT Alum Wins Dithi-Samajbhan Puraskar Award	
122	2024-25	FA Alum Presented Paper at International Conference on SDGs	
123	2024-25	Prof. Christopher Benninger's firm, CCBA Designs, gifts its sele ives	
124	2024-25	The CEPT Library hosted a book talk on Ahmedabad Cross Section, a unique Leporello published by CEPT University Press (CUP) in 2020. Curated by Jigna Desai and Inigo Cornago Bonal, the book presents Ahmedabad through detailed drawings, expert insights, and citizen voices.	
125	2024-25	The Faculty of Management (FM) hosted a conference on Mar 1, focusing on Urban Governance & Managing the Future Growth of Indian Cities	
126	2024-25	CEPT University announced the opening of its CEPT Foundation Program (CFP) Field Studio Exhibition, showcasing insightful projects developed by first-year undergraduate students based on their recent immersive field visit to Kerala.	
127	2024-25	Brinda Somaya Gifts her Select Works to the CEPT Archives	
128	2024-25	FP Student Wins Zonal Round at PJMT NGEC National Challeng	

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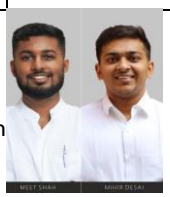
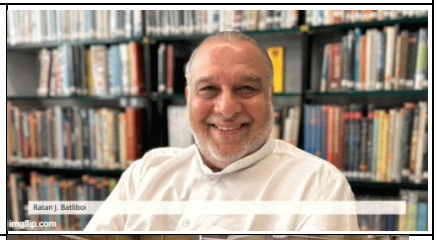
130	2024-25	FP Students win Best Paper Award	
131	2024-25	CEPT Students Received Special Commendation at Internation	
132	2024-25	15 Students Awarded GICEA Gold Medals 2025	
133	2024-25	CEPT Granted Centre of Excellence by GoG	
134	2024-25	CEPT hosted the International Symposium on Digital Technologies in Architecture and Design Education	
135	2024-25	CEPT Signs MoU with TPVD, Govt. of Maharashtra	
136	2024-25	FP Alum Presented Research at Sustainable Management, Design & Architecture Conference	

137	2024-25	FD Faculty Keynote Speaker at SiDE Symposium	
138	2024-25	CEPT Team Wins ULI Hines Asia Pacific Student Competition 2(	
139	2024-25	Rosy Blue Foundation has contributed towards scholarships for students of the Faculty of Architecture. The CEPT - ARRA 100% Meritorious Scholarship includes tuition fees, accommodation costs, and expenses incurred during their studies.	ARRA ARUNKUMAR & RAMNIKLAL MEHTA SCHOLARSHIP
140	2024-25	CEPT Signs MoU with TNUHDB	
141	2024-25	CEPT Students Win Gold and Bronze at the C-IDEA Design Awa	
142	2024-25	Ratan J. Batliboi gifts his firm RJB - CPL's select works to CEPT	
143	2024-25	CEPT Celebrates International Yoga Day 2025	
144	2024-25	CEPT Students Reimagine Street Design Through Full-Scale Ur	

145	2024-25	FA Students Win Rosy Blue ARRA 100% Meritorious Scholarshi	
146	2024-25	CEPT University Hosts Delegation from the Embassy of Finland	
147	2024-25	Faculty of Technology Hosted POROCON 2025	