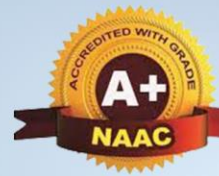




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We would like to take this opportunity to express our profound gratitude and deep regard to the leadership of this institution, Dr. NN Sharma (President, MUJ), Dr. Karunakar A Kotegar (Pro-President, MUJ) and Dr. Amit Soni (Registrar, MUJ).

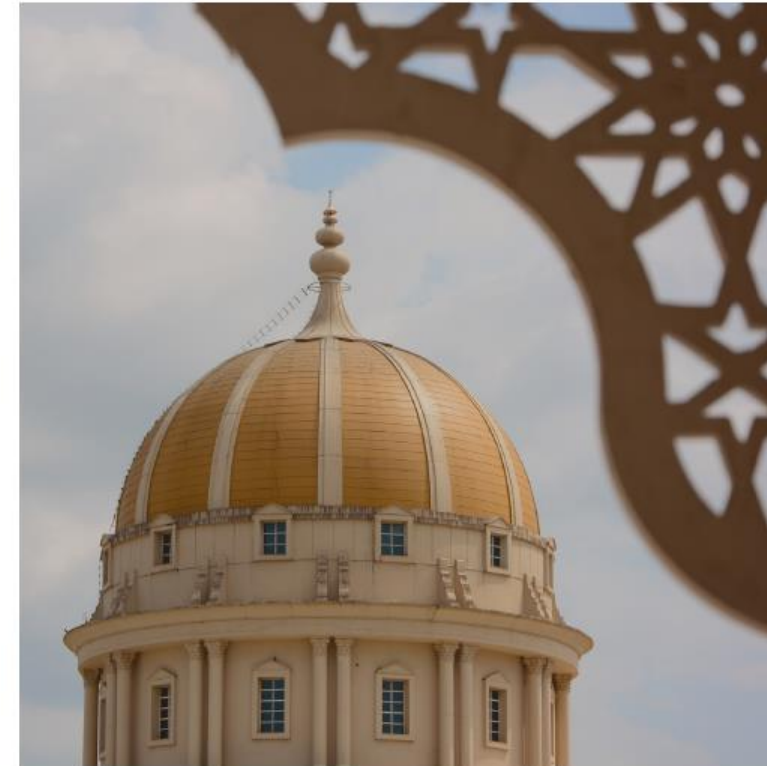
Also, taking this opportunity to express our sincere admiration for Prof. Dr. Madhura Yadav, (Associate Dean (I/C), FoSTA) and Ar. Saurabh Sharma (Head, Architecture) for their praiseworthy guidance, valuable feedback and constant encouragement throughout the duration of the project. Their valuable suggestions were of immense help throughout.

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We would also like to offer our sincere gratitude to all the friends and colleagues who shared their fond memories and experiences with us, without which this documentation of magnificent 10 years would be incomplete.



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EDITORIAL

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ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

Architecture is a profession that has no limits. The word “Architecture” comes from Latin that means ‘chief creator’ in a literal sense. This art and science of creating a product, involves the practices of sketching and conceiving an idea, and later, articulating these ideas through the means of planning and design to construct innumerable kind of structures. These structures are often perceived as symbols which are a complex reflection of culture, history, sometimes literature, psychological and physiological aspects of a human life.

This form of art that includes not only the practical but also the aesthetic and dimensions of utility, initially began as rural and vernacular architecture. This then developed into what we see today as modern contemporary architecture. The fine amalgamation of the vernacular and modern can be seen in this campus.

This book maps a wholistic journey of this school of 10+ years from first batch onwards, the extraordinary moments, achievements of students, alumni and faculties, students’ works and their experiences reflecting the learning environment that is needed for this design profession in order to explore the newer skies.

INTRODUCTION

School of Architecture & Design (SA&D) is not a department, but a family of architects and architects in-making that focuses on exploring and learning extensively about the profession. The major objective is to encapsulate the philosophy of creating innovators, empowered with the knowledge for the creation of a dynamic world, pulsating with intellectual acuity and striving for the utopia of a prosperous biosphere for all.

The School strives to provide world-class architectural education by coupling state-of-art facilities with a dedicated and experienced faculty team and student centric academic practices.

Since 2012 the school has achieved several key milestones; six batches of bachelors program have graduated from the school, two batches of masters - M Arch, (Landscape) program have also graduated and two research scholars have been awarded with PhD.

THE BEGINNING OF SA\$D



Prof. Dr. Kuldip Singh Sangwan
Dean, Faculty of Science, Technology &
Architecture
Jan 2025- till date



Prof. Dr. Madhura Yadav
Founder Head, SA&D 2012-2015
Director, SA&D 2015-2021
Dean FoD 2021-2024
Associate Dean (I/C), FoSTA, Jan 2025- till date



Ar. Saurabh Sharma
Head In-charge, Architecture
June – 2024 till date



Head (I/C), Architecture, Manipal University Jaipur Ar. Saurabh Sharma

Ar. Saurabh Sharma joined Manipal University Jaipur in 2023 and holds a bachelor's degree in architecture from MANIT Bhopal and master's degree in architecture from IIT Roorkee. He is also pursuing his PhD in the field of reducing heat gain through roofs.

Along with being an avid academician, Ar. Saurabh has been engaged in administrative roles as the Head of Department and Dean (In charge) in his previous assignments and has also worked in academic role abroad for a period of two years.

Message from the Head (I/C), School of Architecture & Design Ar. Saurabh Sharma

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It gives me immense pride to be part of a team that brings together skilled, resourceful, and intellectually vibrant individuals in the dynamic and multidisciplinary field of Design. At the School of Architecture and Design, our vision has consistently been to deliver quality education through a thoughtfully structured pedagogy.

Throughout this journey of the undergraduate architecture program, our students are encouraged to explore diverse contexts—both urban and rural—which nurtures their ability to develop creative and meaningful solutions. This learning process is strengthened by our commitment to international and interdisciplinary collaborations. With access to state-of-the-art infrastructure and resource-rich facilities, our students are equipped to become responsible professionals, ready to contribute meaningfully to society and the nation's well-being.

The celebration of the *ten-year journey of the School of Architecture and Design* is more than just a milestone—it is a testament to the collective efforts of our faculty, students, and staff. This edition of the magazine stands as a vibrant reflection of our shared accomplishments, featuring a curated collection of student work, achievements, and memories. None of this would have been possible without the unwavering dedication of the editorial team, whose efforts have brought this publication to life. I extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the entire team. May this magazine continue to inspire and instill pride in all who are part of the SA&D family.

VISION AND MISSION

VISION

Global leadership in Sustainable Built Environment and Human Development.

MISSION

Leading globally in architectural education, inspiring visionary architects.

Empowering a Sustainable future with innovation & collaboration.
Nurturing the transformation of individuals into lifelong learners grounded in human values.

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ACHIEVEMENTS



The Manipal University Campus has been achieving several awards and recognitions every year such as 'IGBC Performance Challenge 2020 for Green Built environment-Excellence Award' under the 'Educational Institute' category In IGBC Congress, LEED INDIA- PLATINUM rating for Energy Conservation and Environment Design 2016, awarded Fourth rank in the Swachh Campus Ranking-2019 of Higher Educational Institutions under the category, Residential Universities-UGC, Manipal University Hostels has been awarded GRIHA 5 Star rating (the entire 2 Million sqft of the MUJ campus has now been awarded the highest rating in GRIHA). MUJ has become the largest campus in India to have achieved this rating for all its building, making it a campus with exceptional experiences to deliver. It has been ranked amongst top universities by several institutions such as NIRF, Career360, OutlookICare, IndiaToday, The Week etc. "Best Educational Institution – 2019" under category of Best Employer 2019 award by The Employers' Association of Rajasthan.

The School comes under the brilliant leadership of Prof. Dr. Madhura Yadav as the Dean of Faculty of Design and Prof. Dr. Sunanda Kapoor as the Head, SA&D. They have shaped and molded the entire school curriculum and other activities related to the same. The alumni that have grown under the outstanding guidance of leadership and faculties are now doing wonders in their professional lives and reaching atop in this profession of architecture.





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NEWS & EVENTS

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RESEARCHES
AND OTHERS...

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INSTITUTION'S
INNOVATION
COUNCIL
(Ministry of Education Initiative)



Expert Lecture

Date: 10th April 2026
Time: 03:00 pm onwards

In Collaboration With




DL on Net Zero Building Design

School of Architecture & Design
Faculty of Science, Technology and Architecture







Expert Lecture on Net Zero Building Design on 10th April 2026.

The School of Architecture & Design, Manipal University Jaipur successfully hosted an Expert Lecture on Net Zero Building Design on 10th April 2026.

We extend our sincere thanks to **Mr. Ashu Gupta** for sharing valuable insights on sustainable and energy-efficient building practices.

Grateful for the collaboration with **ASHRAE Rajasthan Chapter & ISHRAE**, and the enthusiastic participation of our students.

Expert Lecture & Workshop

The School of Architecture & Design, Manipal University Jaipur hosted a one-day session:
**“From Settlements to Urban Experience:
Integrating Planning, Form & People”**

Speaker: Dr. Navjit Gaurav

Assistant Professor, Department of
Architecture and Planning, IIT Roorkee

 Date: 13th April 2026

 Time: 10:00 AM onwards

 Venue: SA&D, MUJ

Exploring the evolution of settlements, understand urban morphology, and engage in hands-on design thinking through this interactive workshop.



ORGANISED BY
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Expert Session & Workshop

ON THE THEME

“STUDY OF THE ARCHITECTURAL
DEVELOPMENT THROUGH HISTORY”



11th April 2026
Saturday



9:30 AM – 4:00 PM



Venue
Room No. 206, 2nd Floor,
Admin Block, Manipal University Jaipur



AR. POOJA AGRAWAL

Associate Director, Urban Design, DRONAH
Outreach Expert, DRONAH-F
PhD Scholar, MNIT, Jaipur

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Ar. Pooja Agrawal is Associate Director, Urban Design, DRONAH, an Outreach Expert with DRONAH-F, and a PhD Scholar at MNIT, Jaipur. Since 2001, she has worked in various cities, specializing in conservation and research. With extensive experience coordinating outreach for DRONAH, including heritage walks and workshops, her core focus lies in sustainable urban transformations and precinct management.

WORKSHOP FORMAT

- Combination of lectures
- Interactive sessions
- Practical exercises
- Ensuring comprehensive learning for the students



Expert Session & Workshop

The School of Architecture & Design, Manipal University Jaipur successfully conducted an Expert Session & Workshop on “Study of the Architectural Development through History” on 11th April 2026 . Led by Ar. Pooja Agrawal (DRONAH).

Through a series of exercises, students explored temple terminology such as garbhagriha, mandapa, shikhara, and Torana, while also analyzing significant case studies including the Kailashnath Temple and Hampi’s Virupaksha Temple, focusing on aspects like monolithic construction, integration with natural landscape, and thermal performance.

National Achievement Alert!

Clearing GATE Architecture 2026 is a testament to your hard work and determination.

You've both set a benchmark for excellence and inspired many along the way.

Keep achieving, keep inspiring!



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Conratulations

Dr. Saurabh Sharma
Research Scholar, SA&D – MUJ

Congratulations on the successful completion of the **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)** degree and the successful defense of the thesis:

"DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTEGRATED ROOF STRUCTURE IN HOT DRY CLIMATE"

His research explores innovative roof structures, materials, and passive cooling techniques to enhance thermal comfort and energy efficiency in hot and dry climatic regions, contributing towards sustainable and climate-responsive architecture.

We wish him continued success in his academic and professional journey.

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Congratulations to Dr. Saurabh Sharma on the Successful Defense of His Ph.D. Thesis!

The School of Architecture & Design (SA&D), Manipal University Jaipur, proudly congratulates **Dr. Saurabh Sharma, Head- Architecture** on the successful completion of his Final Oral Examination and defense of his doctoral thesis titled: **"Development of an Integrated Roof Structure in Hot Dry Climate"**

Welcoming Prof. (Dr.) Pooja Lalit Kumar as Director, School of Architecture & Design, Manipal University Jaipur

We are delighted to welcome Prof. (Dr.) Pooja Lalit Kumar as Professor & Director, School of Architecture & Design, Faculty of Science, Technology & Architecture, Manipal University Jaipur. She is an accomplished architect, academic leader, researcher, and planner.

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Welcoming

Prof. (Dr.)
**POOJA
LALIT KUMAR**

on her appointment as
DIRECTOR
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Gold medalist in Ethics and a strong academic leader driving quality and innovation

**25+ YEARS OF
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**INCLUSIVE DESIGN
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"Access Auditor" for Built Environment under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India

**RESEARCH &
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Research-driven approach addressing future challenges in architecture and urbanism

**COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**
Collaborative initiatives for social impact and inclusive community development

**ACADEMIC
ADMINISTRATION**
Proven leadership in curriculum, accreditation, faculty development and institutional growth

“ Skill is the future of architectural education. ”



INSPIRING DESIGN · SHAPING SPACES · BUILDING FUTURES

Dr. Pooja Lalit Kumar is an accomplished architect, academic leader, researcher, and planner, Dr. Pooja brings **over 25 years of professional and academic experience** in architecture, urban planning, sustainable design, institutional leadership, and research.

A **Gold Medalist in Ekistics from Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi**, she also holds postgraduate diplomas in **Environmental Impact Assessment and Urban Planning** from **CEPT University, Ahmedabad**, where she secured top positions in both programmes.

Her professional journey includes nearly 17 years of architectural practice with ANS Designs Pvt. Ltd., Delhi, and over 9 years in academia as Professor and Head – Accreditation & Rankings at **Sushant School of Art & Architecture**.

She is also empanelled as an **“Access Auditor”** for the **Built Environment under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India**, reflecting her commitment to inclusive and accessible design.

Dr. Pooja's contributions span sustainable architecture, urban redevelopment, experiential design, community resilience, environmental strategies, research, curriculum innovation, faculty mentoring, and institutional development.

We are confident that her vision, experience, and leadership will further strengthen the School of Architecture & Design and inspire our students, faculty, and academic community to achieve new milestones of excellence.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome and wishing her every success in this new role.

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Congratulations to Dr. SANJEEV PAREEK!

The School of Architecture & Design, Manipal University Jaipur, proudly congratulates Dr. Sanjeev Pareek on earning his **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)** from **National Institute of Technology , Patna**.

His doctoral research, titled "**Establish Relationship Between Land Value and Planning Standard for Development of Urban Voids in Cities of Western India**," explores sustainable approaches to urban regeneration through the analysis of land value, planning standards, and redevelopment potential using GIS, AHP, RII, and OLS methodologies.

The research was conducted under the guidance of **Dr. Manoj Kumar, Professor, National Institute of Technology Patna (NITP)**.

We wish Dr. Pareek continued success in his future academic and professional pursuits.

Final Review: Ar. Ravi Prakash and Ar. Girendra Kumar

The School of Architecture & Design, Manipal University Jaipur proudly hosted the **Second Semester Final Jury**, where our **First-Year Architecture students** presented their ambitiously designed Residential Villa Design before esteemed jurors **Ar. Ravi Prakash, Founder of Ravi Prakash Architect**, and **Dr. Girendra Kumar, Assistant Professor, Malaviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur**.

The presentations reflected the students' creativity, evolving design thinking, and growing confidence in articulating architectural concepts. Through constructive feedback and professional insights from the jury panel, students gained valuable learning experiences that will contribute significantly to their development as future architects. Congratulations to all the budding architects for their dedication, innovation, and impressive presentations!



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Congratulations
on a Prestigious Achievement

**Prof. (Dr.)
Madhura Yadav**
Dean, Directorate of Student Welfare,
Manipal University Jaipur

on being elected as the
SECRETARY
of
**ASHRAE Rajasthan
Chapter**

This esteemed recognition is a testament to your exemplary leadership, professional excellence and dedication to advancing the HVAC&R industry and promoting sustainable built environment practices.

We wish you great success in this responsibility and many more milestones in your journey ahead.

 Your leadership will inspire and strengthen the ASHRAE community in Rajasthan.

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Congratulations, Prof. (Dr.) Madhura Yadav!

Proud moment for the MUJ family!

Prof. (Dr.) Madhura Yadav, Dean, Directorate of Student Welfare, Manipal University Jaipur, has been elected as the Secretary of the ASHRAE Rajasthan Chapter (Session 2026–27).

Her appointment recognizes her exceptional leadership and contributions to the **HVAC&R profession and sustainable built environment.**

We wish her continued success in this prestigious role!
Congratulations and best wishes!

ALUMNI TESTIMONIAL



My journey at the School of Architecture & Design, Manipal University Jaipur, was a transformative experience that shaped my passion for sustainable and innovative design. The rigorous curriculum, hands-on studio projects, and mentorship from experienced faculty equipped me with a strong foundation in architectural thinking. Engaging in design competitions, research, and collaborative projects broadened my perspective, preparing me for real-world challenges. SA&D, MUJ, nurtured creativity, critical thinking, and technical expertise, making it a pivotal chapter in my architectural journey.

AR. SAIHEJ BARARA B.Arch, Batch: 2018-23
Sustainability Consultant, SEEDS India

ALUMNI TESTIMONIAL



Manipal University Jaipur played a huge role in shaping both my career path and who I am today. It's where I really found my voice — gaining confidence, learning how to work under pressure, and developing the skills that laid the groundwork for my Master's in Australia. From intense design studios to late-night project discussions with peers, every experience pushed me to grow. But what made the biggest difference were the people whose encouragement helped me aim higher and believe in what I could achieve.

AR. SHANTANU BANSAL B.Arch, Batch: 2018-23
Higher Studies, University Of Adelaide, Australia

FACULTY MEMBERS

The faculty of design, Manipal University Jaipur is dedicated to provide world class design education meeting international standards. All the faculty members have pursued their higher education from highly reputed educational institutes of India and outside. Most of them have either finished their PhDs or are enrolled. This family is now growing together and helping the architects-in-the making to foster their creativity and interests, combine it with the latest technology to create architectural marvels.

It aims to foster creativity and innovation for an intellectually satisfying learning environment as well as to establish MUJ as a globally preferred destination for students, faculty, researchers and other stakeholders. Research is also a crucial part of the academia, and the faculty members are therefore required to engage in research works. They have also presented and published their journals, articles, conference papers and books in portals approved by Scopus Index and Web of Science.

“We are committed to a learner-centred design education pedagogy whereby students are encouraged to explore and discover; experiment and take risks; ask questions and think critically; and research and test ideas in collaboration with their peers and faculty members.”

-Dean, Faculty of Design



(left) Associate Dean (I/C), School of Architecture & Design

Prof. (Dr.) Madhura Yadav

(right) Head (I/C), School of Architecture & Design,

Ar. Saurabh Sharma

FACULTY MEMBERS

Under the leadership and guidance of Prof. Dr. Madhura Yadav, Associate Dean (I/C), School of Architecture & Design and Ar. Saurabh Sharma, Head (I/C), School of Architecture & Design



Ar. Saurabh Sharma
*Associate Professor
and Head
(Architecture)*



Dr. Bibhu Kalyan
Nayak
*Associate Professor
and Head
(Interaction Design)*



Prof. Dr. Sunanda
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Professor



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Assistant Professor



Dr. Aditi Nag
Assistant Professor

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