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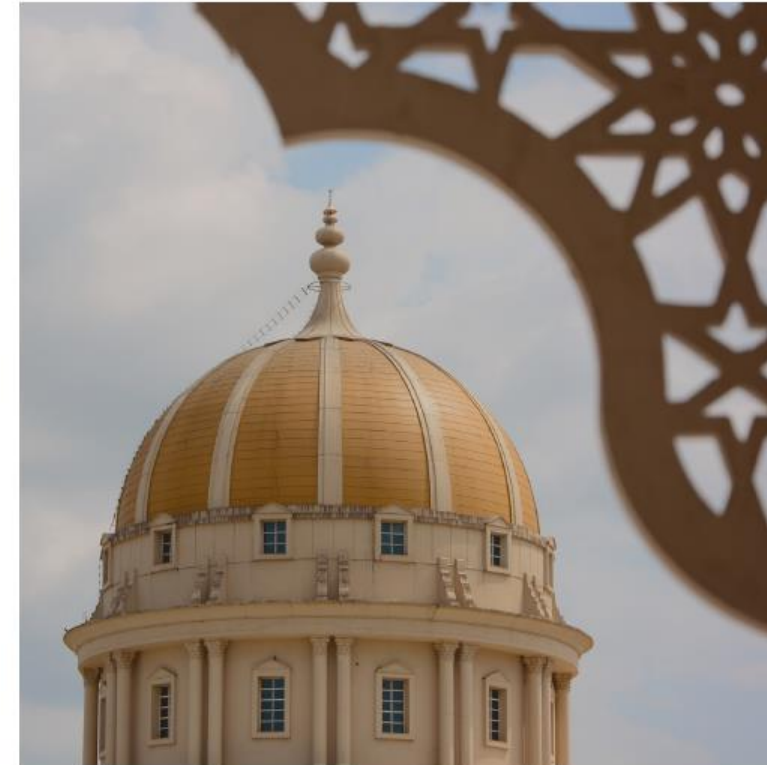
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EDITORIAL

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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

“ 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, Outlook|Care, 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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CONFERENCES
ALUMNI TALKS
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AND OTHERS...

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Orientation-2025

A vibrant beginning to an exciting journey in design & creativity.

Manipal University Jaipur welcomed its newest batch of aspiring architects and designers with energy, inspiration, and unforgettable moments during the Orientation Programme 2025, held at Smt. Vasanti Pai Auditorium.

From engaging sessions to exploring design pathways, it's the start of something amazing.

Induction 2025 DAY 1

School of Architecture & Design, Manipal University Jaipur gave a warm welcome to the new admissions of 2025, by Director Prof. (Dr.) Madhura Yadav.



Day one featured a departmental showcase and immersive Oculus Theatre experience, followed by visits to the MUJ Experience Centre and Construction Yard. Students engaged in interactive faculty sessions and wrapped up the day with a lively treasure hunt – Know Your University Through the Lens of Architecture.



Induction 2025 | Day 2

SA&D, MUJ took students beyond the classroom with an Architectural Exploration and On-Site Photography Exercise at the iconic Amer Palace—an inspiring blend of history, space, and perspective.



Induction 2025 | Day 2

SA&D, MUJ featured an engaging department orientation by the Head of Department, followed by a hands-on Origami Workshop – “Folding Spaces” – exploring form, structure, and creativity through paper.





Induction 2025 | Day 4

SA&D MUJ featured insightful sessions by faculty coordinators, followed by an inspiring Alumni Talk – “My B.Arch Journey” by **Ar. Shweta Hingane, founder of The Arch Art**. The day concluded with a hands-on Sketching Workshop led by the alumna.

Induction 2025 | Day 5

SA&D, MUJ focused on guidance and support with sessions by faculty coordinators and a meaningful counselling session by Ms. Vandana & Ms. Rimpay, helping students navigate their academic and emotional journey.





BCM Sem 3 | Building Foundation Study Visit

Third-semester Architecture students visited a live construction yard as part of their first group activity. Guided by the BCM coordinator, class coordinator, and HOD, they explored, measured, and studied various foundation types—gaining hands-on experience and practical understanding of real-world construction techniques.

Expert Session by Ar. Saurabh Popli

The School of Architecture & Design, Manipal University Jaipur, was honored to host **Ar. Saurabh Popli**, Faculty at the Department of Landscape, School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal, and Member of the ISOLA Education Board (2023–25).

During the session, Ar. Popli reviewed student works from the Minor Design Sprint for Master's in Landscape Architecture students, engaged in discussions on installation design, and delivered an insightful lecture on landscape, aesthetics, and ecology.





Measured Drawing and Documentation Project

SA&D, FoSTA, in collaboration with the Heritage Club and the Anokhi Museum of Hand Printing, organized a measured drawing and documentation exercise at the **historic Anokhi Haveli, Amber, for the B.Arch. 3rd Year batch** as part of their Architectural Design Studio.

Co-organized and facilitated by the Heritage Club, this initiative immersed students in the methodology and process of architectural documentation, enhancing their technical and analytical skills in accurately recording built heritage.

The exercise also fostered teamwork, responsibility, and time management through a field-based group assignment, while sensitizing students to the cultural significance of heritage and the importance of its preservation.

By bridging classroom learning with real-world engagement, the workshop provided students with valuable exposure to heritage conservation practices within an academic framework.

Site Visit and Case Study | Sem V

3rd year Architecture students witnessing a hotel project in the making, learning construction from foundation to finish.





Expert Talk I | IBC Foundation Day

The School of Architecture & Design, MUJ, in collaboration with IBC Jaipur Chapter, celebrated IBC Foundation Day with an expert talk on **“Role of Technology: BIM in the Construction Sector.”**

The session began with a welcome address by **Ar. Akshay**, introducing the vision and objectives of IBC. The keynote lecture by **Ar. Saurabh Sharma, Head, SA&D**, offered deep insights into how Building Information Modelling (BIM) is transforming the construction sector. He emphasized BIM's role in enhancing project efficiency, precision in design, cost-effectiveness, and sustainability, while also preparing future architects and engineers for collaborative, technology-driven workflows. Students and faculty actively engaged in discussions, making the session highly interactive and enriching.

Expert Lecture on Hospitality Design

The School of Architecture & Design, Manipal University Jaipur, is delighted to host an engaging session on Hospitality Design as part of the Architectural Design V Studio.

Date: 4th September 2025

Time: 02:00 PM onwards

Expert Speaker: **Dr. Manish Sharma**, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture, Netaji Subhash University of Technology, New Delhi.

This session provided the students with valuable insights into the evolving field of hospitality design, exploring sustainability, user experience, and innovation in architecture.

The poster features a circular portrait of Dr. Manish Sharma, a man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a grey sweater. The background is a stylized illustration of a cityscape with a large domed building, likely a university building, and modern skyscrapers. The text is arranged in a clean, professional layout.

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INSTITUTION'S INNOVATION COUNCIL
University of Excellence Initiative

Expert Lecture
Architectural Design - V

Date: 4th Sept 2025
Time: 10:00 am onwards

Dr. Manish Sharma
Assistant Professor
Department of Architecture
Netaji Subhash University of Technology,
New Delhi

Hospitality Design

School of Architecture & Design
Manipal University Jaipur

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12th AICTE
17th AICTE

Congratulations!
Manipal University Jaipur

NIRF
RANKINGS 2025

Engineering

58

RANKED

University

58

RANKED

Architecture

21

RANKED

Management

81

RANKED

Overall

98

RANKED

Law

32

RANKED

School of Architecture & Design, MUJ Rises in NIRF 2025 Rankings

We are proud to announce that the School of Architecture & Design, Manipal University Jaipur has achieved a remarkable milestone by moving from **33rd (2024)** to **21st (2025)** in the NIRF Architecture Rankings.

This recognition is a testimony to our:

- ✓ Innovative design pedagogy
- ✓ Research-driven approach
- ✓ Industry-aligned curriculum
- ✓ Commitment to nurturing future-ready architects

We extend our gratitude to our Leadership, faculty, students, alumni, and staff whose dedication and passion have made this possible. Here's to pushing boundaries and setting new benchmarks in design education!

Best Thesis Award at Zone 1 Jury

Heartiest congratulations to **Chhavi Kohli, B.Arch [Batch 2020-2025]** at the School of Architecture & Design, Manipal University Jaipur, for advancing from the **Zonal Level to the National Level of the CoA Awards for Excellence in Architectural Thesis 2025**. Her thesis on “IIT Ropar – Satellite Campus” under the Social Concerns category stood out as the Best Thesis Project at Zone 1 Jury. Your dedication, creativity, and excellence have made us all proud!





Salar Balaji Temple Complex Documentation

Our 7th Semester B.Arch students at the School of Architecture & Design, Manipal University Jaipur documented and developed design proposals for the Salasar Balaji Temple Complex as part of their Urban Design Studio.

Site study & documentation in Salasar town
Analysis of movement, rituals & public space needs
Design proposals for circulation, plazas, community spaces & sustainable amenities

This academic exercise blends learning, culture, and innovation, reimagining the temple precinct as a vibrant, inclusive urban space.



NASA Z169 | Heritage Club

September 26th, 2025

Design in progress, passion at work. Snapshots from “ELYSIUM”, where our Heritage Club members came together with unit Z169 to transform blank walls into living art. This initiative not only celebrated creativity but also emphasized how design connects us all.

Here's the team that made “ELYSIUM” possible- a café painting initiative conducted as part of Nexus. With creativity and teamwork, Heritage Club and unit z169 once again proved that design extends beyond classrooms and breathes life into shared spaces.



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



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Nayak
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(Interaction Design)*



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Kapoor
Professor



Ar. Neha Saxena
Associate Professor



Dr. Subhash
Devrath
Associate Professor



Ar. Sanjeev
Pareekh
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Selection Grade*



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Mishra
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(Senior Scale)*



Ar. Akshay Gupta
*Assistant Professor
(Senior Scale)*



Ar. Kinzalk Singh
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(Senior Scale)*



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