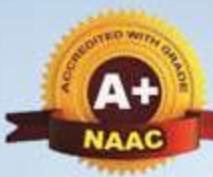




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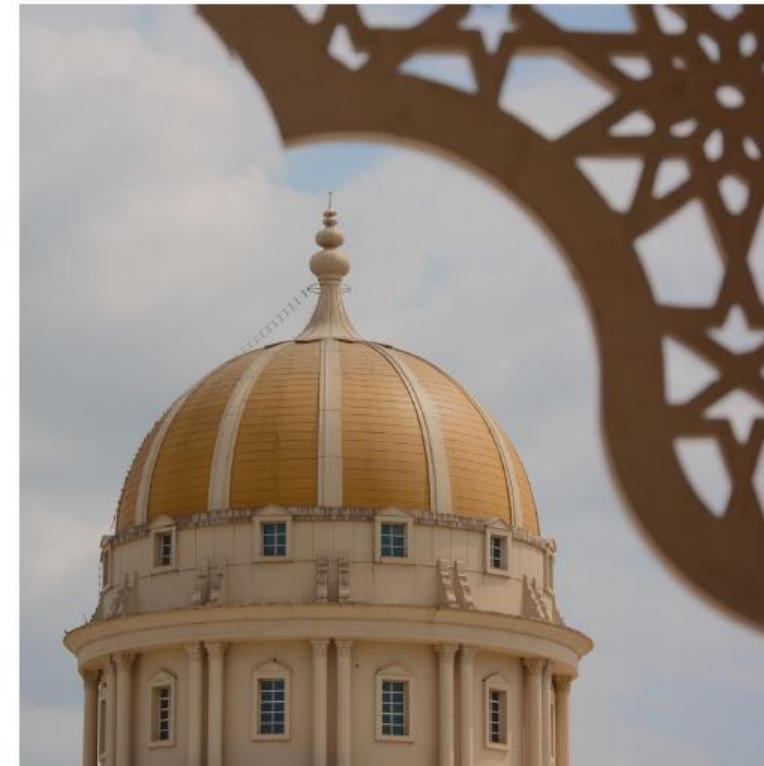
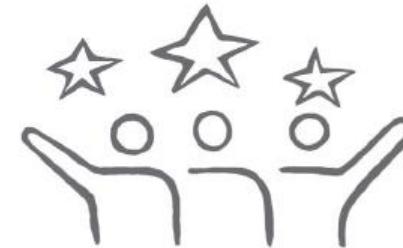
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EDITORIAL

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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.



ACHIEVEMENTS

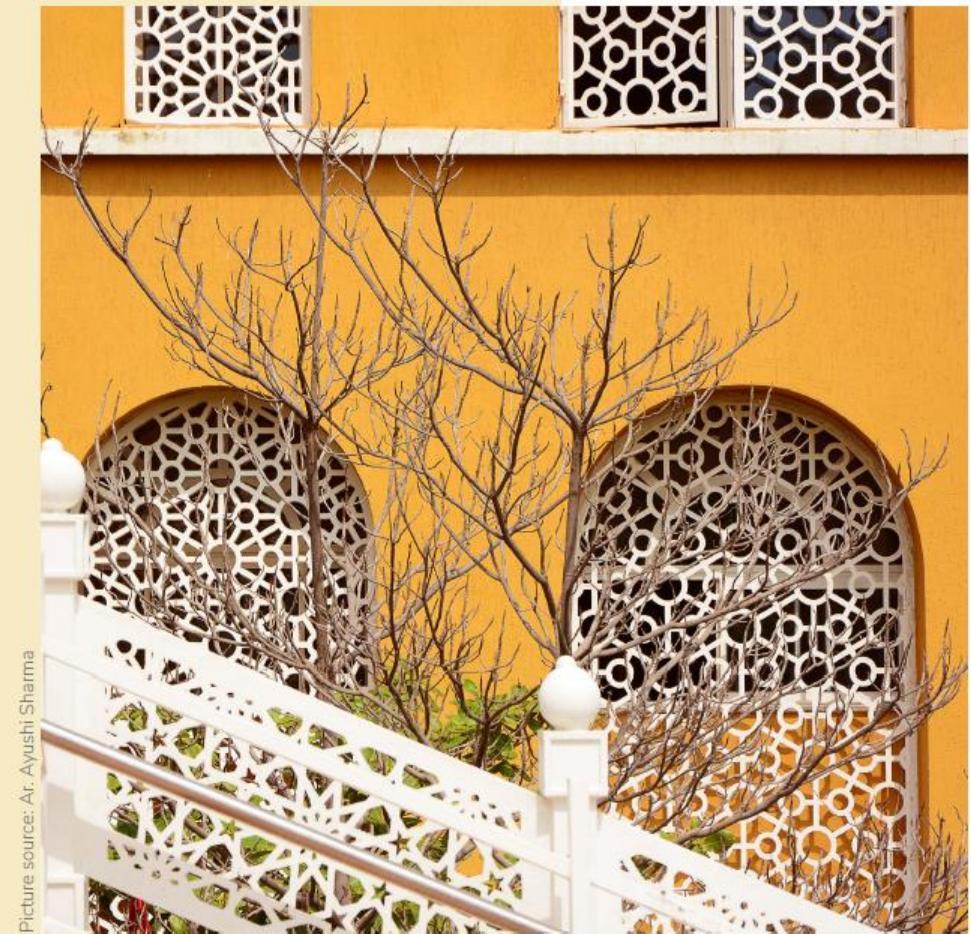


The Manipal University Campus has been achieving several awards and recognitions every year such as 'IGBC Performance Challenge 2020 for Green Built environment- Excellence Award' under the 'Educational Institute' category In IGBC Congress, LEED INDIA- PLATINUM rating for Energy Conservation and Environment 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, OutlookCare, 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
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GUESTS VISITS
RESEARCHES
AND OTHERS...

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Jaipur Darshan 2025

A day full of learning, exploration & inspiration!

The School of Architecture & Design, in collaboration with the IGBC Student Chapter, and Heritage Club organized a one-day educational tour celebrating Jaipur's architectural and cultural richness.

From the intricate façade of Hawa Mahal, the scientific marvel of Jantar Mantar, to the contemporary brilliance of Jawahar Kala Kendra — students witnessed how design principles of scale, proportion, symmetry & spatial organization come alive in real spaces.





Celebrating World Bamboo Day

In celebration of World Bamboo Day, we visited Bamboo Nation Café — a space that exemplifies the versatility, sustainability, and cultural significance of bamboo.

Celebrating World Architecture Day

The School of Architecture & Design marked World Architecture Day with a day full of creativity and camaraderie. Students participated in an exciting architectural quiz and a hands-on challenge to build the tallest tower—using nothing but newspapers!

The celebrations culminated in a special evening gathering where our Director addressed the audience, and outstanding student and faculty achievers were felicitated for their excellence and contributions.



Entrepreneurship Awareness Program (EAP)

Manipal University Jaipur successfully hosted an Entrepreneurship Awareness Program (EAP) under the Council of Architecture–MSME initiative on 7th October 2025, titled “Exploring Horizons: Avenues after Graduation in Architecture.”



The event featured four insightful sessions led by eminent professionals who shared their expertise and experiences in architectural entrepreneurship.

Awareness Training on ECSBC 2024

Manipal University Jaipur successfully hosted the Half-Day Awareness Training Program on **Energy Conservation Sustainable Building Code (ECSBC) 2024** on 9th October 2025, organized by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) – Building Cell, Rajasthan, in collaboration with Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Ltd. (RRECL).

The session was led by Mr. H. K. Singh, Trainer from BEE, along with his team of Consultant Engineers from RRECL, who shared expert insights on energy-efficient building design, sustainable construction strategies, and the implementation of ECSBC 2024.





Brown Sugar Cafe, Jaipur Exploration

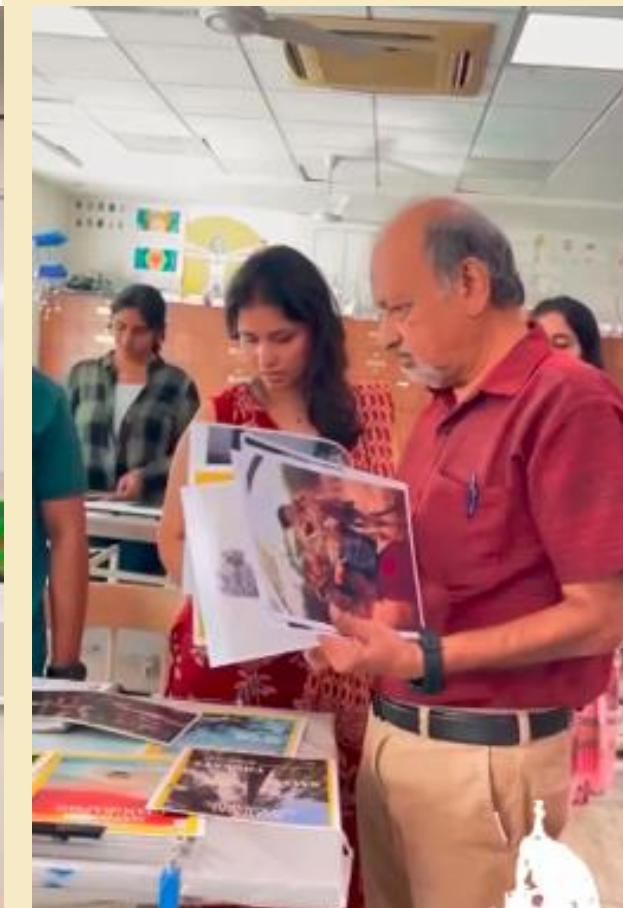
Architecture students from Manipal University Jaipur explored the café's distinctive spatial planning, lighting, décor, and user experience, gaining valuable insights into how design can shape hospitality environments.

Designers **Ar. Aayushi Sharma and Ar. Aman Mathur from Bonafide Design Consultants** shared their expertise on design development, revealing how thoughtful concepts are transformed into functional, aesthetic realities.

Hands-on learning, creative observation, and design inspiration — all brewed together over coffee! ☕

Day 1 | Design Explorations: Abstraction, Form, and Space

The Hands-on Workshop conducted by **Ar. Shirish Sukhatme** commenced with engaging sessions on: line Abstraction and Colour Abstraction where our First-year B.Arch students, explored the fundamentals of abstraction through creative exercises that encouraged analytical observation and expression.





**Day 2 of design workshop
By Ar. Shirish Sukhatme Sir**



Day 2 | Design Explorations: Abstraction, Form, and Space

The Hands-on Workshop by **Ar. Shirish Sukhatme** continued with an engaging exploration of Space Expansion - understanding how a single form evolves into space through the interplay of solids and voids. First-year B.Arch students of the School of Architecture & Design, Manipal University Jaipur, experimented with transforming abstract ideas into three-dimensional compositions, discovering the dynamic relationship between form, space, and structure.

4th Year B.Arch. Jury | Urban Design-Studio

The School of Architecture & Design, MUJ successfully conducted the Intermediate Jury for the Architectural Design – VII Studio, centered around the theme “Urban Design Solutions at Salasar Town.” The jury was graded by **Ar. Shruti Pareek**.

The studio encouraged students to engage with urban-scale issues and explore how architectural interventions can enhance the experiential and functional quality of public spaces. The projects focused on redeveloping the Salasar Balaji Temple Precinct, a vibrant pilgrimage town, by addressing concerns such as pedestrian and vehicular movement, mixed land use, socio-cultural layers, and environmental sustainability.

Students presented both major and minor projects, including urban design documentation and analysis on Salasar town and the design of an entrance block for the Salasar Balaji Temple complex, reflecting an integration of contextual analysis, user experience, and spatial hierarchy.





3rd Year B.Arch. Jury

The School of Architecture & Design, MUIJ, successfully conducted an Expert Lecture cum Intermediate Review for the 3rd Year B.Arch. Batch with Ar. Vikas Wadhwa - Architect & Planner, Founder & Managing Partner, M/s Prayag Architectural Consultants and Engineers.

With his vast expertise in healthcare and commercial service-oriented projects, Ar. Wadhwa provided invaluable insights and professional perspectives that enriched students' understanding of real-world design processes. His constructive feedback and practical guidance helped students refine their ongoing design studio projects, bridging the gap between academic learning and professional practice.

M.Arch End Term Jury | Ar. Hemanshu Taneja

Masters in Landscape Architecture students presented their Minor Sprint Projects and Major Design Projects in an intense final end-term jury today.

We were honoured to host **Ar. Hemanshu Taneja**, Proprietor, Studio HA, as our external juror, who engaged students in deep conversations on landscape narratives, critical thinking, and rigorous analysis- pushing them to sharpen both their concepts and their craft.





SCBE 2025 at Manipal University Jaipur

Nov 27th and 28th, 2025

The School of Architecture & Design, Manipal University Jaipur, hosted the International Conference on Socially Conscious Built Environment (SCBE 2025), a two-day gathering of researchers, practitioners, educators, and students dedicated to shaping a just, sustainable, and resilient future. The conference featured insightful keynote sessions by Prof. Bharat Dahiya, Ar. Yatin Pandya, Dr. Anjali Krishan Sharma and Prof. Thomas Spiegelhalter.

Through paper presentations, panel discussions, and studio-led explorations, the conference engaged with themes including ecological and sustainable futures, energy-efficient and intelligent architecture, inclusivity and social equity, circular construction, and bio-inspired design strategies.

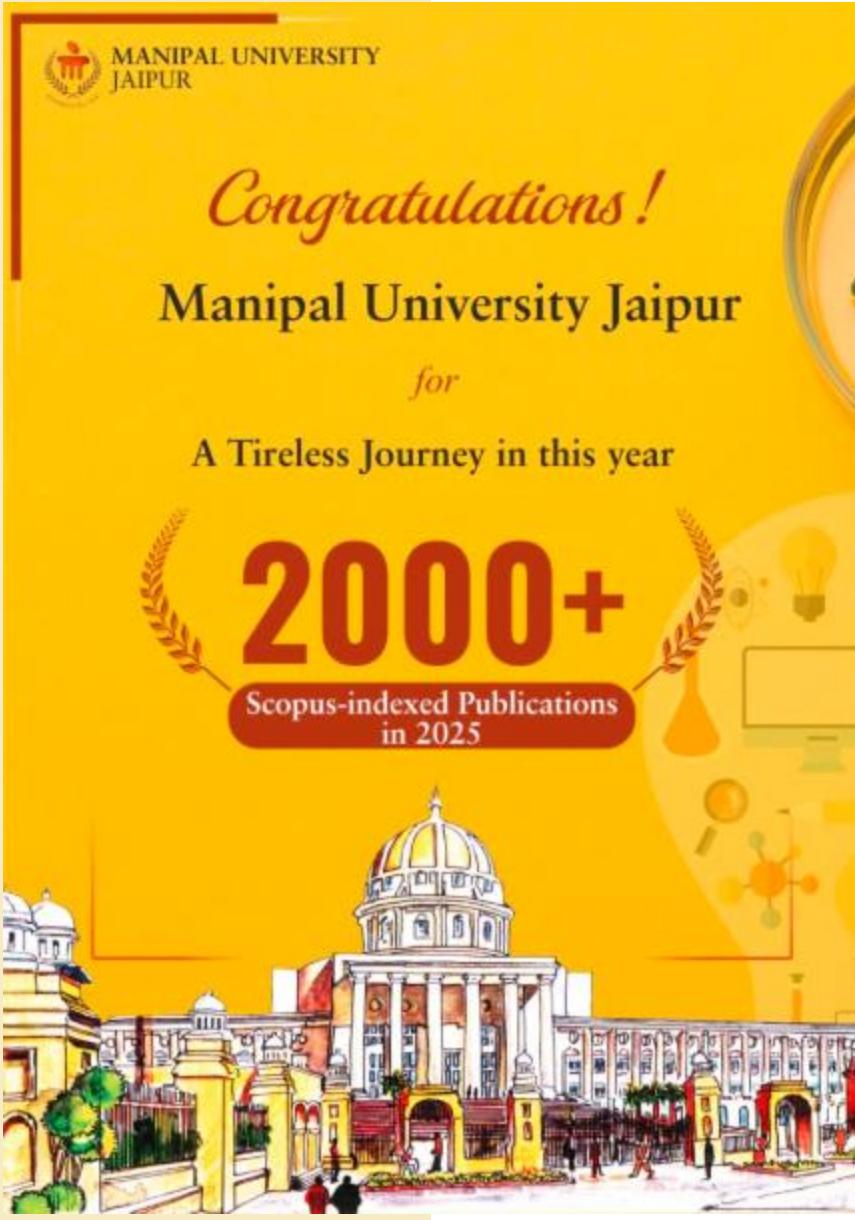
QS World University Ranking: Asia 2026

Manipal University Jaipur Shines in QS World University Rankings: Asia 2026! We are delighted to share that Manipal University Jaipur (MUJ) has achieved a remarkable upward leap in the QS World University Rankings: Asia 2026, reflecting our commitment to excellence in education, research, and innovation.



Manipal University Jaipur Notable Accomplishment in Global Ranking





A Historic Academic Milestone for MUJ!

Manipal University Jaipur has achieved 2000+ Scopus-indexed publications in a single year for the very first time in its history!

This remarkable accomplishment stands as a testament to MUJ's unwavering commitment to research excellence, innovation and global academic impact.

Together, we set new benchmarks. Together, we rise higher.

Congratulations to the entire MUJ fraternity on this proud moment!

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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(Senior Scale)



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