

MM School of Architecture, Ambala: Achievements and Events 2017 at a glance!

So the year 2017 has come to an end with a hope for the bright future for all of us....

We have ushered into another wonderful year 2018 with gleam in our eyes to put in more efforts to make our society sustainable! The year 2017 was full of achievements for India not only on land but also in the space. One of the proud achievements for the country was the launch of PSLV –C37 which carried 104 satellites in one mission by Indian Space Research Organisation.

For MM School of Architecture, it has been another wonderful year with our students bringing laurels to the college by winning awards/trophies in various competitions, participating in workshops/seminars to hone up their academic skills etc. Our faculty on the other hand continues to participate in various national and international conferences and as well as publishing research papers in them. This year, the energy of the students was simply overflowing with carrying the torch of MMSOA in the entire region.

Our students under the able guidance of our distinguished faculty showed excellent academic results in the end semester exams as well. Our pass out students of 2011 and 2012 batches are placed in the best of the offices of India and are carrying forward the torch of MMSOA mission. Ms. Mamta (batch 2011) and Mr Radhesh (batch2012) got enrolled for masters programme in the top universities of Australia!!

Let's have a look at the achievements/activities of our college this year:

Achievements of MMSOA students....

A team of five students of MM School of Architecture; Aniket, Rakshanda, Divyanjul, Paras and Bholeshankar of 3rd and 2nd year participated in a National Level Wall Painting Competition, **Kala Sangam** organized by Haryana Govt on 1st Oct in Karnal. Ours students were among the first category runner ups, among 156 entries and were awarded with cash prize of Rs 10,000 by the Haryana Govt. Well done students!!



21 students along with two faculty members (Ar. Ravi Mahajan and Ar. Bhawna Madan) participated in the 15 days workshop on **Usage of Steel in Mega Structures** conducted by Smart Habitat Foundation in collaboration with MMSOA under the dynamic leadership of Prof Charanjit Shah at

Creative Group office in Delhi from 26th Dec -10th Jan 2018. The outcome of the workshop was published in the form of a documentation book titled *Evolution and Usage of Steel* adding laurels to the school. During the workshop, the students interacted with many academicians and top professionals of the field and got deep understanding of the versatility of steel and its usage in the mega structures.



Celebration of Special Days

MM School of Architecture celebrated **World Heritage Day** on 18th April in collaboration with Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) Ambala-Chapter. To celebrate this heritage event, the students of IInd year were taken to the two Heritage churches named as **Holy Redeemer Church** and **Saint Paul Church** in Ambala Cantt.



Students celebrated **Teacher's Day** on 5th September to thank the faculty for the contributions they make to the lives of the students. A small programme was organised in the seminar hall where all students cheered up with welcome of all staff members.



The IIIrd year students of MMSOA organized a **Farewell function** on 12th May to bid farewell to the outgoing batch of 2013, marked by ramp walk and various awards. Harsh Thakur and Mansi Jindal of the IVth year were awarded Mr. and Miss Farewell while Anmol and Miraat were awarded with Miss and Mr Personality titles.



MM School of Architecture organised its 7th **Orientation Day** programme on 17th August where the students of IInd year welcomed the freshers amidst various dignitaries and faculty members.



Guest Lectures/Extension lectures

MMSOA organises expert lectures regularly to upgrade the knowledge base of the students as well as faculty. An interior design extension lecture by eminent Interior Designer Ashima Vashisht from AV consultants, Chandigarh was organized for the students of VIth semester on 2nd March accentuating the purpose of interior design to create a functional and beautiful indoor environment.

Special extension lecture by **Ar. Charanjit Shah** from Creative Group, Delhi on **Sustainability in Mega Structures** was organised on the eve of World Earth Day on 21st April. He talked about as how we can make large projects sustainable by following basic principles of sustainability. His award winning projects of Chennai Airport & Raipur Airport were well received and applauded by the students.

Guest lecture on **Fire fighting norms in building** was conducted by practicing architect **Surinder Bahga** from Chandigarh at MM School of Architecture on 17th Nov emphasizing on various design considerations for efficient and safe design of building as per fire safety norms. He illustrated the implementation of National Building code (NBC) norms and building bye laws for fire safety.

Workshops

Various workshops were organised by MMSOA on Chair design, 3D cube modelling by Ar Gaurav Gangwar from CCA Chandigarh, commercial spaces and Sliding doors etc. A two days workshop on **Autodesk Ecotect Analysis software** for students was organised from 15th- 16th March by **Ar. Suraj Bhunje**, a LEED evaluator and building energy efficiency expert from Pune in which the students learnt simulation of building performance from the early stages of conceptual design to final design stage on ECOTECT analysis software.



Educational tours

Every year, MMSOA organises educational tours to different parts of India to educate students about the rich architectural heritage of India. Educational tours were organised for the students of all the batches to Delhi, Agra, Fatehpur Sikri (Ist year), Rajasthan (II year) and Gujrat (IIIrd year) in the month of February. MM school of Architecture also organised one day trip to Kurukshetra on 9th February for the students and the teaching and non-teaching staff where they visited Krishna Museum, Panorama and Dharohar museum.



Few site visits were also organised to Capitol Complex, Chandigarh; Sai Brick Kiln at Kalpi Village, Ambala; Sadopur village; Hotel Shivalik; Tagore Theatre Chandigarh and Power Colony, Panchkula. The site visits are conducted regularly to bridge the gap between theory and field.

Participation of faculty and students in workshops/seminars/conferences

Four students of IIIrd year; Chakshika, Akash, Meenu and Isha participated in the GIAN workshop on **Built Environment Sustainability and Quality of Life** held at DCRUST, Murthal, Sonipat from 11-15th September. Five days workshop focused on theoretical as well as practical aspects of sustainability.



Our faculty is also encouraged to participate in workshops/training programmes/seminars/ conferences organised by other colleges/COA. This year many of our teachers attended such programmes. Ar. Mekhala Saha and Ar. Parul Gupta of MM School of Architecture participated in a National Conference on **Urban Environmental Management in India** held on 13th and 14th Feb organized by Department of Architecture and Planning, MNIT, Jaipur.



Ar. Ravi Mahajan, Ar. Ekta Sharma and Ar. Priya Tyagi of MMSOA participated in a National Conference on **Synergy in Planning, Architecture, Computers And Education (Space)** held on 21-22nd April organized by Department of Architecture, MAU, Baddi, HP. Two faculty members Ar.

Shaluza Mittal and Ar. Ravi Mahajan of MMSOA participated in one day Capacity Building Programme on **Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC-2017)** organized by Department of New & Renewable Energy, Haryana; HAREDA, Govt. of Haryana & DCRUST Murthal with support from BEE, Govt. of India on 8th November at Murthal.

Prof Aradhana Jindal, Principal, MMSOA participated and presented her deliberations on **Urban Morphology of Historic Cores: Case studies of Ahmadabad and Amritsar** in seminar on **Sculpting Sustainable Amritsar: Viability and Workability** organised by PHD Chamber of commerce and Industry and IIA Amritsar as part of five days 'PITEX' exhibition in the holy city of Amritsar.



Research publications by Faculty

Research paper titled **Sustainable Urbanisation: An integrated approach towards future India** by Ar. Mekhala Saha was published in international Journal on Emerging Technologies. Ar. Mekhala Saha also published another research paper titled **Exploding Metropolis: A perspective for fringe area regulation and planning** in the National Conference on **Synergy in Planning, Architecture, Computers and Education** organised by Maharaja Agrasen University, Baddi. Another faculty of ours, Ar. Priyank Agrawal published two research papers titled **Architectural Aspects of Neighbourhood Planning** in International Sinan Sempozyumu at Edrine, TR Trakya University titled- **Neighborhood and Energy Efficiency- Inside and Outside the Buildings** in International Conference on **Green Architecture (ICGrA, 2017): Prospects and Challenges of Going Green** at Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Faculty Development Programme (FDP) for faculty

MMSOA believes that Students skills can be sharpened by skilled faculty who not only recognise the potential of each student but also give them right direction! Hence, regular FDPs are being organised by the college to hone up the teachers' teaching skills. This year too, MMSOA took initiative to organise FDP for the faculty and organized three days Faculty Development Workshop on **Teaching-Learning in Architectural Education** from 20-22nd Feb. The 3-days programme was inaugurated and conducted by Dr. Rajeev Garg, Dean and Professor at Galgotia School of Architecture at Greater Noida.



FFF award to Prof Aradhana Jindal

Our Principal, Prof Aradhana Jindal was honoured for her contribution in **Architectural Education** with *Creative Excellence Award* by First Friday Forum founded by Dr S.S Bhatti, in an symposium on **Architecture and Poetry— symbiosis for holistic creativity** held at Government Museum and Art Gallery, Chandigarh on 28th October.



Release of Dr Surinder Singh Bhatti's book

Eminent architect, painter, researcher, ex-principal (CCA, Chd) Dr. Surinder Singh Bhatti's Book **Architecture, Theory, Practice, Research Pedagogy** was released by chief guest Ar. Charanjit Shah on the eve of World Earth Day on 21st April. Dr Bhatti has written other 20 books on various topics of architecture.



Celebration of festivals

Since our college is a wide platform for cultural exchange between the students who come from all parts of India, hence important festivals are organised within the college premises to foster the feeling of brotherhood among the students. This year too, Lohri, Holi, Janmashtami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Diwali were celebrated with full fervour and zeal by the students and faculty.



Academic awards and election of Students Council

Our students not only participate in competitions but also participate in all the decision making activities of the college. Second student council of our college was elected by students' voting. The council members took a pledge to take the college to further new heights by the joint participation of all the stakeholders. MM School of Architecture organized the installation ceremony of **Student Council** for academic session 2017-18 and also Academic Awards for session 2016-2017 on 11th November 2017. The students of all the batches



were also felicitated on this occasion with Academic awards in seven categories and cash prizes worth Rs.1100/-each given to meritorious students of each class.

Cultural fest Srijan 2K17

The four days National fest **SRIJAN 2k17** was organised with great pomp and show in the university campus on 27th September in the evening by Honorable chief guest, an eminent architect Krishna Rao Jaisim from Bangalore. Nearly 600+ students from 30 architecture colleges of India participated in the mega fest. Iconic lectures were organized by Ar. Jaisim (Bangalore), Ar. Satya Prakash Varanasi (Bangalore), Ar. Yatin Pandya (Ahmadabad), Ar. Charanjit Shah (Delhi), Ar. Sangeet Sharma (Chandigarh), Ar. R.K. Jhingin an eminent landscape architect from Delhi and Ar. Aishwarya Tipnis, an architecture conservationist from Delhi. Various workshops related to architecture, design and sculpture were organised. Apart from these workshops, the students participated in many informal and formal fun events, sports events, cultural events, etc. Many trophies in prototype design, landscape design, main design, fashion show, dance, were given to the winners.



Societal concern

To spread the message of **Grow Trees & Save Environment**, MMSOA in collaboration with Department of forest, Ambala organized **Tree Plantation** drive at the campus of MMU, Sadopur, Ambala on 27th July. Saplings of various trees were planted by faculty and students to mark the occasion.



We have many dreams in our eyes.....We will not stop till our last breath because we believe that

Woods are lovely, dark and deep

But I have promises to keep

Miles to go before I sleep,

Miles to go before I sleep....

Jai Hind!