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Convocation Report, SPA Vijayawada

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Chief Guest: Profile



Air Marshal (Dr.)

Ajit Shankarrao Bhonsle

Hon'ble Former Member, UPSC, Government of India

Air Marshal Ajit Bhonsle was commissioned into the Indian Air Force on 8th June 1978 and after 39 years of distinguished service, he joined as Member of UPSC on 21st February 2017. He is an alumnus of Bhonsala Military School, National Defence Academy, Defence Services Staff College, College of Defence Management and National Institute of Defence Studies, Japan. He holds the degrees of M.Sc. Defences Studies from the University of Madras, Masters in Business Management from IGNOU and Osmania University and M. Phil from Tokyo. Before joining UPSC, he held the Office of Chief of HQ, Integrated Defence Staff (IDS) and also as Deputy Chief of Joint Operations, Doctrines, Organization & Training.

During this period Air Marshal Ajit Bhonsle oversaw the capacity building of the Armed Forces through the formulation of Defence Procurement Procedures to encourage 'Make in India' in the Defence Sector, expansion of training capacities and infrastructure at the National Defence Academy, College of Defence Management & Defence Services Staff College, commencement of B.Tech, curricula at National Defence Academy, Curricula revision of Military Institute of Technology, initiation of Cyber, Space Agencies and Special Forces Division, formulation of Joint Doctrine of Armed Forces and conduct of exercises in Disaster Relief across India in coordination with state governments of Assam, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat. He has

spearheaded the project for the establishment of the Indian National Defence University and the selection of the site and design for the National War Memorial & National War Museum through a global design competition. Air Marshal Ajit Bhonsle has served as a member of several apex committees such as the Defence Acquisition Council, Chiefs of Staff Committee, Joint Training Committee, Vice Chiefs Committee and Principal Personnel Officers Committee. He was also the President of leading think tanks, the United Services Institute, Centre for Joint – Warfare Studies and a member of the Executive Council of Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (Deemed University) and Academic Council (NDA) of Jawaharlal Nehru University. Air Marshal Ajit Bhonsle has participated in the Sri Lanka Indian Peace Keeping Force Operations, Siachin operations and Kargil operations and has 5200 hours of flying experience. Air Marshal Ajit Bhonsle is an avid traveller and takes a keen interest in performing arts, culture and culinary. An animal lover, he is fond of golf, swimming and equestrian sports.

He is presently nominated as the Chairman of the National Anti-Ragging Monitoring Committee. He is also serving as the Vice President of Central Hindu Military Education Society, Nashik and is an Executive Council Member of the renowned think-tank “The Manohar Parrikar-Institute of Defence Studies And Analysis, New Delhi”. He is also an Advisory Council Member of the Pragjyotishpur University, Guwahati. In recognition of his distinguished service of exceptional order, the Honourable President of India has awarded him with Vishishta Seva Medal in 2005 and Ati Vishishta Seva Medal in 2010.

Message from Chief Guest

Dear graduands, proud parents, esteemed guests, ladies and gentlemen, and distinguished faculty, I extend a warm welcome to each one of you on this significant occasion, that is, the 7th Convocation of the School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada. I believe that today shall be a milestone for each one of the graduands and their parents who are seated here and listening to us. A happy and momentous milestone that will be forever etched in your memories. This is a crucial stage in your life, as you stand today to receive your degrees, a sense of accomplishment and joy undoubtedly fills each of our hearts. Today also indicates the culmination of a long duration of hard academic work with the absorption of scientific knowledge to achieve your degree. The profession of Architecture and Planning is unique in many dimensions. Through these two professions, you get to shape the places we reside in, the offices we work in, the parks, playgrounds, malls, streets, and roads we use. Through these two professions, we give top shape to our homes, neighbourhoods and cities in more ways than many other professions. You are not merely graduates, postgraduates and doctorates for me; you are now professionals entrusted with the responsibility that comes with the degree, propelling you into a new realm of possibilities and dreams in the field of Planning and Architecture.

In the world that awaits you, there will be opportunities and challenges, triumphs, and setbacks. What sets you apart is the knowledge you have gained and the character you have developed during your time here. The culmination of this experience should become a reflection of the knowledge and confidence you carry forward into the next chapter of your life and professional practice. As you step into the world beyond SPA, Vijayawada, brace yourselves for a different journey that demands self-belief and conviction. The SPA Vijayawada community will stand by you, sharing in the joy of your successes, and each one of you will be a shining star in the constellation of this institution.

In conclusion, I extend my heartfelt wishes for success in your careers and the pursuits you choose to undertake in life. May your journey be filled with accomplishments, and may you continue to illuminate the path for those who follow in your footsteps. Congratulations and best of luck to the graduating class of UG, PG, and PhD students.

Jai Hind.

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The Chairperson, Board of Governors, SPA Vijayawada: Profile



Dr. Ar. Amogh Kumar Gupta

Chairperson, Board of Governor, SPA Vijayawada

Architect Dr. Amogh Kumar Gupta is a practicing Architect and Valuer based in Bhopal. Having completed his graduation in B.Arch and post-graduation in M. Architecture (PHE including Environmental Planning) from Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology-Bhopal respectively, he completed his doctoral research on “Validation of Traditional Indian Knowledge of Home Building”. He is a proactive and dynamic individual and an important member of many professional and social organizations. Having a strong inclination and flair for academia, he has held many prominent, the most noteworthy being former Chairperson of the BoG, SPA, Delhi; National Junior Vice-President of the Indian Institute of Architects; Council Member (representing Madhya Pradesh) and Executive Committee Member in the Council of Architecture, India; Chairman of Discipline Committee of the Council of Architecture, India and President of Vigyan Bharati Madhya Bharat Pranth. He was a part of the Board of Governors of several Institutes of national acclaim and importance like the MANIT Bhopal, the SPA Bhopal, Samrat Ashok Technology Institute Vidisha, M.P. Chairman Sub Committee Indian Architectural Heritage in NiScPR (under CSIR, DST). He is an Independent Director at DBL Infrastructure, a pioneering company at the national level in the field of Infrastructure Development; and at the Satna Smart City Project in Madhya Pradesh. Dr. Amogh Kumar Gupta possesses extensive professional experience in the field of Architecture for over 37 years while actively engaging himself in Government (EPCO, NVDA) and Private sectors. His fields of specialization include both Individual and Group Housing projects and various urban schemes. His professional experience ranges across a myriad of Government and Private construction and developmental projects, some of the notable among which are the Group Housing Schemes for Bhopal Development Authority, Sterling Builders & Contractors, etc. He is a consultant for Rashtriya Group, New Delhi; Urban Renewal Schemes (JNNURM) for Local Body; Sports Centers and several large-scale hospital buildings across India. Additionally, he has also been actively involved in several prominent Government and Professional Committees, Development Plan Committees for several prominent towns of Madhya Pradesh, Building Byelaws Committee (Govt. of M.P.), various Expert Committees of Council of Architecture, India; Review Committee for Western Zone (Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India), etc.

Message from the Chairperson, Board of Governors

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दीक्षांत उद्बोधन डॉ अमोघ कुमार गुप्ता, अध्यक्ष शासक मंडल, योजना तथा वास्तुकला विद्यालय, विजयवाड़ा

माननीय अतिथियों, बोर्ड ऑफ गवर्नर्स के सदस्यगण, निदेशकगण, संकाय प्रमुख, प्रिय विद्यार्थियों और साथियों, हम यहाँ आज दीक्षांत समारोह के लिए एकत्रित हुए हैं। आज एक और बैच शिक्षा अर्जित कर अपने व्यवसायिक जीवन में प्रवेश करने जा रही है। आप ऐसे समय में अपने व्यवसायिक जीवन में प्रवेश करने जा रहे हैं जब देश और समाज आपकी ओर बहुत उम्मीद/आशा से देख रहा है। मैं समझता हूँ आपके समक्ष चुनौतियों केवल अर्जित ज्ञान को सफलतापूर्वक लागू करने की नहीं है बल्कि आपकी असली चुनौती तो हमारे स्वयं के द्वारा खड़ी की गई समस्याओं का सरल समाधान खोजने की और उसके क्रियान्वन की है। आप ऐसे समय पर अपनी शिक्षा पूर्णकर उसे व्यवहार में लागू करने को प्रस्तुत है, जब विकास के माडल पर ही सवाल उठ रहे हैं। विकास की प्रचलित परिभाषाएं सन्देह के घेरे में हैं। प्रश्न उठाए जा रहे हैं कि, विकास क्या है ? क्या जीवन के श्रेष्ठ अवसरों पर दांव लगा कर कुछ सुविधाएं जुटा लेना ही विकास है? दिल्ली, चेन्नई बंगलूर सहित देश के कई शहरों में जानलेवा प्रदूषण या बाढ़ की स्थिति के बाद तो यह सवाल बहुत मुखरता से पूछा जा रहा है।

ऐसे प्रश्न पूछे भी जाने चाहिए क्योंकि तमाम अध्ययन ऐसे सम्भावित खतरों के प्रति हमें सचेत कर रहे हैं। जैसे कि “Environmental Health Perspective” जर्नल में प्रकाशित अध्ययन में बताया गया है कि प्रदूषित स्थानों के आस पास बड़े हुए बच्चों में चिन्ता और आत्म अवसाद से संबंधित विकार अधिक घेरते हैं। प्रदूषण की ही तरह, शहरीकरण आज किसी एक प्रदेश की नहीं बल्कि पूरे देश की समस्या है। स्वतंत्रता के 75 वर्षों में जहाँ कस्बे शहर, शहर नगर और नगर महानगर बनते चले गये। लेकिन गांव की स्थिति में कोई विशेष बदलाव नहीं आया। ये वैसे ही है जैसे 100 वर्ष पूर्व थे। दूसरी तरफ शहरों व नगरों की संस्कृति और सभ्यता ने दुनिया को दूसरे समस्या में डाल दिया है। शहरीकरण या नगरीकरण का ही नतीजा है कि चार लेन वाले सड़कों पर सरपट दौड़ती गाड़ियों की संख्या तो बढ़ी मगर रेंगती भीड़ के बीच जीवन का असली उद्देश्य कहीं खो गया। मनुष्य मशीनों और शहरी समस्याओं का केन्द्र बन गया है। नगर का आकर्षण में हर कोई बगैर पड़ताल किये की शहर/नगर उस अतिरिक्त बोझ/जनसंख्या दबाव को वहन करने को तैयार भी है या नहीं, बस गांव को छोड़कर शहर में बसना चाहता है। इस बढ़ती प्रवृत्ति का एक स्वाभाविक कारण है अच्छी शिक्षा, अच्छा जीवन, अच्छे रोजगार के साधन और अच्छे उपचार। अनियोजित शहरीकरण के कारण हो रहे पर्यावरण के नुकसान को भी समझना होगा। बीते तीन दशकों में जिस धड़ल्ले से खेत, तालाब और पहाड़ विलुप्त हुए और जगह जगह कांकीट के जंगल उग आए, ताजी/स्वच्छ हवा और पानी पा लेना दुष्कर हो रहा है। इससे बचाव का एक उपाय सुव्यवस्थित और सुनियोजित विकास भी है। विकास की अन्धी और अनियोजित दौड़ से उपजी समस्याओं के समाधान के लिए पूरा देश, समूचा समाज आपकी ओर देख रहा है। अब जब आप भविष्य का देश गढ़ रहे होंगे उसकी कल्पना और नियोजन कर रहे होंगे, तब आपको हमारी ज्ञान परम्परा के कुछ सूत्रों को अवश्य स्मरण रखना चाहिए। हमारी ज्ञान परम्परा कहती है कि :

“आहार निद्राभय मैथुनः च सामान्यतेत पशुभिर्मशणाम्।

धर्मो हि तेषामधिको विशेष धर्माहीनाः पशुभिसमाना।।”

अर्थात्, आहार, निद्रा, भय, मैथुन, ये चार बातें मानव और पशुओं में समान होते हैं। परन्तु मानव के पास पशुओं से एक बात विशेष है और यह विशिष्टता है धर्म। जो मनुष्य अपने धर्म का पालन नहीं करता वह पशु तुल्य होता है। आज आप यहां से शिक्षित और अब दीक्षित हो रहे हैं, तो आपका धर्म क्या है ? हमारा धर्म भविष्य के लिये ऐसा नियोजन करना है जो प्रकृति के अनूकूल हो। धारण से धर्म, सभी धारण करे वह है धरा या पृथ्वी, सृजन से विसर्जन इसी धरा पर, ऐसे में आपका धर्म अत्यंत महत्वपूर्ण है। भारतीय मनीषियों ने सदा पर्यावरण को विशेष महत्व दिया है। हमारी

पूजा-अनुष्ठान में प्रयुक्त होने वाले इन पंक्तियों पर ध्यान दीजिए:

ॐ दयौः शान्तिरन्तरिक्षः शान्तिः
पृथ्वी शान्तिरापः शान्तिरोषधयः शान्तिः ।
वनस्पतयः शान्तिर्विश्वेदेवा, शान्तिब्रह्म शान्तिः
सर्व शान्तिः शान्तिरेव शान्तिः सा मा शान्तिरोधि ॥ (शुक्ल यजुर्वेद 36/1711)

इसमें कामना की गयी है कि धूलोक से लेकर पृथ्वी के सभी जैविक और अजैविक घटक सन्तुलन की अवस्था में रहें। अदृश्य आकाश (धूलोक), नक्षत्र युक्त आकाश अन्तरिक्ष पृथ्वी एवं उसके सभी घटक जल, औषधियों, वनस्पतियों, सम्पूर्ण संसाधन देव एवं ज्ञान सन्तुलन की अवस्था में रहें, तभी व्यक्ति शान्त एवं सन्तुलित रह सकता है। भारतीय चिन्तन में मनीषियों ने पृथ्वी को मातृशक्ति के रूप में माना है और स्वयं को उसके पुत्र के रूप में। तभी कहा गया है माता भूमिः पुत्रोऽहं पृथ्व्याः (अथर्ववेद 12.1.12)

नारद पुराण में कहा गया है :
जले-वापि यस्तयनादहजं मूत्रम।
भ्रूणहत्यासहम पाप से प्राजोत्यति दारुण ॥ (नारद पुराण 1.322)

अर्थात् जो पुरुष जल में विष्टा, कफ और मूत्र विसर्जन करते हैं उन्हें भ्रूण हत्या के बराबर पाप लगता है और वे अन्तर्गत दुर्गन्ध कूप से युक्त नरक में डाल दिये जाते हैं। स्पष्ट है कि भारतीय दर्शन और संस्कृति में प्रकृति को अत्यंत आदरपूर्ण और सम्मानजनक स्थान दिया गया है। वैदिक काल से ही सृष्टि निर्माण की प्रक्रिया में प्रकृति और मनुष्य के बीच समन्वयकारी सम्बंध की झलक दिखती है। मनुष्य शरीर पंच महाभूत यानी पृथ्वी, अग्नि, जल, वायु, और आकाश से मिल कर बना माना गया है। मनुष्य को कहीं भी विशिष्ट स्थान या अधिकार नहीं दिया गया है, जिससे वह स्वयं को प्रकृति के किसी अन्य घटक से श्रेष्ठ निरूपित कर सके। तभी मानव धर्म है कि हम अपने कल्याण के साथ अन्य प्राणियों और प्रकृति के अन्य घटकों के कल्याण की कामना और कार्य करते रहें।

आधुनिक विज्ञान भी भारतीय दर्शन के इस प्राकृतिक चिन्तन और बोध को स्वीकार कर चुका है। दुर्भाग्य है कि हम अपने इस दर्शन को अपने कर्म से दूर करते चले आ रहे हैं। मैं आशा करता हूँ कि आप अपने कार्य में प्रकृति के समावेशी दृष्टिकोण को पर्याप्त स्थान देंगे तथा एक वास्तुकार और नियोजक के रूप में मानव धर्म का पालन करेंगे। जैसा कि मैंने पूर्व में उल्लेख किया है, आज दीक्षा ग्रहण करने के उपरान्त स्नातक हुए विद्यार्थियों पर अत्यंत महत्वपूर्ण दायित्व है। कड़ी प्रतिस्पर्धालक की इस दुनिया में प्रवेश करने से पूर्व आपको यह तय करना होगा कि आप किस तरह के कैरियर को अपनाएंगे। आपसे मुझे इतना ही कहना है कि अपने निर्णयों पर दृढ़ रहकर निश्चित रूप से व्यक्तिगत एवं पेशेवर जीवन के लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। उदासीकरण और वैश्वीकरण के उपरान्त एक गांव में परिवर्तित हुई दुनिया में कुछ महत्वपूर्ण मानवीय व्यवहार खो गए से प्रतीत होते हैं।

अपने उद्बोधन को समाप्त करने से पहले, एक बार फिर, इस कार्यक्रम में पधारने का आमंत्रण स्वीकार करने तथा हमें अपना बहुमूल्य समय प्रदान करने के लिये अतिथियों का आभार व्यक्त करना चाहता हूँ। मैं बोर्ड ऑफ गवर्नर्स तथा सीनेट के सदस्य संकाय सदस्यों और कर्मचारियों को भी धन्यवाद देना चाहूँगा। स्नातक पूर्ण कर रहे विद्यार्थियों को शुभकामनाएं प्रदान करना चाहूँगा और आशा करता हूँ ये विद्यार्थी अपने कर्मों से एस.पी.ए.वी.को बार बार गर्व करने के क्षण प्रदान करते रहेंगे।

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Dr. Ar. Amogh Kumar Gupta
Chairperson, Board of Governor, SPA Vijayawada

Profile of the Director



Prof. Dr. Ramesh Srikonda

Director, School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada

Prof. Dr Ramesh Srikonda acquired his Bachelor's Degree in Architecture in 1982 in first class with distinction from JN Technological University, Hyderabad, AP. He completed his Post-Graduation in Town and Country Planning from Anna University, Madras, with a first class in the year 1984. He also holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Ecology and Environment from 'The Institute of Ecology and Environment', Delhi. He acquired a Doctorate (PhD) from the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, where he has conducted extensive research on "Energy Conservation Studies in Buildings through Components / Materials and Space Conditioning Options" in IIT Delhi. An essential area of his research for saving energy, conserving fossil fuels with due regard to Climate change.

He joined the Central Government Service through UPSC – Central Architectural Services (CAS) in 1985 (Central PWD). Also, he rendered his professional services in various capacities such as Deputy Architect, Architect, Regional Architect, Senior Architect, Chief Architect and Director of Planning, and Additional Charge as Director (Slum & JJ), to the Government of India. He joined as a Professor in the Department of Architecture of the School of Planning and Architecture Vijayawada in the year 2010 and rendered his services as Head, of the Department of Architecture, Head, Department of Planning, Dean of Studies, Chief warden, Vigilance Officer etc. before being appointed as the Director of School of Planning and Architecture Vijayawada in September 2022.

Prof. Dr Ramesh Srikonda was instrumental in the conception of the Post Graduate Programme M.Arch (Sustainable Architecture) a unique programme in this part of the country with contemporary relevance in the times of climate change and energy crises. He has published scores of technical papers in reputed International Journals and presented technical papers at various National and International conferences. He is also credited with bringing and leading several research and Consultancy projects including works for the Government of Andhra Pradesh through the Institutional Consultancy Cell of SPA Vijayawada. He also serves as an expert and advisory member in various high-powered committees of Government of India like UPSC, National Board of Accreditation, Committees for setting-up of HEIs, and in recruitment panels and statutory bodies of many other institutions of national importance.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: 2022-23

Distinguished Chief Guest, Air Marshal (Dr.) Ajit Shankarrao Bhonsle, Hon'ble Former Member, UPSC, Government of India, our honourable Chairperson Board of Governors, School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada, Dr. Ar. Amogh Kumar Gupta, all the Members of the Board of Governors; Members of Senate SPA Vijayawada, Distinguished invitees, Faculty members, Staff, Media, Dear Graduands and Parents, Ladies and Gentlemen - it is my pleasure to welcome each one of you to the Seventh Convocation of School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada.

The School of Planning and Architecture Vijayawada is one of the three SPAs in the country established by the Ministry of Education, Government of India under an Act of the Parliament, as an Institute of National Importance in the field of Architecture and Planning. Prospective students and research scholars across the nation aspire to join one of the three SPAs to obtain a Bachelor's degree and state-of-the-art specialisation at the Masters in Architecture and Planning and PhD levels. The School has distinguished itself in terms of its potential to grow as a role model in specialized professional education offering Undergraduate and Post-graduate education in Architecture and Planning while at the same time fostering research of a higher order in these areas. National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) has ranked SPA Vijayawada as one of the top twenty best Technical Institutes in the Architecture category in 2023. School of Planning and Architecture Vijayawada has made rightful progress with the encouraging support of the Ministry of Education (GoI), members of the Board of Governors, and Senate, and members of faculty and staff of the School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada. At SPA Vijayawada, we constantly envision placing ourselves on the highest pedestals of academic excellence in Architecture and Planning through innovation, creation, inclusion, acquisition and dissemination of knowledge using sustainable local and global practices.

Today, we are greatly privileged to have a well-known and great personality Air Marshal (Dr.) Ajit Shankarrao Bhonsle, Hon'ble Former Member, UPSC, Government of India as our Chief Guest. I wish to express our thanks to our Chief Guest for accepting our invitation to grace this important occasion. Air Marshal (Dr.) Ajit Shankarrao Bhonsle is an

epitome of towering academic, scientific, administrative and research success. He is an inspiration to all of us. He has exemplified how one can not only contribute to the disciplines but also help to build the nation by advising the polity and policy. I wish to express my immense sense of gratitude to Air Marshal (Dr.) Ajit Shankarrao Bhonsle for gracing this occasion.

OUR FOUNDATIONS AND PEDAGOGICAL PARADIGM

SPA Vijayawada currently offers Undergraduate, Post-graduate and Doctoral programs in the fields of Architecture and Planning. Presently the School runs two departments: the Department of Architecture and the Department of Planning. A total of two Undergraduate Degree Programs, Eight Post-graduate Degree Programs and Doctoral Programs are being offered. Bachelor of Architecture is a 5-year Undergraduate program offered in the Department of Architecture. M.Arch Sustainable Architecture, M.Arch Landscape Architecture, M.Arch Architectural Conservation, Master of Building Engineering and Management and Master of Urban Design are the Post-Graduate programs offered in the Department. Similarly, the Department of Planning offers a Bachelor's Degree in Planning, a 4-year degree program. The Department also offers Masters Programs, namely, M.Plan Environmental Planning and Management, M.Plan Urban and Regional Planning and M.Plan Transport Planning. SPAV has also been offering Doctoral Programs leading to a PhD degree in the disciplines of Architecture and Planning since the academic year 2012-13, with a vision to develop independent and scholarly contributions to the progress of the body of knowledge. I take immense pleasure in announcing in this gathering that a new PG course has been conceptualised and recommended by the Senate, SPAV on Masters in Design (2 years, 4 semesters, Full-time), which is under the process of finalization. This PG course in design shall aim to bring in multi-disciplinary experts from various design fields towards a specialisation that will enable local art forms, local traditional techniques, vernacularism and ethnicity with scientific, logical and intelligence-aided design thinking. At SPAV, we believe in building an environment of education that bases its foundation on pillars of meaningful scientific experimentation and the presence of

wisdom. Our infrastructure, curriculum, extracurricular activities, research and industry interaction are focused towards the models of self-enablement and self-discovery.

OUR OUTREACH

In terms of outreach, SPA Vijayawada has been unceasingly reaching out and joining hands with leading institutes and organisations of the world, not only to provide exposure to our students towards the best practices in the world but also to share and learn from each other. Our School has a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with several reputed National and International Institutions and organisations like - Solent University, UK; University of Melbourne, Australia; Krems University, Austria, and UN-Habitat. Recently we also signed an MoU with the University of Lille, France, Ecole Blu Global Design, France, and Boston College of Architecture, USA. Similarly, SPA Vijayawada has entered into a collaborative agreement with Collaboration executed with Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA), IIT Tirupati, and BMS College of Architecture for research collaboration. We are in close network with the two other SPAs at New Delhi and Bhopal, and have collaborative arrangements with the Council of Architecture (CoA), Institute of Town Planners, India (ITPI); the Indian Institute of Architects (IIA); the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE); the National Remote Sensing Center (NRSC), Hyderabad; the Amaravati Metropolitan Region Development Authority (AMRDA); the Andhra Pradesh Human Resource Development Institute (AP-HRDI), APTIDCO, APGBCL, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC), National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) and many others. SPAV has also an agreement with the Centre for Green Building Materials and Technology (CGBMT), Bangalore, National Institute of Design (NID) Andhra Pradesh, Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Acharya N G Ranga Agricultural University, Guntur, and National Research Development Corporation (NRDC). SPA Vijayawada has organized a public exhibition showcasing the students' work on Architecture, Design and Planning, in addition to the research and consultancy work display for the general public. SPA Vijayawada sincerely and constantly contributes to the region and the people around it through outreach activities. Following are a few of the said activities:

- SPAV contributed its best under the theme 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' on 19 August 2023. As part of this initiative of the Government of India, faculty and students along with the NSS Cell and volunteers of SPAV undertook a Plantation Drive in Ravicherla village, 30 km north of Vijayawada.
- On the eve of Children's Day 2023, a district-level Art Competition was conducted for Schools and Colleges by SPAV in collaboration with M/s. Ananth Diamonds and Dream Young & Children's Art Academy, Vijayawada. This Outreach activity with Social responsibility enthused all the 2,000 participants hailing from various Schools and Colleges of this region. Students of SPAV have also bagged prizes for their entries.
- SPAV hosted the concluding round of Koushal 2023 in collaboration with Vijnana Bharati. This is an annual state-level event organised by Vijnana Bharati to explore and honour the talent of School children pursuing studies in Government Schools.

FOSTERING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ECOSYSTEM

It is a matter of pride to state that SPA Vijayawada has been fostering a research environment by actively encouraging students and faculty to take up research in several emerging areas. The School has undertaken and completed prestigious projects such as Building Resilient Urban Communities (BReUCom) and Building Inclusive Communities (BiNuCom) funded by the European Union. As a part of the project SPA Vijayawada has successfully implemented several Professional Development Programs (PDPs) and Open Coursewares (OCWs) across the nation. SPAV has been awarded the preparation of the Regional Development Plan for Tiruchirapalli District, a project funded by DTCP, Govt of Tamil Nadu. Similarly, the Polavaram Resettlement and Rehabilitation Project, funded by the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh is being carried out, wherein SPA Vijayawada is presently engaged as a knowledge partner.

SPA Vijayawada has completed the preparation of 'Gram Panchayat Spatial Development Plans' for two villages of Andhra Pradesh, under the funding of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt of India. The project showcased a sustainable process of preparation of village spatial development plans with ecology, economy and social development at the

core. The School has also submitted GIS-based Master Plans for Bhimavaram and Eluru. These Master Plan projects are funded under the AMRUT scheme of the Govt. of India. The Grid of Roads (GoR) Extended project is another significant project where 29 Villages located in the peri-urban area of Chennai have been analysed for improving access and ushering development. SPAV has also recently undertaken and completed a research project to assess and evaluate the influence of Smart City Initiatives in Visakhapatnam City, funded by the MoHUA through NIUA, Delhi.

In addition, SPAV has taken up several architectural design projects of repute and has been advising the local government in making development decisions. SPAV has been involved in AP State architectural board manual vetting as well as APSRTC Bus Fascia and Graphic Scheme Redesign. At the Design and Innovation Centre (DIC) of SPAV, socially responsive and innovative products are being developed. DIC Activities have been extended till 2026 by the Ministry of Education, GOI. Further, DIC activities are now aligned with NEP 2020 objectives to promote a culture of innovation, laboratory-driven research, industrial collaboration etc. All these research and consultancy projects help SPAV keep close association with the application-oriented practical and professional world while continuing high-end classroom and studio-based teaching. Further, these projects help students to get exposure to real-life applications and also help the industry to evolve from cutting-edge research. A research project titled, *SAAR - An Appraisal of Smart City Mission in Visakhapatnam City*, undertaken by the Dept of Planning with students of the Master of Planning under the guidance of Dr. Ayon Kumar Tarafdar and Dr. Adinarayanane R was selected and included in the Compendium of *Smart Cities and Academia towards Action and Research* comprising 75+ Case Studies of Innovative Projects of Smart Cities Mission.

Faculty members of SPA Vijayawada are engaged in conducting as well as publishing research and technical papers in various international peer-reviewed journals and conferences, including research articles, books and edited books. Faculty members of SPA Vijayawada have attended and presented papers at reputed National and International Conferences in India and abroad, utilizing Cumulative Professional Development Allowance (CPDA) funds. Faculty members won accolades such as winning best paper awards on several occasions for research output.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Several initiatives have been taken up by SPA Vijayawada which leverages us towards a path of renewed commitment to the highest levels of academic and research standards, in the domains of Planning and Architecture. Initiation of new Academic Ordinances 2023 that are aligned with NEP 2020 covers several aspects which bring in remarkable and significant changes in the manner in which students get admitted, students learn, and students get examined and evaluated. Multiple Entry and Exit Points, credit transfer, Interdisciplinary Electives, Wider Eligibility and Professional Network for PhD and Accelerated High-End Research Output are some of its highlights. Highest quality of teaching and research has always been the prime objective of the School. Our students and faculty have been making efforts to position the School both locally, nationally and internationally by delivering lectures, talks and organizing various workshops, seminars, and conferences and sensitizing the students towards Sustainable Planning and Development, Sustainable Environments, Green Buildings and Energy Efficiency, Women Empowerment, Motivation, Counselling and Mentoring, Constitutional Rights, Professional Practice: Bridging the Gap Between Academics and Practice, etc.

In collaboration with UN-Habitat, SPAV organised a series of workshops titled *Building Inclusive Cities for Resilient and Sustainable Future*, wherein international case studies were presented in conjunction with Indian case studies. A two-day National Conference on *Energy Efficiency in Planning for Enhanced Urban Resilience* was organised in collaboration with the National Institute of Disaster Management, New Delhi. An international collaborative workshop on “Climate and Urban Built Environment (CUBE) Research” in association with Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland is being conducted for students of SPAV. As part of this collaboration with Boston College of Architecture, USA, a series of lectures was organised on Robotics in Architecture. SPA Vijayawada has conducted several executive development programmes during the academic year 202-23 on themes like Site Planning, Zoning and Analysis, Application of Statistics in Spatial Planning, Simulation Techniques for Intersection Design in Urban Transport Planning, Simulation and Visualisation Tools for Built Environment Design and Ecological Resilience Initiatives for Sustainable Development where participants from across the nation took part.

Similarly, several faculty development programs were organised on the themes of Resilient and Liveable Futures, Resilient Architecture and Dynamic City Planning, Creating Awareness of Plagiarism, Searching Tools and Techniques to Enhance Research Methodology, Outdoor Thermal Comfort in Urban Built Environment, Inclusive Housing, Role of Cultural Landscapes in Building Environmental Resilience - Demystifying Conservation, Urban Design Workshop on Inner City Regeneration, Surveying Workshop – From Sketch to Ground, etc. Similarly, several events were organized to celebrate World Cities Day, World Town Planning Day, Yoga Day, Vigilance Awareness Week, Constitution Day, Women's Day etc. Each of such programmes had judicious interaction of students and faculty generating a healthy extracurricular atmosphere.

Further, several faculty members have attended training programs conducted by reputed organizations/ institutions to update their knowledge which will cause more value-addition in the teaching-learning process of the SPAV campus. Faculty members of SPAV have also conducted Faculty Development Programs, Workshops, Seminars, etc. to disseminate and share knowledge and experience with the diverse target groups of the society. Further, Esteemed faculty members have delivered invited expert lectures, and chaired sessions in reputed national and international seminars, workshops, faculty development programmes, conferences, etc.

It is our constant endeavour to make SPAV the best place to work, learn, live and transcend towards a higher degree of consciousness keeping up the bond of togetherness, mutual respect and love. Students of both the Undergraduate programs and all PG programs namely, Environmental Planning and Management, Urban and Regional Planning, Transportation Planning, Sustainable Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Architectural Conservation, Building Engineering and Management, and Urban Design have displayed their merit in core academics, research, sports, cultural activities and outreach programmes of SPAV. Scores of research papers were presented and/or published in international conferences, international journals, international workshops, books and magazines, all of high repute. They have won many accolades with their curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

Following are a few of the accomplishments:

- Ms Haripriya Kesavan secured the 3rd best Planning Thesis (UG) Award in India and Mr. Heerendra Kannan secured the 3rd best Planning Thesis (PG) Award in India by ITPI from amongst all the thesis of Planning Institutions of the country.
- The thesis titled, *Re-establishment of socio-cultural Association between the City and River by creating a dynamic riverine zone with Eco-sensitive Riverfront Design – A Case of Hooghly River, North Precinct of Kolkata* of Ms. Puja, a student of Landscape Architecture PG program was shortlisted amongst top 10 finalists in Post Graduate Category Thesis Competition titled, Reimagining Urban Rivers Season-3 organized by National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) & National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), sponsored by Namami Gange during November 2022. Subsequently, the Thesis was placed Second in the Post Graduate Category in the Finale held at CEPT University on 11th August 2023. This was invited for presentation at the Thesis Open Day V 8.0 organized by ISOLA Bangalore Chapter on 4th November 2023.
- Ms. Asha, a student of Landscape Architecture PG program presented a thesis titled, *An Adaptive Urban Tapestry - Urban Forest Ecosystem Conservation and Regeneration in Kalamassery, Ernakulam, Kerala, India*, at the Thesis Open Day V 8.0 organized by ISOLA Bangalore Chapter in November 2023.
- Ms. Joy Gloria, a student of Landscape Architecture PG program presented a research paper titled, *Effectiveness of Climate-Responsive Landscape Strategies in Rapidly Transforming Urban Neighbourhoods*, at the IFLA World Congress-2023 at Stockholm, Sweden held in September 2023. This is an outcome of her Thesis under the guidance of Dr. G. Shanmuga Priya.
- Mr. Karan Kumaresan, a student of the Master of Environmental Planning and Management was shortlisted for presentation at the Global South Academic Conclave on WASH and Climate linkages in February 2024, organised by CEPT University, Ahmedabad for his thesis which the student has been granted a fellowship for attending the conclave.
- Ms. Asha, a student of M.Arch Landscape Architecture program presented a research paper titled, *Building Urban Resilience through an Adaptive Tapestry*:

Urban Forest Ecosystem Conservation and Regeneration in Kalamassery, Ernakulam, Kerala, India, at the National Conference on Energy Efficiency in planning for enhanced urban resilience organized by National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi and SPA, Vijayawada on 26th and 27th April 2023.

- Ms. Fanah a second-year student in the MUD program secured a position in the top 100 contestants in Hashtag Kalakar - Global Poetry and Creative Writing Competition held in 2022 for her poem *Widowed by the War*.
- The IIA Andhra Pradesh Chapter's "Antara" featured remarkable talents in notable publications. The "Poster for Your City" series highlighted works of MUD students Dipangshi Dasgupta for "Delhi," M. Bhuvaneshwari for "Chennai," A. Koushik Narayana for "Madurai," Aditya Roy for "Bhilai," Dipesh Panchal capturing "Ahmedabad," and Ashita Kalraiya for "Faridabad," each offering their creative insights. The chapter also covered insightful articles like "Kollam: Ingress the Voyage that Bridges the Past to Present" by Aysha Latheef, "Lucknow: A City between Cultures" by Ishita Gupta, "The City Beautiful - Chandigarh" by Satyam Upadhyaya, and "Namma Chennai" by Sowmiya. Notably, "Visakhapatnam street character sketches" by Fanah added a distinctive exploration of lively street life.
- Ms. S. Roshini, a student of M.Arch Landscape Architecture program presented two research papers titled, *Flood Mitigation and Urban Resilience through Blue-green Infrastructure - Case of Sembakkam Watershed, Chennai*, at the National Conference on Energy Efficiency in Planning for Enhanced Urban Resilience organised by NIDM, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi and SPA, Vijayawada in April 2023; a research paper titled, *Place making through water sensitive urban design*, in the 7th Annual Research on Cities Summit (ARCS): International Conference on Sustainable Urbanism in the Global South, hosted by the School of Human Settlements at XIM University Bhubaneswar in February 2023; Ms. S. Roshini had also presented the thesis work titled, *Restoring the cascading lake system of Sembakkam watershed and lakefront development for Sembakkam lake* in ISOLA Resource symposium 2023 conducted by ISOLA Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry chapter. Her abstract was shortlisted as one amongst five students nationwide.

- Posters on teaching pedagogy, curriculum and students' work on thermal comfort by Masters and Doctoral degree students of SPAV were presented at the CATE (Comfort at The Extremes) 2023 exhibition at CEPT Ahmedabad, wherein 15-17 universities including those from outside India exhibited their work.
- The thesis titled, *Redevelopment and Revitalization of precincts, a case of Howrah Phool bazaar and Strand Road, Kolkata* of Mr. Chirag Das of B.Arch program was selected as one of the best five thesis projects at Zone 2 of National Awards for Excellence in Architectural Thesis 2023 & JK AYA Best Architecture Student of the Year Awards 2023 (CoA Awards 2023, in Category B-Project addressing concerns within the society) held at the Faculty of Architecture, Sarvajani College of Engineering & Technology, Surat, Gujarat.
- Ms Sthiti Parida, a former student of B. Arch program stood in the top ten for the sixth India edition of the Asia Young Designer Award 2022 for her thesis titled, *Omani Souq at Al Seeb, Muscat*.
- Ms. Supriya Bhutani of Master of Transport Planning program presented three research papers titled, *Traffic Noise and Urban Intersection - A Case of Vijayawada* at the 7th Conference of Transportation Research Group of India Transport Research Group of India held in December 2023; *Unraveling the Urban Symphony: A Holistic Investigation of Traffic Noise in Vijayawada City* at the 16th Urban Mobility India Conference cum Expo 2023 organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in October 2023 at New Delhi; *Electrification of Light Commercial Vehicles in Urban Areas* at the 16th World Conference on Transport Research in Montreal, Canada organised by WCTR Society, Canada in July 2023; *Potential of Alternative Technology for Urban Freight* at the international conference on Infrastructure and Built Environment: Towards Sustainable and Resilient Societies, organised by IIT Kharagpur in February 2023. She has also been awarded a Merit Certificate for achieving the first position for academic Proficiency in the year 2022 by the Rotary Club of Vijayawada.
- Ms. Sneha George of Master of Transport Planning along with faculty members Dr. Solanki Ghosh and Dr. Naina Gupta, presented four research papers titled, *Road safety assessment of hill roads* at the Annual Conference on Infrastructure and Built Environment: Towards Sustainable and Resilient Societies 2023 organised by IIT

Kharagpur in February 2023; *Comparison of International Road safety assessment programme and Road Safety Audit: A case study of Vijayawada* at the First vision zero summit first Vision Zero Summit, a national conference on road safety organised by MANIT Bhopal and Government of Madhya Pradesh in May 2023; *Viability of water transport for passenger movement in Kochi* at the 16th Urban Mobility India Conference cum Expo 2023 organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in October 2023 at New Delhi; *Development of service level benchmarking for inland water transport* at the 7th Conference of Transportation Research Group of India held in December 2023 at Surat, India.

- Mr. Karan Kumaresan, Ms. Shilpa Rana, and Ms. Poorani Balaji, students of Master of Environmental Planning and Management, and Urban and Regional Planning programs secured third position in the Poster presentation on Slum Revitalization organized by IIT Bombay in March 2023.
- Mr. Sanjay Antony, a student of M.Arch Sustainable Architecture program published a research paper titled, *Thermal Performance of Bamboo Flat Roof Slab and RCC Flat Roof Filler Slab in Warm-Humid Climate*, in the Building Thermal Performance and Sustainability book under the Lecture Notes in Civil Engineering, Vol. 316 of Springer, Singapore in March 2023. He received the Best Project award and presented the research work titled, *Thermal Performance of Bamboo Flat Roof Slab and RCC Flat Roof Filler Slab in Warm-Humid Climate* and, *Architectural features of the residence executed with reused materials in Kerala*, by the Centre of Science and Technology for Rural Development in Indo-Swiss Building Energy Efficiency Program Camp (BEEP) hosted by CEPT University, Ahmedabad and organised by Bureau of Energy Efficiency in December 2022. He secured All India 8th rank in the course Strategies for Sustainable Design by the National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL), initiated by the Ministry of Education, organised by IIT Hyderabad and IIT Madras in February 2023. He was selected as the Official Student Delegate of SPA, Vijayawada in World Sustainable Development Summit 2023 hosted by TERI - The Energy and Resources Institute in February 2023.
- Many students of M.Arch Sustainable Architecture program have obtained certification as GRIHA Certified Professionals and IGBC Accredited Professionals.
- Ms. Shveta Mohan of M.Arch Sustainable Architecture program co-authored a

research paper with Dr. Lilly Rose Amritham, titled, *Assessment of thermal performance of a school building in temperate climates using passive retrofit strategies*, in the Urban Climate Conference ICUC11, held in Sydney, Australia in August 2023.

- Students of Bachelor of Planning program secured 1st Runner-up position in the 24th Annual National Convention of National Organisation of Students of Planning hosted by Lovely Professional University, Phagwara, from 17-20 February 2023.
- Students of Bachelor of Architecture program bagged the Overall Championship trophy at the 66th Zonal convention of the National Association of Students of Architecture which was hosted by SJB School of Architecture and Planning, Bengaluru during 21-24 October 2023.
- Ms. Meera Manoj, a student of M.Arch Landscape Architecture program published a research paper titled, *Role of Landscape Elements in Enhancing Child-Responsive Outdoor Educational Spaces*, Journal of European Chemical Bulletin, June 2023.
- Ms. Joy Gloria, a student of M.Arch Landscape Architecture program presented a research paper titled, *Designing Climate-led Landscapes for the Critical Local Climatic Zones in the Eco-Sensitive Zone of Vandalur Reserve Forest, Chennai* at the National Conference on Energy Efficiency in Planning for Enhanced urban resilience organized by National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi and SPA, Vijayawada on 26th and 27th April 2023;
- Ms. Maathangi Venkataraman and Ms. Praveena of B.Arch program presented a research paper titled, *Role of Morphology in Achieving Modularity in Contemporary Housing*, at the Virtual Conference on Housing: Challenges, Policies and Strategies of 21st Century 2022, organized by NIT Raipur in October 2022 and was later co-published as one of the selected papers, by Copal publishing group in the year 2023. This paper is an outcome of Housing' design studio mentored by faculty members, Dr. Amitava Sarkar, Mr. Vijesh Kumar V and Dr. Venkata Krishna Kumar Sadhu.
- Mr Rutwik Suhas Kokadwar and Mr Nimit Bhansali of B.Arch program secured the second prize for their entry in an annual international not-for-profit competition for students of architecture, under the name, The Drawing Board with over 5000 students across more than 40 countries so far since the year 2016 hosted by Rohan

Builders + Mindspace Architects'. The competition of 2022 was to design a memorial for architect, planner, activist, and theoretician, Shri Charles Correa; Mr. Rutwik Suhas Kokadwar also secured first prize for House Design Interior in the International Design Competition conducted by Archdais Network Pvt. Ltd. in October 2023.

- Ms. Sahla M, Ms. Malavika Prakash and Mr. Vishu Kumar, students of the Second Year B.Arch program won the Mohan T Advani Centennial Scholarship 2023 granted by the Blue Star Foundation, for exemplary academic performance till date.
- SPAV conducted Fit India week from 15-21 November 2023 at the SPAV campus. During this period, various activities of sports, games, yoga, health and fitness were conducted for students, faculty and staff.
- SPAV started its work on the theme Viksit Bharat@2047. As part of the same, Elocution and Poster Design competitions were conducted for students, faculty and staff on 15 December 2023. This is the first in the series of events planned by SPAV for the times to come.
- The Alumni of SPAV has always been a source of support to the Alma mater through guest lectures, career guidance, thesis ideas and the like. In the General Body meeting of the SPAV Alumni Association which was held on 19 December 2023 at SPAV, the Alumni vociferously committed to further augment their presence as well as support for the best of one and all at SPAV.

The aforementioned accomplishments would not have been possible without the inherent support of the faculty members in their capacity of being Thesis guides, GATE mentors, Subject coordinators, etc. Needless to say, the unconditional support of our administrative staff adds value and ease to the accomplishments. So, it is not just about academics but also a consistent effort in SPAV towards embarking on a mental tour with all-round sensitivity. Similarly, several students from B.Arch, B.Plan, M.Arch and M.Plan have participated in various events and made us proud by bringing accolades. The credibility, goodwill and increasingly visible presence of SPA Vijayawada is primarily due to the relentless efforts of its Students, faculty and staff from time to time.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

The campus infrastructure of SPA Vijayawada is one of the best in the country. The campus consists of all green parameters in terms of design and facilities like Solar Water Heating systems for hostels and kitchens with 19200 litres per day capacity. SPA Vijayawada has complete Roof-top Solar Power generation, which plays a pivotal role in minimizing the campus electricity utility charges and has also LED lighting with automatic sensors. The campus has a groundwater recharge system which harvests rainwater and promotes an efficient feeder network to the groundwater table. A Sewage Treatment Plant with 100 KLD capacity wherein recycled water is being used for gardening and flushing of toilets.

Central Library is an integral part of an academic system whose primary function is to serve students, researchers, faculty and staff as well as to foster an atmosphere that encourages learning, creativity, and research. Its mission is to create a 'state-of-the-art and self-service environment' for users (students, researchers, faculty, staff etc.) to browse through a 'professional resource priority pool', to accumulate and share knowledge, to strengthen the 'academic system alive' and promote 'visibility and value system'. The library has more than 8175 collections of books, 4500 e-books (open access), and more than 1606 Thesis (both UG & PG) of Architecture and Planning. Further, the library provides access to both national and international journals and an online public access catalogue system to locate library resources. Various workshops, seminars and awareness programs on scholarly communication and intellectual property rights (IPR) are organized to promote the academic research and development activities of the institute.

The Central Computer Lab has several high-end workstations installed with the latest licensed software such as AutoCAD, Trimble Sketchup, Adobe Creative Cloud for the team Apps, Integrated Environmental Solutions, etc. State-of-the-art infrastructure Environmental Lab is being established for carrying out research in the field of building and environment. The Environmental Monitoring Lab is equipped with major high-end instruments for analyzing water quality. The Climatology/ Energy Studies/ Acoustic Lab is equipped with modern equipment to carry out research works in the fields of building sciences, energy studies, and indoor environmental quality throughout the year. UG

students are given hands-on practical use in each of these laboratories. A full-fledged Art lab has been established to showcase the creative artistic talents of the students. Students are encouraged to explore new materials and new schools of thought. Model making and carpentry workshops have been conducted to create a hands-on experience for the students in handling various materials such as wood, plaster of Paris, metal works, and Wire Modelling. The Building Materials & Construction Lab was established to display and demonstrate various kinds of building materials and their properties to enable material exposure and construction techniques for the students.

The GIS and Transportation Lab is equipped with thirty-five (35) high-end workstations installed with licensed GIS software such as ArcGIS Desktop, ERDAS Imagine and Imagine Photogrammetry and Transportation software such as CUBE, VISSIM and VISUM. It is equipped with GPS instruments, a topo mouse, stereoscopic equipment, and wireless glasses to cater to the geospatial analysis needs, traffic survey requirements and other specific data analysis. Survey Lab is utilized for making all essential measurements and relative position of points in horizontal and vertical planes with Electronic Theodolite and Total Station etc. The Landscape Lab was set up to develop and demonstrate to the students about the various techniques and concepts used in the field of Landscape Architecture. The Lab is equipped with two high-end configuration desktops to explore the various digital techniques used in the current field of Landscape Architecture. The Conservation laboratory is equipped exclusively with digital documentation techniques for heritage resources. These include LiDAR or laser scanning. Photogrammetry and LiDAR data together can create one 3D surface model of the monument or site that contains very accurate geometry as well as high-quality texture information. The Construction Yard is another open space allocated for students of Architecture to experiment with different materials and construction techniques. This lab is in close relation with the Building Construction Lab which enables experimentation through the use of tools and materials in the open space. The campus has ICT enabled teaching atmosphere, high-end digital surveillance systems, modern laboratories, spacious studios and classrooms, open-air theatres, an auditorium, a cafeteria, and outdoor sports facilities. The LAN on the campus caters to approximately 1800 users at a time.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

With this summary of the key achievements and endeavours of the School in recent times, it is a pleasure to come back to the most important part of today, and that is congratulating our graduands and thanking them. Embrace the diversity of thought, collaborate with others, and let your passion drive you towards making a positive impact. Your actions have the potential to shape industries, uplift communities, and contribute to the betterment of society. To the graduates, my heartfelt congratulations on reaching this important moment in your academic journey. Your hard work and determination have laid the foundation for the successes that await you. Dear Graduands, I extend my heartiest congratulations and best wishes to each one of you and your parents, on this occasion. It is a gratifying moment for our School to witness your academic accomplishment. It is your hard work, your truthful efforts and your motivation that has brought you to this moment. I truly appreciate your perseverance, patient understanding and belief in SPA Vijayawada.

Jai Hind!

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List of Gold Medalists 2022-2023

List of Graduands securing Highest CGPA for Gold Medal in AY 2022-23

S. No.	Registration No.	Name of the Graduand	Course
1	2210300129	Karan K	Master of Planning (Environmental Planning and Management)
2	2210400150	Gelli Lakshmi Pranathi	Master of Planning (Urban and Regional Planning)
3	2210600070	Sristi Mehra	Master of Planning (Transport Planning)
4	1210500135	Sanjay Antony	Master of Architecture (Sustainable Architecture)
5	1210700065	Nashit Dhruv Nanubhai	Master of Architecture (Landscape Architecture)
6	1210800036	Srijani Biswas	Master of Architecture (Architectural Conservation)
7	1210900052	Nischal Kumar G J	Master of Building Engineering and Management
8	1210900058	Stuti Goyal	Master of Building Engineering and Management
9	2190200276	Haripriya Kesavan	Bachelor of Planning
10	1180100777	Rayes Anna Benson	Bachelor of Architecture

List of Thesis Toppers

2022-2023

List of Graduands for Thesis Awards in AY 2022-23

S. No.	Registration No.	Name of the Graduand	Course
1	2210300129	Karan K	Master of Planning (Environmental Planning and Management)
2	2210400161	Poushya C	Master of Planning (Urban and Regional Planning)
3	2210600070	Sristi Mehra	Master of Planning (Transport Planning)
4	1210500135	Sanjay Antony	Master of Architecture (Sustainable Architecture)
5	1210700071	Sidharth Baiju	Master of Architecture (Landscape Architecture)
6	1210800033	Sahana P S	Master of Architecture (Architectural Conservation)
7	1210800034	Sarika S Dhuttargi	Master of Architecture (Architectural Conservation)
8	1210900061	Vinoj Peter EA	Master of Building Engineering and Management
9	2190200276	Haripriya Kesavan	Bachelor of Planning
10	1180100747	Kokadwar Rutwik Suhas	Bachelor of Architecture

List of Graduands

2022-2023

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

List of Graduands awarded Degrees in the 7th Convocation on 03.01.2024

Year of Passing: 2023

S. No.	Registration No.	Name of the Graduand
1	1120300005	Venkata Krishna Kumar Sadhu
2	2120300001	Valliappan A L
3	1120300002	Chilakapati Anil Kumar
4	1160300012	B N Keerthi Naidu
5	1120300003	Allu Revathi Devi

MASTER OF PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT)

List of Graduands awarded Degrees in the 7th Convocation on 03.01.2024

Year of Passing: 2023

S. No.	Registration No.	Name of the Graduand
1	2210300123	Atiya Afreen
2	2210300124	Auxillia Jerine A
3	2210300126	Islavath Mayuri
4	2210300127	Joseph P Thomas
5	2210300128	K B Aswathy
6	2210300129	Karan K
7	2210300130	Kativarapu Blessy Amulya Deepika
8	2210300131	Manasmita Pattnaik
9	2210300132	Manimozhi V
10	2210300133	Mukti Swaroop Pradhan
11	2210300134	Naik Saishree Prasad
12	2210300135	Peesapati Manogna Prabhasri Gauthami
13	2210300136	Pooja Krishna Prasad
14	2210300137	Pragati Panda
15	2210300138	S Rakshana
16	2210300139	S Sri Divya
17	2210300140	Sakshi Prakash Kori
18	2210300141	Shilpa Rana
19	2210300142	Sowmya K

MASTER OF PLANNING (URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING)

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S. No.	Registration No.	Name of the Graduand
1	2210400144	Ankur Karmakar
2	2210400145	Anmol Sharma
3	2210400146	Anupama
4	2210400147	Atchaya N
5	2210400148	Chakka Venkata Sai Kiran
6	2210400149	Chakrakolla Obulesh
7	2210400150	Gelli Lakshmi Pranathi
8	2210400151	Goutham Kb
9	2210400152	J Poojaa Sri
10	2210400153	Jyothika Bhukya
11	2210400154	Kowtavarapu Dharmika
12	2210400155	Kummari Kiranmai
13	2210400157	Mabinesh M
14	2210400158	Madhumati S
15	2210400159	Palaparthi Praneeth Kumar
16	2210400160	Poorani B
17	2210400161	Poushya C
18	2210400162	Rajashree Dewangan
19	2210400163	Shreeya Palit
20	2210400164	Shrutishree Behera
21	2210400165	Sonali Subhadarshini
22	2210400166	Vhanbatte Gayatri Rajesh
23	2210400167	Vidisha Das

MASTER OF PLANNING (TRANSPORT PLANNING)

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S. No.	Registration No.	Name of the Graduand
1	2210600055	A Vignesh
2	2210600056	Anjana Kondapalli
3	2210600057	Ayushi Bhatt
4	2210600058	Bhavsar Sanat Milind
5	2210600059	Dhivya P
6	2210600060	Dushala Verma
7	2210600061	Firzana Shuja
8	2210600062	Indupalli Navya
9	2210600063	Joshi Apoorva Prashant
10	2210600064	Kirti Kumar Chandrawanshi
11	2210600065	Lakshmi Das
12	2210600067	Nivedha N
13	2210600069	Sneha George Nirannanilathu
14	2210600070	Sristi Mehra
15	2210600071	Supriya Bhutani
16	2210600072	Swastha I
17	2210600073	Vaidya Karan Anand

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE (SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE)

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Year of Passing: 2023

S. No.	Registration No.	Name of the Graduand
1	1210500118	Aishwarriya S
2	1210500120	Bavya R
3	1210500121	Birkad Sakshi Shatrughna
4	1210500122	Chandu Sai Tarun
5	1210500123	Irene Cyril
6	1210500124	K Madhumitha
7	1210500125	Karthik P
8	1210500126	Kavipriya B
9	1210500127	Kirruthigha J
10	1210500128	Lilith Kumar S
11	1210500129	Nachan Pushkar Prashant
12	1210500130	Neha Shremitha M
13	1210500131	Paawan Chawda
14	1210500132	Pritam Panja
15	1210500133	Roopika Y
16	1210500134	Sanchana S
17	1210500135	Sanjay Antony
18	1210500136	Sejal Rathi
19	1210500137	Shveta Mohan
20	1210500139	V V Sujeeth

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE (LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE)

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Year of Passing: 2023

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1	1210700051	Abhishek R Tatvawit
2	1210700052	Ankita Jena
3	1210700053	Asha P Nair
4	1210700054	Fathima N
5	1210700056	Gopisetty Srivalli
6	1210700057	Ilayaraja S
7	1210700059	M Madhu Priyanka
8	1210700060	Mahibharathi D
9	1210700061	Mamata Vijaya Kumar
10	1210700062	Manoj Kumar
11	1210700063	Meera Manoj
12	1210700064	Mundle Siddesh Prashant
13	1210700065	Nashit Dhruv Nanubhai
14	1210700066	Periyasamy Saravana T
15	1210700067	Puja Das
16	1210700068	S Joy Gloria
17	1210700069	S Roshini
18	1210700070	Sariska S Kanavalli
19	1210700071	Sidharth Baiju
20	1210700072	Yalamanchili Saicharan

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE (ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION)

List of Graduands awarded Degrees in the 7th Convocation on 03.01.2024

Year of Passing: 2023

S. No.	Registration No.	Name of the Graduand
1	1210800022	Agranshi Mohan Saxena
2	1210800023	Archana Unnikrishnan
3	1210800024	Arpita Jena
4	1210800025	Bhavna Parida
5	1210800026	Damle Yogini Moreshwar
6	1210800028	Guru Sobhana Jaya Gopal
7	1210800029	Kalbhor Shreya Suhas
8	1210800030	Muskan Tiwari
9	1210800031	Palaniappan Alamu Priya
10	1210800032	Priyasha Sharma
11	1210800033	Sahana P S
12	1210800034	Sarika S Dhuttargi
13	1210800035	Seemala Hrudya
14	1210800036	Srijani Biswas
15	1210800037	Vidya A Manohar

MASTER OF BUILDING ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT

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Year of Passing: 2023

S. No.	Registration No.	Name of the Graduand
1	1210900041	A Amrutha
2	1210900042	Abhishek Rastogi
3	1210900043	Abhishek Rustagi
4	1210900044	Aditya Mahajan
5	1210900045	Ahalya G
6	1210900046	Bidiya Shankar Jha
7	1210900047	Chaganti Saibabu
8	1210900048	Deepak Pradhan
9	1210900049	Dhivya G
10	1210900050	Harsha Kiran Babu Bathina
11	1210900051	Manthanwar Dhananjay Chandrakant
12	1210900052	Nischal Kumar G J
13	1210900053	Praveen Ram K
14	1210900054	Ramesh M
15	1210900055	Sadhayadharshni C
16	1210900056	Saket Patni
17	1210900057	Sourabh Harsh Hardaha
18	1210900058	Stuti Goyal
19	1210900059	Suhani Rajput
20	1210900060	Undaru Varsha
21	1210900061	Vinoj Peter E A

BACHELOR OF PLANNING

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Year of Passing: 2023

S. No.	Registration No.	Name of the Graduand
1	2190200266	Aluri Harshini Sree
2	2190200267	Bhogapurapu Sai Manikanta
3	2190200268	Bolla Sravani
4	2190200270	Chandanala Prasanna Gayathri
5	2190200271	Chittoju venkata Sai Kiran
6	2190200272	Dontiboyina Sai Charan
7	2190200273	Gollamandala Pranitha
8	2190200275	Hanumanth Ram T
9	2190200276	Haripriya Kesavan
10	2190200277	Jyothi M B
11	2190200278	K Krithika
12	2190200279	Kavya Kowmudi Kondaveeti
13	2190200280	Konakanchi Hari Krishna
14	2190200281	Mayukh Biswas
15	2190200282	Mudunuru Surya Jayanth
16	2190200283	Nallabelli Krishna Sai
17	2190200285	Richa Rose Benson
18	2190200286	Shanavas C
19	2190200287	Sneha Krishnasri Toleti
20	2190200288	Tirupathi Meghana
21	2190200289	Tishya Bajaj
22	2170200217	Adnan Abdulla
23	2160200196	B. Sri Charitha

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S. No.	Registration No.	Name of the Graduand
1	1180100723	Amanaganti Shreya Reddy
2	1180100724	Ananya Shrimali
3	1180100725	Anjay Babu. V.V
4	1180100726	Anuhya Maddukuri
5	1180100727	Arjun A D
6	1180100728	Basani Vishwas Murthy
7	1180100729	Bezawada Sahiti
8	1180100730	Chirag Das
9	1180100731	Dantham Salmon
10	1180100734	Greeshma Shaji
11	1180100736	Hanzal P
12	1180100737	Ishika Gupta
13	1180100738	Jangid Gautam Prabhudayal
14	1180100739	Jatin Kumar
15	1180100740	Jay Kumar Agarwal
16	1180100741	Jessica Priya Sagar
17	1180100742	K Madhu
18	1180100744	Karreddula Avinash
19	1180100745	Kashish Reehal
20	1180100746	Kella Venkata Sri Surya Vanshika
21	1180100747	Kokadwar Rutwik Suhas
22	1180100748	Kopal Kumar
23	1180100749	L M Nishanth
24	1180100750	Lakshmi Prasanna Kattiboina

25	1180100751	Limaye Sarvesh Mandar
26	1180100752	M Sri Sathya Sai Sanathan
27	1180100753	Maajid Mohammed KP
28	1180100754	Maathangi Venkatraman
29	1180100755	Maddipudi Lakshmana Vinay Kumar
30	1180100756	Mohammed Nasooth Hassan
31	1180100757	Mohit Upadhyay
32	1180100758	Murari Kavya Chandana
33	1180100759	Namitha M A
34	1180100760	Nandakrishnan U
35	1180100761	Nehanshi Laddha
36	1180100762	Nihad PK
37	1180100763	Nimit Bhansali
38	1180100765	Noone Pranay
39	1180100766	Noora Fairouz
40	1180100767	P Imran
41	1180100768	Palkar Mayuri Ganesh
42	1180100769	Perla Sarvani
43	1180100770	Porika Aravind Kumar
44	1180100771	Prabhanshu Sharma
45	1180100772	Pranavi Cholleti
46	1180100773	Praveena R
47	1180100774	Rahul Raj C
48	1180100775	Raj Prajwal Mekala
49	1180100776	Rajdeep Chahal
50	1180100777	Rayes Anna Benson
51	1180100778	Rishitha U

52	1180100779	Rishiwanth Raju Datla
53	1180100780	Ritik Middya
54	1180100781	Sangeet Sunil
55	1180100782	Santhosh A
56	1180100783	Sanyog Jadhao
57	1180100784	Sayan Bhunia
58	1180100785	Sennanungla Longkumer
59	1180100786	Shamil Afreen.P
60	1180100787	Shubham Kumar
61	1180100788	Sumit Sourav Oraon
62	1180100790	Suraj Y S
63	1180100791	Suvidhi Khera
64	1180100792	Thirupuranthakam Harshini
65	1180100793	Thummathati Yaswanth
66	1180100794	Udaysankar R
67	1180100795	Vartika Khare
68	1180100796	Vedika Arora
69	1180100797	Vejalla Siddhartha
70	1180100798	Vidisha Parth
71	1180100799	Vikas R
72	1180100801	Yashwanth Nayak R
73	1170100669	Jatoth Naveen Kumar
74	1170100698	Rakshith V
75	1170100713	Smit Bangare
76	1160100595	Nayana Sairam
77	1170100714	Songa Hemanth
78	1170100687	Modugu Satish

BACHELOR OF BUILDING SCIENCE

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Year of Passing: 2023

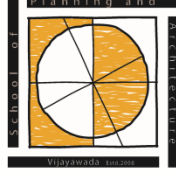
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