



Department of Architecture, Jadavpur University



The Architecture Department, JU started its journey in the year 1965 as a constituent department in the Engineering faculty with fifteen students and Prof. Amiya Banerjee as the Head of the Department. In the course of time, the department was enriched with the contribution of several illustrious teachers and visiting professionals of international repute, who helped the department move from strength to strength. Today, the 1000 strong alumni are serving the profession and academics throughout the world.

At the time of its inception, it offered undergraduate course in Architecture and eventually included post graduate studies in Urban Design in the year 1981. The department also offers doctoral program and around 40 scholars are currently pursuing their PhD research under the supervision of departmental faculty members. The department also carries out research activities in several emergent areas through funded projects. In the professional field, the department is equipped with expertise in areas of Architectural & Urban Design, Urban & Transportation Planning, Architectural Acoustics, Architectural Conservation and Landscape Architecture.

The year 2015 is of special significance to our University fraternity as well as our department, as they attain their respective milestones of sixty and fifty years of successful journey.

Hence, our Department intends to commemorate its five decades of academic journey along-with the Diamond Jubilee of the University through a gamut of activities. **The launch of this e-Newsletter is part of the Golden Jubilee celebration of the department.**

We sincerely hope that this inaugural issue of the e-newsletter would be an interesting read while providing an over-view of our activities.

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The department remembers the Master Architects with sincere respects. The loss to the fraternity as well as society is immense. May the departed souls rest in peace!



Ar. Charles Correa



Ar. Kabir Ray



Prof. Gopal Mitra

5th August 2015

Visitors to the department



Architect William Smith was on a research grant through the Center for Architecture Foundation of NYC to travel to India studying architecture's role in climate adaptation: *An Hydrologically Adaptive Architecture*.

William Smith sharing his research inquiry with our students.

11th August 2015

Ms. Gemma Hollington representing RIBA, UK visited the department to discuss collaboration opportunities of exhibiting Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)'s collection of Ar. Charles Correa's work at JU.



Departmental Workshops

7-10th August 2015: Three-day Design Workshop for students



Prof. Jitendra Arora, DSK Supinfocom, Pune

Conducted a three-day design workshop on **Infographics** with the B. Arch. 5th year students in the second halves of 7th, 8th and 10th August 2015.

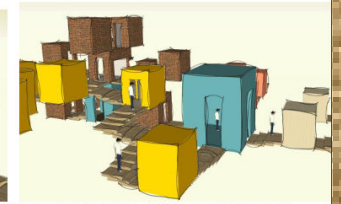
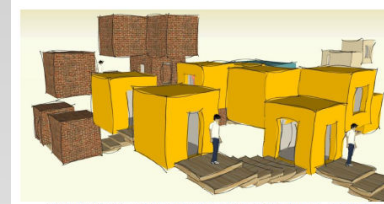
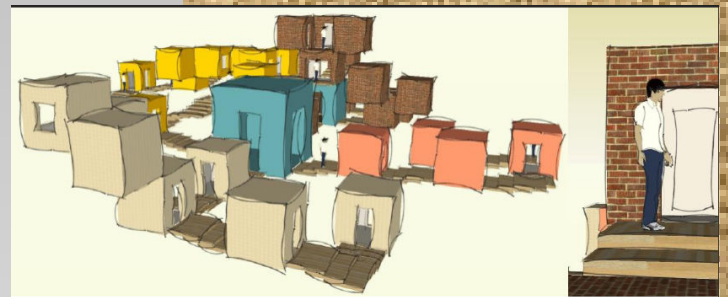
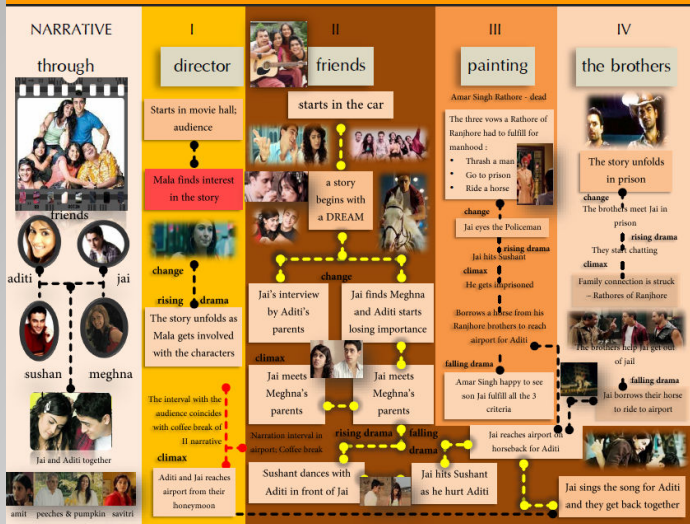


Prof. Shubhrajit Das coordinated the workshop.

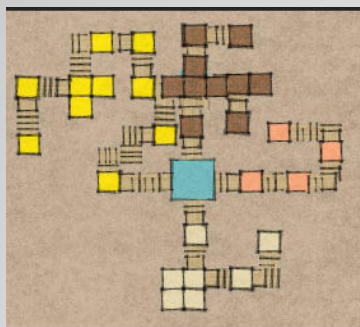


The jury on 10th August 2015.

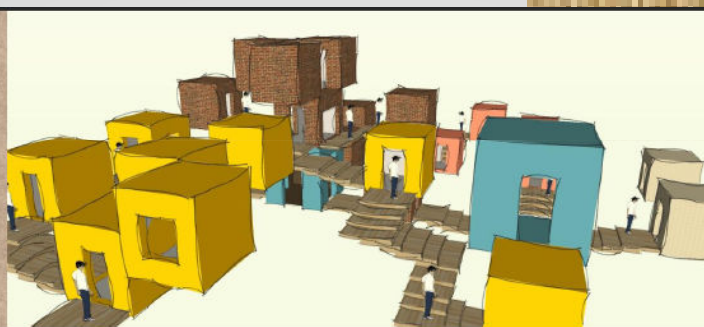
Student's work:



HUMAN FIGURES DEMARCATHE THE SCALE OF THE SPACES – EACH SPACE MERGES WITH THE OTHER – MAKING A CONTINUOUS FLOW



PLAN



FOUR COLORED BOXES REPRESENT FOUR DIFFERENT NARRATIVES OF THE STORY



THE SPACES CONNECT ONE EVERY WITH THE OTHER – THUS THE SPACES GET LINKED TOGETHER



CONNECTING THE SPACES - MOVING FROM ONE WINDOW TO THE OTHER – WITH THE BIG BLUE BOX REPRESENTING THE AIRPORT, WHERE ALL THE STORIES MEET AND THE SMALLER BLUE BOX SHOW THE INTERVAL WHERE THE FIRST TWO NARRATIVES MEET

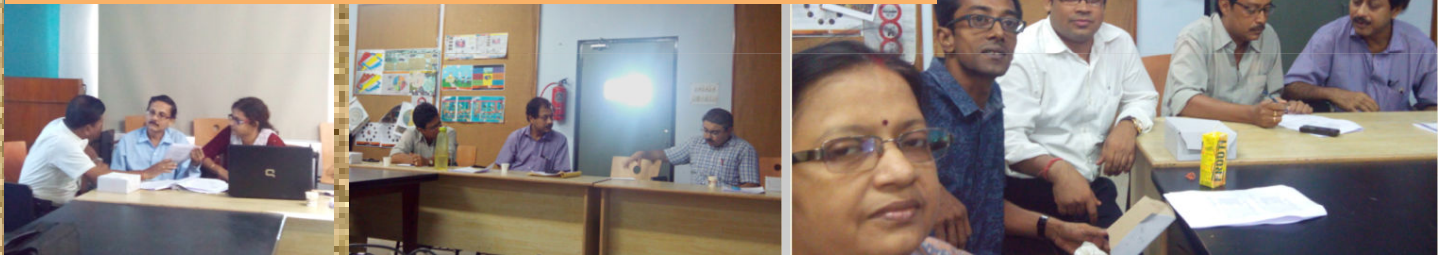
The work done by Ms. Tayana Ghosh was adjudged the best. She chose the topic: 'The Infographics representation of the movie - *Jaane Tu ya Jane Na...*'

27th August 2015: Inter-departmental Syllabus Revision Workshop



Inter-departmental Syllabus Revision Workshop at the department: Faculty members of serving departments attended the workshop and actively participated in the deliberations.

Teachers from English, Sociology, Civil & Electrical Engg. Departments engaged with departmental teachers in intense discussion. **Prof. Jayita Guha Niyogi convened the whole meeting.**



Departmental teachers with teachers from serving Departments & Schools: Civil Engg., ETCE & School of Illumination, Science, Engg. & Design (SISED).

3rd-4th September 2015: Two-Day Sustainability Sensitization Workshop for students



Final year and 3rd Yr. students of our department & 4th Yr. students of Architecture Dept., Om Dayal School of Engg. & Architecture participated in the workshop.



Dr. Sanjib Nag and Dr. Debashish Das jointly coordinated the workshop.

Speakers were Ar. Vivek Rathore, Ar. Laurent Fournier, Ar. Kalyan Chakraborty etc. Tata Steel, Jaquar, ITC Ltd. participated as corporate speakers.

Prof. Sivaji Bandyopadhyay, Dean, FET inaugurated the workshop. Prof. Kalyan Mukherjee, HoD, Arch. Dept., Om Dayal School of Engg. & Arch. attended as the head of the participating institution.



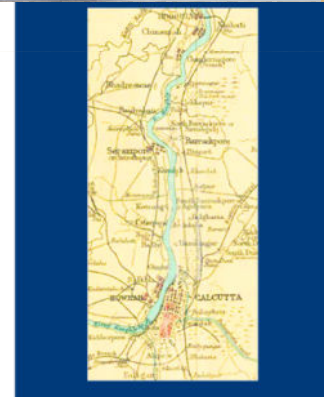
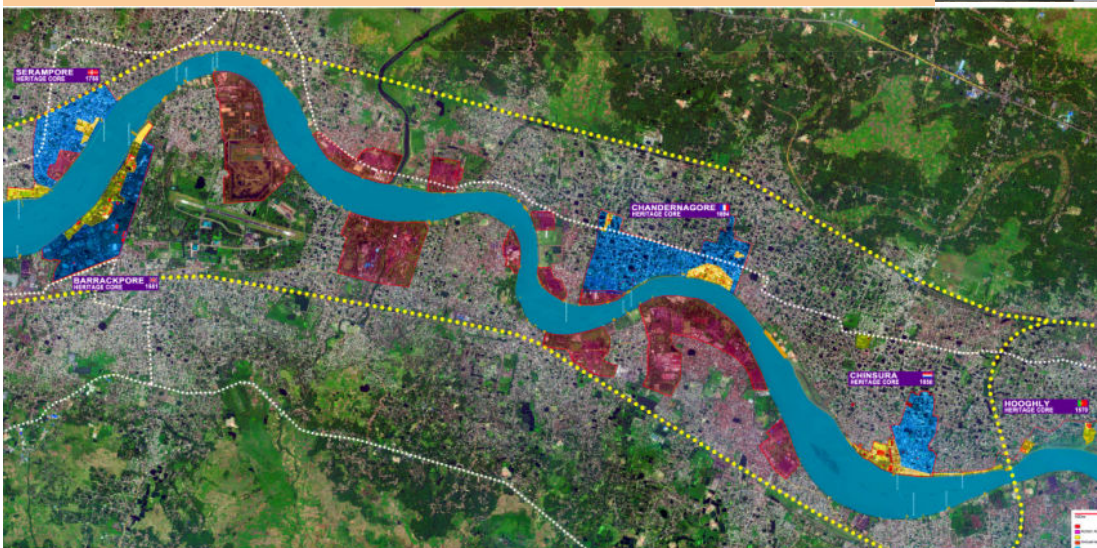
Glimpses of the Workshop in progress

Engaging sessions led by eminent experts from academics and profession.....

28th September 2015: Students' Workshop on Hooghly Riverfront

An International Workshop was held on "The Hooghly Riverfront: Preliminary Scoping Study" on 28th September 2015 at the Seminar Room, Dept. of Architecture, JU with the 2nd Year students of our Dept. Following faculties (in alphabetical order) contributed to the workshop:

- i. Ar. Manish Chakraborty, Continuity, Heritage Conservation Expert, Kolkata
- ii. Dr. Marlijn Baarveld, Heritage Advisor, Dutch Cultural Heritage Agency, Netherlands
- iii. Prof. Paul Meurs, Technical University-Delft, Netherlands



This map was prepared by Second year students of our dept. under the guidance of Dept. teachers & Ar. Manish Chakraborty.



Golden Jubilee Lecture Series

19th August 2015



The first lecture of the series was by **Prof. Swati Chattopadhyay**, Professor, History of Art & Architecture, University of California Santa Barbara. The title of the talk was **"Doing Architectural History of Modern India"**.

Prof. Chattopadhyay delivering an insightful talk.



Vote of thanks by Dr. Sanjib Nag and Felicitation of the speaker by Dr. Suchandra Bardhan, HoD.



A section of the audience with alumni, guests, teachers, research scholars, staff and students.

24th September 2015

24 September 2015 at 3.00 PM/AV Room



The second lecture of the series was delivered by Prof. Ravi Hazra to students on **"Demystifying Design: The loss of innocence"** on 24th September 2015.

Prof. Hazra is a former Professor in Architecture at CEPT University, Ahmedabad as well as former Professor & Head and now Adjunct Professor of Industrial design Centre at IIT, Bombay.



Prof. Hazra amidst his engaging talk.

August 2015

Prof. Shubhrajit Das presented a paper on "Spatial Vibrations in an Indian City" on 17th August 2015 & chaired morning session on 18th August 2015 at the UGC-UKIERI International Workshop: Envisioning the Indian City: People, Places, Plans by English Dept., JU at H.L. Roy Memorial Auditorium.

Prof. Tapas Kumar Bhattacharyya delivered an invited talk on "Influence Of Natural Forms & Environment On Art & Architecture" at the NIT, Patna on Thursday, 13th August, 2015.



30th September- 1st October 2015

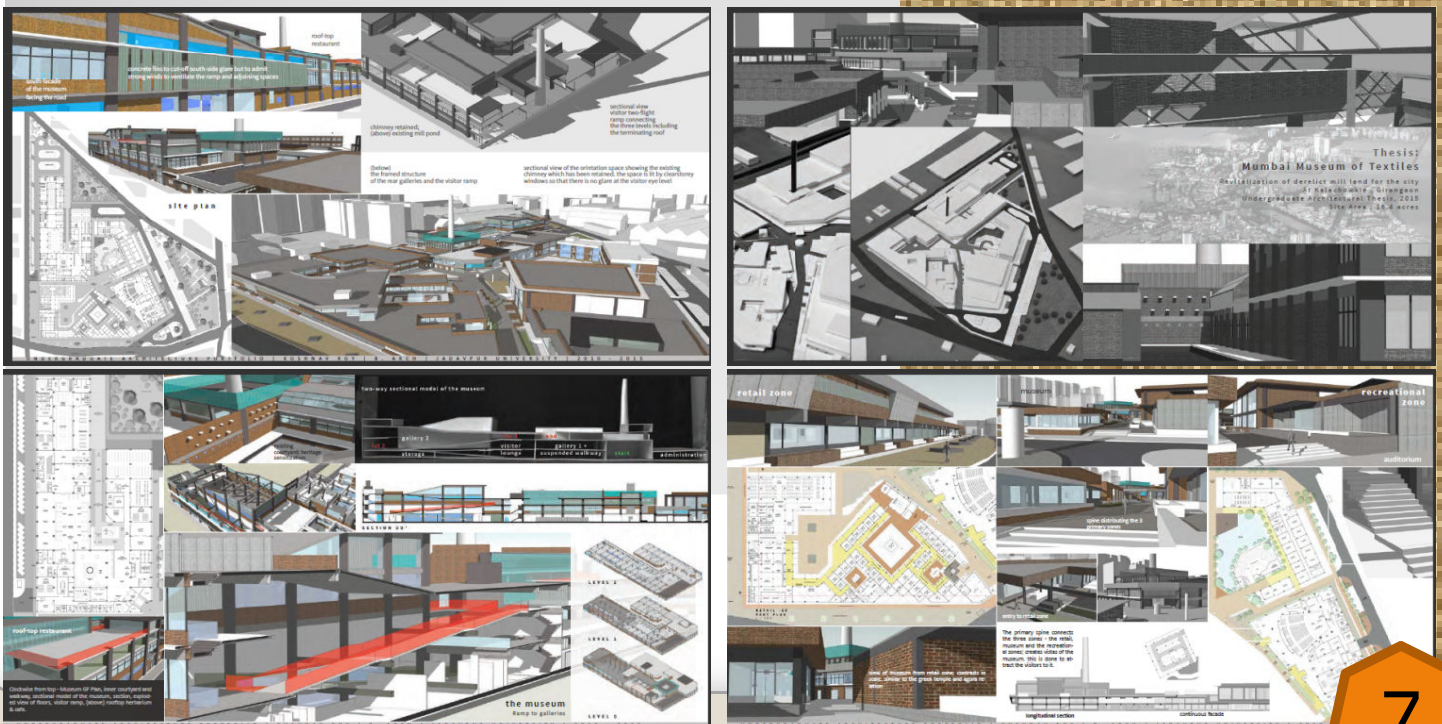


Dept. of Architecture partnered with UNESCO, Indian Heritage Cities Network (IHCN), Dept. of Information & Cultural Affairs, GoWB and Dept. of Urban Development, GoWB for a Two-day workshop on HOOGLHY RIVERFRONT: ACASE OF INTEGRATED HERITAGE BASED URBAN DEVELOPMENT on 30th September-1st October, 2015.

Dr. Madhumita Roy attended the 31st EUPVSEC 2015 at Hamburg, Germany.

Students' work: JU Entry at CoA-NIASA UGTA 2015

UG Thesis 2015 by Kushnav Roy: Mumbai Museum of Textiles: Revitalization of Derelict Mill Land for the City. [Supervisor: Prof. Jayita Guha Niyogi]



Students' achievements



Mayukh, Debmalya, Saheli & Gargi during the quiz contest

Students of 3rd year B. Arch. participated in the Architectural Quiz contest organized by School of Architecture, Tecno India University titled 'Technoscape 2015'.

The JU team won the first position and the members of the winning team were Mayukh Ghosh, Saheli Ghosh, Debmalya Ghosh & Gargi Guchhait.

Another team came second in the informal event of Antaksharee with Debmalya Ghosh, Mayukh Ghosh, Saheli Ghosh & Soumik Hati.

National Awards for Excellence in Architectural Thesis, an Annual Award event of Council of Architecture for the Best Architecture Student of the Year Award: The **10th Under Graduate Thesis Award (UGTA) 2015 - Zone II**

At this year's jury, 15 schools/depts. imparting education in Architecture from Assam (1), Chattisgarh (2), Jharkhand (1), Maharashtra (6), Orissa (2) & West Bengal (3 - IEST, IIT-Kgp & JU) were included in Zone II of the UGTA 2015 organized by CoA & NIASA. A total of 27 students from these institutes participated and 10 students were short-listed after an initial closed exhibition jury.

Mr. Kushnav Roy, graduate student of 2015 of our dept. was one of the top 10 finalists. His thesis was honoured with a Certificate of Appreciation.



Kushnav receiving certificate at the CoA-NIASA UG Thesis Awards 2015

Upcoming events:

The Department is organizing a Two-Day National Seminar on "SMART HABITAT: Cities, Buildings, Products & Services" on 9-10th of October 2015 at Gandhi Bhavan, JU, as part of its golden jubilee celebrations.

An exhibition of products titled ARCHESTRA and launch of a publication as Golden Jubilee Monograph to commemorate the 50 years of Academic journey of the department will also be held.

The events will be supported by our alumni association JUAAAD & students' body SSAJU, with the latter actively participating in organizing the event.