

Form SPA-2008 to SPArsh-2025

'School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal' is established by Government of India as an Institution of National importance in the year 2008. Since its inception in 2008, SPA Bhopal has been emerging as one of the pioneer institutes globally in the field of Architecture and Planning. From a rental accommodation to having its own campus, SPA Bhopal has systematically prioritized its resources for creating educational, physical, and social infrastructure. The institute kept the mantra of 'Teacher-Student Relationship' at its core for achieving this exponential growth. Taking this bond to a step further, an Alumni Association was formed to strengthen 'Alumni-Institute Relationship'.

On 16th December 2018, 'School of Planning and Architecture Bhopal Alumni Association (SPABAA)' was registered under Madhya Pradesh Society Registration Act 1973. The first elected SPABAA Executive Committee was formed on 15th May 2024 with 'Ar. Prashant Yadav' as President, 'Ar. Anant Mukati' as Vice-President, 'Ar. Ankush Sarodiya' as Secretary and 'Ar. Bikash Mahato' as an Executive Committee member. Later, on 31st May 2024 the elected Executive Committee nominate 'Ar. Apoorva Pillai' as Treasurer and 'Ar. Pulkit Singal' & 'Ar. Vishakha Agrahari' as Executive Committee members; by discrediting its power under the 'Rules and Regulations of the Association'.

The first Annual Alumni Meet named as "SPArsh- Annual Alumni Meet - 2025", was organized on 25th & 26th January 2025 at Bhopal. More than thirty-five Alumni Members gather from across the county to re-connect with the institute, faculties, and friend. The two-day extravaganza included Campus-Tour, Lunch with Faculties, Director's Address, Student-Alumni Interaction Session, Dinner Party, Republic Day Celebration topped with a whole lot of fun.



School of Planning and Architecture Bhopal Alumni Association

The logo for SPArsh 2025 features the word 'SPArsh' in a large, red, brush-stroke font. Below it, the year '2025' is written in white on a dark blue rectangular background. The entire logo is set against a faint, circular watermark of the School of Planning and Architecture Bhopal.

2025

SPA-B Beyond Bhauri

Nurturing Nostalgia, Building Tomorrow

25th Jan

SPA-B Bhauri Campus
9.30 AM - 4.30 PM

26th Jan

SPA-B Bhauri Campus
9.30 AM Onwards





Director's Address to the Alumni

Prof. Kailasa Rao, Director SPA-Bhopal welcomed the Alumni to the institute. He started his address by sharing his journey from graduation to becoming the Director at SPA-Bhopal. He also recalled about the works done by former Director Prof. Ajay Khare and how he has taken them to a step further.

He shared that the campus has recently added a New Admin Block with a 350-seat capacity Auditorium facility. He also shared about the on-going landscape works and an under-construction 1000+ capacity Open-Air-Theater in the campus.

The Director aware the alumni about the only Design related state-of-art 'Incubation Center' in the country which is being established at the SPA Bhopal campus. He urged the alumni to use this facility as a resource for exploring Start-up opportunities in the field of space-planning & design.

In the era of rampantly changing technology, the Director emphasized on need to un-learn the old and learn the new. He emphasized alumni on adapting Artificial Intelligence (AI) and new edge Mapping Technologies into architecture and planning. Alumni using such technologies should also educate the students at the campus about using them.

Currently the courses offered at SPA Bhopal are limited to the domain of Architecture and Planning. The Director shared his plans for expanding the curriculum courses to Product Design and Construction Management. Alumni should contribute to the amendments in present curriculum as per the prevailing market scenario & future demands in the profession.

He concluded by stating that this Alumni Meet shall be beyond just a physical gathering at the campus. The re-connections revamped here should be taken further for mutual professional growth.







Campus Tour

Since the Bhauri campus was established in 2014, so it was the first visit to the campus for many alumni from initial batches. Prof. Sanjeev Singh and Prof. Nayana R. Singh took the Alumni for a campus tour.

Prof. Sanjeev Singh,

Chairman, Training, Placement and Alumni Cell, SPA-B

He recalled the journey of SPA-B from MANIT campus to the Bhauri campus. He explained the Alumni about architecture design details of the New Academic Block and how the building itself is being used as a tool to educated architecture students.

He also aware the alumni about how the vernacular/traditional architecture is reemitting back toady in the niche class. Alumni must keep the pinch of core traditional elements alive in their designs in their professional practices.



Prof. Nayana R. Singh,

Coordinator, Training, Placement and Alumni Cell, SPA-B

She brief the alumni about the on-going infrastructure works and the campus and also urged the alumni to use them.

Alumni should figure-out their own ways to contribute back to the institute and the students. The institute welcomes alumni warm-heartly for their any idea to strengthen Alumni-Student relationship.















Luncheon with Faculties

At an extended lunch hour, Faculties and Alumni reconnected, reminisce and cherished the old memories. Alumni shared about their whereabouts to the faculties.

The faculties also discussed on how they can contribute to increase the participation of alumni in the alumni-meets in future. As a wonderful idea each faculty would personally invite few of their favorite alumni to increase the participation from both end.









Alumni-Student Interaction Session

Eslavath Omsai - The President of Student Council along with his team organized a heartfelt interactive session with the alumni. The session started with a dance performance by Vaishnavi Kulkarni and Apurva Srivastav to welcome the alumni.

This session was the most happening part of the alumni meet as the Alumnus and Students were equally excited to meet each other. The students were eager to know the about the on-ground realities in the profession while the alumni were excited the share the insights which they missed from their seniors while the were students.





Testimonials

Alumnus to Students



Prashant Yadav | *Archinks Design Forum (Delhi NCR & Indore)*

Work hard and follow your dreams. You are on the right path, don't be scared of anything.



Anant Mukati | *Archinks Design Forum (Delhi NCR & Indore)*

A combination of B.Arch + M.Plan open-ups the ocean of opportunities to work in Govt. Organizations & MNCs. The brand SPA-B works miracles which gives you an edge over others, no matter what you pursue further.



Ankush Sanodiya | *Ankush Sanodiya Architects (Seoni M.P.)*

Professional practicing in tier-3 cities needs to follow a multidisciplinary approach to grow. In small towns architecture practice works on the principal of 'Economies of Scale'.



Deepak Kumar Jha | *A+D Strategies (Indore & Bhopal)*

Architecture as a profession is too vast. Start finding your passion from very first day and then work hard for that passion. Your intelligence & hard work with honest intentions will work for you. Never give-up!



Shreejeet Singh | *A+D Strategies (Indore & Bhopal)*

Recognize your strengths and align your dreams with those of superiors. You can overcome nearly anything in life if you have discipline, patience and perseverance.



Anuj Sharma | *656A Studio (Bhopal)*

Pursuing a Post-Graduation/PhD. just because you friends are doing it may not be correct. Figure out how helpful it is for your professional journey ahead.



Pashyanti Rupakula | *Studio Vitru (Chhindwara, MP)*

Embrace every opportunity, stay curious, and leverage your unique perspective to stand out in the design world.



Tapas Bhargava | *Studio Vitru (Chhindwara, MP)*

By the end of graduation, one must know their career preferences and act accordingly. Work in your own area of interest before opting for a PG or starting your own practice or getting a job in top architecture firms .



Kamal Peshwani | *Cushman and Wakefield (Gurugram)*

Students should approach MNCs for campus placement through the placement cell of the institute much in advance.



Krati Varshney | *AECOM India (Gurugram)*

An architecture background with specialization in planning empowers you to tackle projects with design expertise and strategic urban insights. So, grind hard & mover smart to make it count!



Harshil Budhiraja | *Space Story (Delhi NCR)*

Try and test yourself rigorously by giving 100% effort to gain exposure in all area you are interested in.

Testimonials

Alumnus to Students



Chhaya Shukla | *Chhatrachhaaya (Lucknow, UP)*

Students must make themselves familiar with the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)/ allied technologies in architecture.



Utkarsh Shukla | *Chhatrachhaaya (Lucknow, UP)*

A habit of appropriate documentation from the day one is a key to scale up your firm and grow exponentially.



Harsha Reddey | *White Space (Hyderabad)*

International exposure is of utmost importance. It can be in the form of Post-Graduation or Job with renowned international firms.



Nelvin Raphael | *IPE Global (New Delhi)*

Architecture is a life long journey of learning, un-learning & re-learning.. The best architects are those who continuously evolve – so stay open, stay hungry and keep peep pushing your creative boundaries.



Balakrishna R | *LITELAB (Chennai)*

Architecture is the beginning and design extends far beyond buildings. Explore interiors, furniture, parametric modeling and much more. Design is everywhere – Find your Niche!





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Party

NIGHT











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Republic CELEBRATION Day



76th Republic Day Celebration at Campus

The Republic Day Celebrations began with a flag-hosting ceremony by the Directors SPA. It was followed by at Culture Performances by the students at the Auditorium.

The Director also released the establishment of 'Centre of Urban Planning for Capacity Building Centre (CUPCB) under the aegis of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India's AMRUT 2.0 scheme.

The alumni were aware that how the center aims to train and build the capacity of urban stakeholders like City Mayors, counselors, Municipal Commissioners, Executive officers, elected representatives, and professionals to achieve the objectives of the AMRUT 2.0 scheme.

The alumni were also aware about projects being carried out by SPA Bhopal including 'Planning of Ujjain City of Sihasth 2027'; Redevelopment works in North Block and South Block under Central Vista Project at New Delhi, Campus Re-planning of Ujjain Engineering College etc.



Commitments

- Alumni into their own professional practice promised to onboard at least two students annually from the campus.
- Alumni working in MNCs requested students to reach them through placement cell so that they can request their respective organization for a campus placement.
- Harsha Reddy promised to sponsor a subsidiary- website to the alumni website for alma matters.
- Anant Mukati is interested to prepare a concept note on how planning/architecture studios exercise can be aligned with the interest of Urban Local Bodies and implement it as a case example for Indore city.





Executive Committee - SPABAA



Prashant Yadav | *President*



Anant Mukati | *Vice-President*



Ankush Sanodiya | *Secretary*



Apoorva Pillay | *Treasurer*



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