

SPA BHOPAL



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Over the past seventeen years, the School of Planning and Architecture Bhopal has evolved into a dynamic centre of ideas, innovation, and impact—advancing excellence in Architecture, Planning, Design, and Building Engineering and Management. It nurtures imaginative thinkers, technically proficient professionals, and socially conscious leaders who shape resilient, inclusive, and sustainable futures.

Conceived as a “University of Imagination,” its 70+ acre campus is more than a physical setting—it is a living laboratory for inquiry, collaboration, and transformative learning. Through its undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs, the School integrates design exploration, analytical rigor, and meaningful field engagement to inspire holistic problem-solving.

As a national hub for research, consultancy, and knowledge leadership in settlement and habitat development, SPA Bhopal partners with governments and institutions to influence policy, strengthen data ecosystems, and mentor emerging schools. Anchored by a committed and accomplished faculty, the School offers an intellectually vibrant, professionally empowering environment and engaging campus life, deeply attuned to society’s evolving aspirations and challenges.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN, SPA BHOPAL

As Chairman of School of Planning and Architecture Bhopal, I view the 2026 admissions as an invitation to participate in shaping India's next generation of habitat, infrastructure, and urban leadership. SPA Bhopal stands as a national institution where imagination is anchored in public purpose and institutional responsibility. Guided by the transformative vision of the National Education Policy 2020, the institute advances multidisciplinary inquiry, academic flexibility, and research-led learning.

Our commitment extends beyond professional training to nurturing ethical judgment, constitutional principles, universal human values, and a deep sense of social responsibility in future planners and designers. The institute's standing in the National Institutional Ranking Framework reflects sustained academic quality, research contribution, and governance standards.

SPA Bhopal prepares graduates to engage with national priorities—climate resilience, infrastructure modernization, inclusive urbanization, and digital transformation. We emphasize institutional integrity, academic excellence, and accountability in every stage of the admission and learning process. Student well-being, safety, and intellectual freedom remain foundational to our campus ethos.

The 2026 cohort will enter an ecosystem that encourages leadership, public engagement, and evidence-based decision-making. I welcome aspiring candidates to join an institution committed to advancing knowledge, shaping policy discourse, and contributing meaningfully to India's developmental trajectory.

Best Wishes.

Prof. Dr. Hakam Dan Charan

Chairperson

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR, SPA BHOPAL

Choosing to pursue a Master's programme at School of Planning and Architecture Bhopal is a decisive step toward becoming a thoughtful leader in the built environment. It signifies your readiness to move beyond foundational knowledge and engage deeply with the complex realities that shape our cities, regions, and habitats.

At SPA Bhopal, postgraduate education in Architecture, Planning, Design, and Building Engineering and Management is designed to cultivate intellectual depth, creative exploration, and professional excellence. The academic environment and the engaging 70+-acre campus encourage you to question conventions, rigorously test ideas, and integrate design innovation with analytical insight. Through studios, research, field engagement, and interdisciplinary dialogue, you will develop the capacity to respond to contemporary challenges—ranging from climate resilience and sustainable infrastructure to inclusive housing and regional development.

The Master's journey is also a path of self-discovery. You will collaborate with peers from diverse academic and cultural backgrounds, guided by experienced faculty committed to mentoring and knowledge creation. These interactions will broaden your perspective, sharpen your critical thinking, and strengthen your confidence as an emerging professional.

SPA Bhopal's ethos of inquiry and imagination empowers students to connect theory with practice and vision with responsibility. As you begin this journey, embrace curiosity, perseverance, and openness to learning. The skills and insights you gain here will enable you to contribute meaningfully to society and shape environments that are equitable, resilient, and inspiring.

Your decision to join SPA Bhopal marks the beginning of a transformative chapter—one that will prepare you not only for professional success, but for impactful leadership in the years ahead.

Best Wishes.

Prof. Dr. Kailasa Rao M.

Director

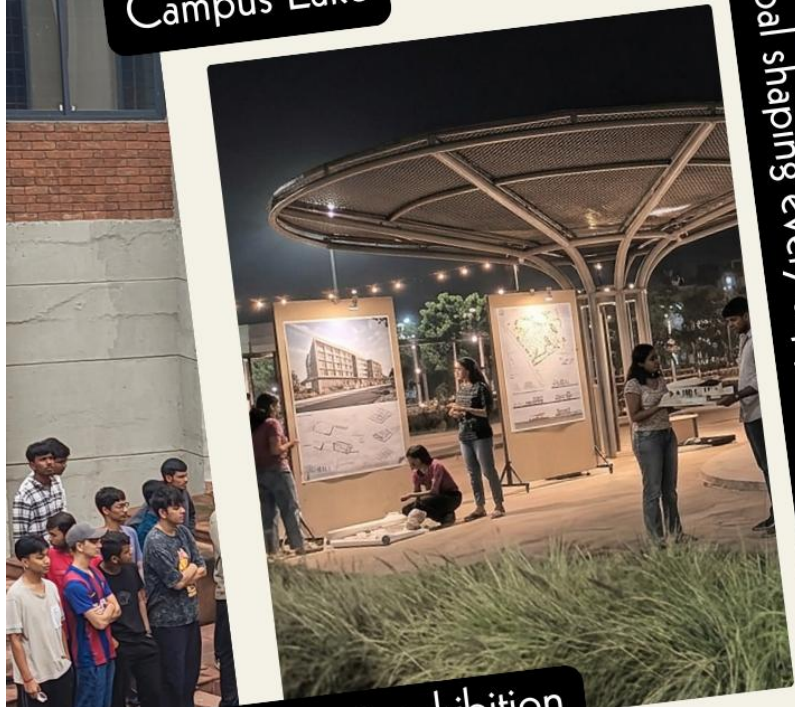


Campus Lake

SPA Bhopal shaping every aspect of Academic life



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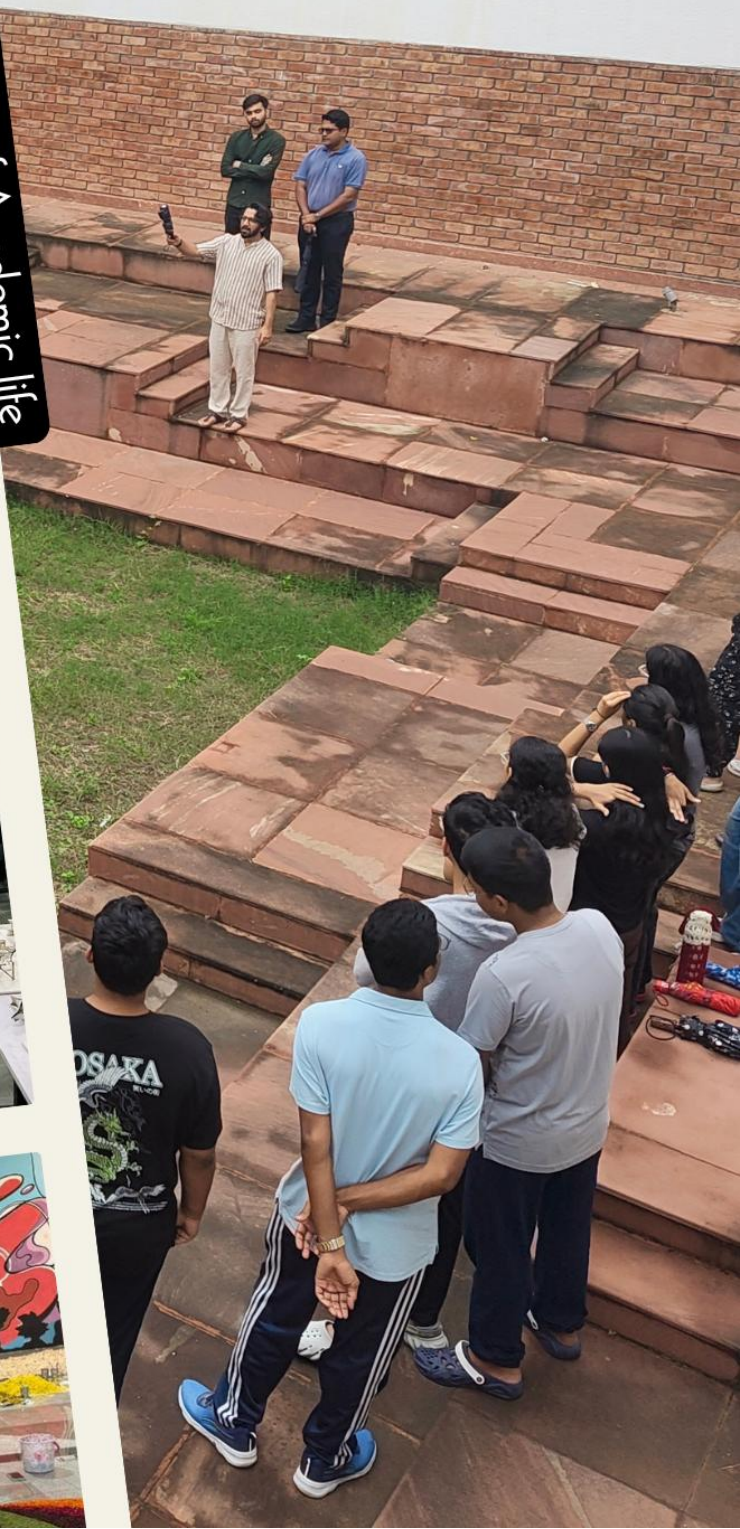
Open air exhibition



Studio discussions



Hostel Events



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Prof. Dr. Nikhil Ranjan Mandal

School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal



POST GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMMES

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The School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal offers a diverse portfolio of postgraduate programmes that reflect the multidisciplinary nature of the built environment. Spanning the domains of Architecture, Planning, Design, and Building Engineering and Management, these programmes equip students with advanced knowledge, analytical skills, and professional expertise to address contemporary challenges in cities and settlements. The institute offers specialized master's programmes including Master of Architecture (Conservation), Master of Architecture (Landscape), Master of Architecture (Urban Design), Master of Building Engineering and Management, Master of Design, and Master of Planning in the fields of Environmental Planning, Transport Planning and Logistics Management, and Urban and Regional Planning. Together, these programmes foster interdisciplinary learning through studio-based pedagogy, research engagement, and field exposure, preparing graduates to contribute meaningfully to sustainable development, heritage conservation, infrastructure management, and the shaping of resilient urban futures.

POST GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMMES

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE (CONSERVATION)

MASTER OF CONSERVATION

Department of Conservation

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE (LANDSCAPE)

MASTER OF LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Department of Landscape

MASTERS OF ARCHITECTURE (URBAN DESIGN)

Department of Urban Design

MASTER OF BUILDING ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT

Department of Building Engineering and Management

MASTER OF DESIGN

Department of Design

MASTER OF PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING)

Department of Environmental Planning

MASTER OF PLANNING (TRANSPORT PLANNING & LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT)

Department of Transport Planning

MASTER OF PLANNING (URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING)

Department of Urban and Regional Planning

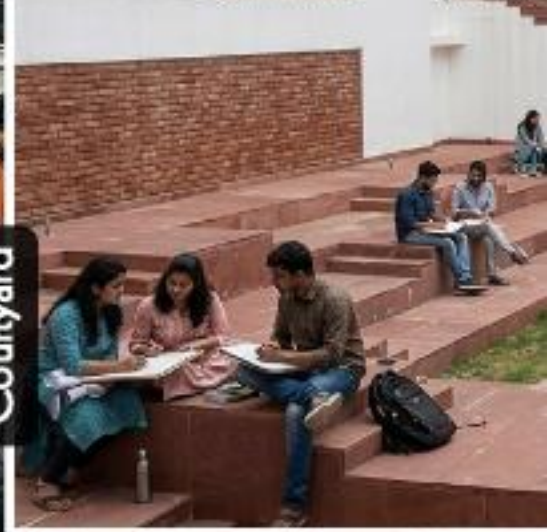
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OAT



Courtyard



Jury



Studio work



Lecture Hall

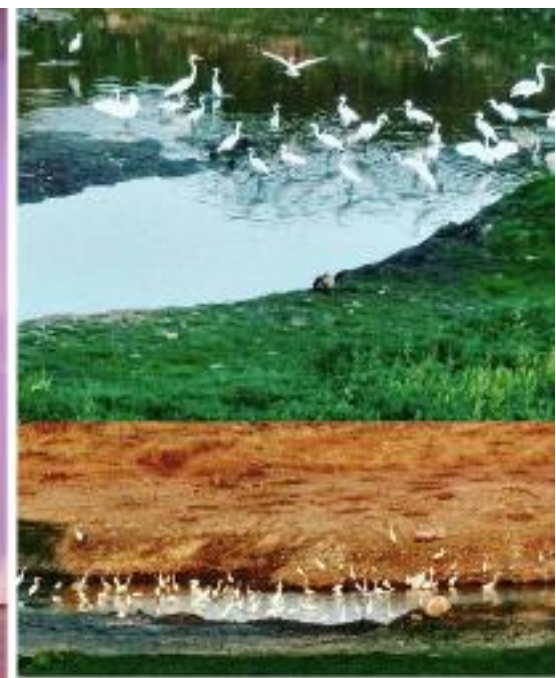


Basketball court



Auditorium





POSTGRADUATE



DEGREE



PROGRAMMES

Department of Conservation

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE (ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION)

Two Year Programme



Conservation is a recognized professional field concerned with the protection, management and sustainable stewardship of cultural heritage and historic environments of different scales. The Department of Conservation at the School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal is among the leading institutes engaged in this discipline in India. Since the introduction of the course in 2013, the Department has gradually matured academically and contributed to the profession through the development of academic content as well as quality education and training of architects and allied professionals to take up conservation as a full time professional pursuit.

The students of the Master of Architecture (Conservation) programme at SPA Bhopal represent diverse academic and regional backgrounds, with new intakes from allied disciplines, that enrich the learning environment. This diversity encourages interdisciplinary thinking and multidisciplinary interaction within the department. The curriculum is strengthened by studio based exercises, field documentation and research assignments that expose students to varied complex heritage environments of India.

Such interactions enable students to interpret heritage values and understand the cultural, social and environmental contexts in which historic buildings and heritage sites exist.

The Department of Conservation works towards providing students with a strong academic foundation together with professional skills required for conservation practice. The programme aims at imparting proficiency and knowledge in heritage documentation, conservation planning, maintenance and management of heritage assets, and the application of appropriate conservation standards. The course comprises of a carefully selected range of theory based subjects along with practical conservation studios and field studies. The curriculum has been designed across four semesters to help students connect fundamental conservation philosophies, scientific understanding and emerging technologies with professional practice in real situations.

The objective of the programme is to provide a comprehensive understanding of conservation processes and equip students with skills necessary for participation with multidisciplinary professionals.

Graduates of the programme will be prepared to work in organizations engaged in cultural heritage protection, and management in works such as conservation, museum content development, research, and will be equipped to establish their own start-ups for cultural heritage.

The Department is supported by advanced research facilities and academic initiatives that strengthen both teaching and professional practice.

The department offers advanced research and training through specialized facilities such as DDHSUD and TCSTE under the AMRUT 2.0 Centre for Urban Planning and Capacity Building, collaborative engagement with the Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems and Town Planning, state-of-the-art equipment for documentation and analysis, and internship opportunities that collectively strengthen students' technical and professional skills in heritage conservation.

FACULTY

Dr. Ajay Khare

Temple Architecture and Sacred Towns, Adaptive Reuse of Built Heritage.
Professor and Head

Dr. Kailasa Rao M

Use of Latest technology in Heritage Conservation.
Professor and Director (SPA Bhopal)

Dr. Vishakha Kawathekar

Cultural Landscape, Legal Jurisprudence.
Professor and Dean (Student Affairs)

Ar. Ramesh P Bhole

Traditional Materials and Architecture of 19th century in Bhopal.
Assistant Professor

Faculties from Allied Departments

Ar. Renuka Wakharkhar

Conservation and repair strategies, Heritage Impact Assessment, Workflow for heritage based adaptive reuse projects
Assistant Professor

Ar. Vipendra Singh Thakur

Community Participation in Heritage Conservation
Assistant Professor

Ar. Vishnu K Suresh

Architectural History, Cultural Landscapes & Architectural Conservation
Assistant Professor

Department of Landscape

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE (LANDSCAPE)

MASTER OF LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Two Year Programme



Landscape Architecture is a recognized professional discipline concerned with the planning, design, and management of sustainable landscapes across multiple scales. The Department of Landscape Architecture at the School of Planning and Architecture Bhopal contributes to this field through academic teaching, research, and professional engagement related to environmental planning and landscape design. The department was established in 2008 with



the introduction of the Master of Landscape Architecture and Landscape Design programmes, to prepare professionals capable of responding to contemporary environmental, urban, and

ecological challenges.

The programme provides students with a strong academic foundation supported by studio-based learning and technical courses. Key subjects include Landscape Technology, Plant Systematics and Plant Processes, Site Planning and Development Processes, Remote Sensing and GIS Applications, Planting Design, Visual Arts, and History, Theory and Culture of Landscapes. These courses enable students to develop skills in landscape assessment, environmental analysis, spatial representation, and design development. The programme also introduces students to digital tools and technologies used in landscape planning and environmental modelling.

The Department of Landscape provides a comprehensive understanding of landscape systems while equipping students with the skills required to work effectively in multidisciplinary professional environments. Teaching is delivered through classroom lectures, workshops, hands-on practice, field studies, site analysis, and design studio projects that help connect theoretical knowledge with practical applications. This integrated approach prepares post graduates to address contemporary environmental and urban challenges

while contributing meaningfully to the planning, design, and management of landscapes.



Graduates find opportunities in government agencies, urban development authorities, environmental organizations, design consultants, real estate firms, and international institutions involved in landscape planning and environmental design. To further support learning and research, the department is also developing a Planting Research Laboratory to facilitate studies related to plant systems and planting design while enabling students to engage with contemporary software tools, emerging technologies, and plant-based research.

FACULTY

Dr. Sonal Tiwari
Riparian Ecology, Cultural Landscape
Associate Professor and Head

Ar. Saurabh Popli
Landscape Ecology and Dynamics
Associate Professor

Ar. Richa Raj
Planting Technology, Landscape Morphology
Assistant Professor

Dr. Anurag Aman Kaushal
Landscape Microclimate, Outdoor Thermal Comfort
Assistant Professor

Department of Urban Design

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

(URBAN DESIGN)

Two Year Programme



The urban design programme at the School of Planning and Architecture Bhopal offers an inclusive and flexible academic path that explores the multidisciplinary nature of the discipline. As India's urban landscape undergoes rapid transformation, contemporary urban design finds its niche by engaging directly with the spatial realities of emerging urban morphologies. Rather than viewing these developments in isolation, the program contextualizes Indian urbanism by placing it in dialogue with wider Asian and global cities.

The program's vision is characterized by a strong emphasis on the "Indianness" of urban design. By focusing heavily on how critical regionalism feeds into and informs urban design thinking, the program ensures that contemporary design practice remains contextually and culturally relevant. The program's underlying philosophy is informed by a wide range of fields, including landscape urbanism, environmental discourse, and the study of networks and flows within the built environment.

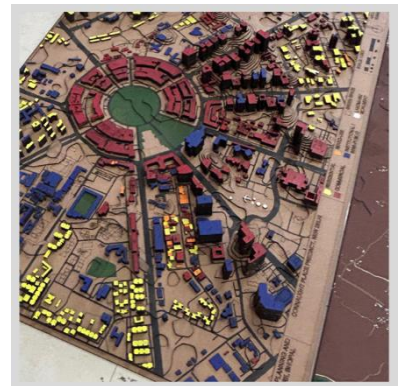
SPA Bhopal prepares its students to practice and advocate for urban design through a meticulously structured curriculum where studios, lecture-based subjects, tutorials, and self-exploratory courses mutually complement one another to generate comprehensive knowledge. Students are trained to reinvent the field using specific urban design tools and techniques. This

theoretical and practical knowledge is applied in sequentially advancing Urban Design Studios. The coursework also integrates urban planning concepts, policy, and legislation to urban regeneration, housing patterns, and project management. The study of "Urban Networks and Systems" connects site planning to important modern challenges, including integrated urban mobility, ecology, and the environment. To effectively advocate for and promote urban design, students learn to represent their concepts through modern media, such as big data, urban labs, and various communication strategies, supported by "Media Lab" coursework. The Exploratory Studies and Common Pool electives are clearly mapped to the program's goal of enriching students' perspectives through multidisciplinary lenses. The culmination of this rigorous preparation is a final semester dedicated to a specialized Design Thesis or Research Thesis, allowing students to contribute to the field of urban design in an original way.

Over the last 16 years, the UD programme has organized many academic events, such as capacity building programmes, workshops, joint studios with Indian and international institutions, such as NTNU Trondheim, Norway, University of Florence, and expert lectures from nationally and internationally known eminent persons from the field of urban design.

The department faculty is engaged in

research, outreach, and consultancy projects to address real-time challenges in urban design across cities. Our students have been recognized at numerous national and international platforms and are well-positioned for a diverse range of roles across India's government and private sectors. In the public domain, bodies such as NITI Aayog, municipal corporations, and state town-planning departments actively recruit for flagship missions such as AMRUT and Smart Cities. Here, experts can drive inclusive housing policies and spearhead ecological conservation frameworks for vital urban water bodies. In the private sector, infrastructure consultants and think tanks seek urban designers and sustainability analysts. These dynamic roles increasingly demand proficiency in integrating AI-driven geospatial analysis to create climate-resilient, data-informed urban mobility and spatial systems.



FACULTY

Dr. Anand Wadwekar,
Post-Colonial City, Urban History, Urban Nature.
Associate Professor and Head

Dr. Tapas Mitra,
Urban forms and futures.
Professor

Dr. Gayatri Nanda,
Cultural Landscapes, Festival spaces, Urban mobility, GIS in Urban Studies
Assistant Professor

Ar. Karna Sengupta,
Urban morphology, public realm studies, ICT, media and urban design
Assistant Professor

Department of Building Engineering and Management

MASTER OF BUILDING ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT

Two Year Programme

The Department of Building Engineering and Management (MBEM) program is envisioned to facilitate Postgraduate Programme in Construction Engineering and Management at the School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal. The primary aim is to prepare aspiring project managers to master advanced techniques in Construction Management. This programme seeks to foster a new generation of professionals equipped to navigate the dynamic challenges of the construction industry. By leveraging collaborations with industry leaders and an interdisciplinary academic framework, students will be groomed for critical, decision-oriented roles that demand innovative thinking and strategic acumen.

The programme aims to deliver the interdisciplinary curriculum that bridges advanced technical knowledge with strategic managerial competencies. Students will engage in comprehensive learning experiences that include cutting-edge concepts such as Construction Management Processes, Design Development and Management, Advanced Technology Implementation, Procurement Optimization, and Sustainability. They will explore pathways to achieving energy efficiency and climate-responsive construction, ensuring their work contributes meaningfully to creating resilient and environmentally conscious built environments.

Additionally, the programmes will emphasize the research-driven mind set, enabling students to analyse complexities and devise responsible solutions for the evolving demands of the construction sector. It aims to equip students with the skills and academic foundation necessary to excel as future leaders in the global construction industry.

Vision

To Foster an understanding of the workings of the Building Industry and its Associated Organizations to become effective in Techno-Managerial Tasks.

Mission

To equip students with the procedures and practice of the construction projects through a structured teaching approach.

Establishing impactful interdisciplinary skill sets and collaborative partnerships within the munity to serve as exemplary models for project management expertise.

Fostering the development of decision-making skills, by engaging in scholarly and other responsibility roles that help in enhancing the decision-making-based skill set of a construction professional. Providing service and outreach activities to enhance construction profession practice worldwide by providing innovative solutions.

Programme Objectives

The programme aspire to cultivate advanced expertise and intellectual capabilities in students through the following objectives:

- To instill a profound understanding of the building industry and its affiliated organizations, empowering students to excel in techno-managerial roles.
- To impart a structured and methodical approach to mastering the intricacies of construction project management.
- To nurture interdisciplinary skill sets and foster collaborative alliances that exemplify excellence in project leadership.
- To strengthen decision-making skills through focused academic learning and practical responsibilities, enabling students to tackle complex industry challenges effectively.
- To lead service initiatives and innovative solutions that elevate construction practices worldwide, contributing to sustainable and progressive industry advancements.

FACULTY

Dr. Sushil Kumar Solanki

Building Retrofitting; Building Information Modeling.

Professor and Head

Dr. Ajay Kumar Vinodia

Infrastructure Development, Housing Professor

Dr. Arvind Kumar Meel

Construction Project Management, Construction Technology

Associate Professor

Dr. Apurv Shrivastava

Construction Management

Assistant Professor



Department of Design

MASTER OF DESIGN

(Communication Design, Product Design & Service Design)

Two Year Programme



When industries and society both started recognizing design as a value-adding profession, a lot of changes and additions came into this profession as well as its academics in last hundred years. In fact, design had started shouldering responsibility with other professions and started the conversation about climate change, sustainability, system thinking for human behavioural changes. Most of the time, system is perceived and visualized at the macro and meso level, but not at the micro level. Designers have the unique ability of understanding products, service and communication as they happen at the activity level of daily life; to shape the future consumption and production system including the profile of new product and communication those are capable of addressing the problems of humanity in this changing world.

The Department of Design at School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal offers a two-year Master of Design course in its Postgraduate Programme with major thrust areas in Product Design, Communication Design, Service and Systems Design.

The department inspires the students to learn and create an integrated approach of combining creativity, technology and humanities for visualizing future possibilities of sustainable living scenarios. With an observation on growing complexity in the changing scenarios of social and technological domains of consumption and production systems, the department nurtures a culture of experimentation in the areas of user-centered design thinking, application of traditional and emerging technologies in design-based case studies, social responsibility in systemic approach and materiality in practical usage with an intense engagement of the students.

The subjects in Product Design are offered not only to create the appearance model of a product to the target groups of customers, but it incorporates knowledge from engineering and social sciences to deliver the functional working prototype, sensitive to cultural responses of the user groups in a contextual situation.

The department offers subjects in Communication Design with different media like print, physical and digital environment. The subjects cover both Graphic design and Animation to increase scope of work in Poster design, Advertising, Branding, 2D and 3D Animation movies for students.

Design subjects in this Master of Design course are no longer just limited to the design of everyday objects, it consistently breaks the boundaries of theoretical domains and combining different approaches to knowledge cultures to promote interdisciplinary studies, techniques and practices. To connect the above-mentioned Product Design and Communication Design domains with the growing complexity of consumption scenarios, a systemic design concept is introduced to the students through Service Design at the end of the course.

The Master of Design course invites the students and offers them the chance to select one of the domains between Product design and Communication design. There is a continuous collaboration with industrial feedback to validate the design prototypes and work for further development with industries.

FACULTY

Dr. Sukanta Majumdar

Product Design and Service Design
Associate Professor and Head

Dr. Shanu Sharma

Complex Systems and Visual Design
Assistant Professor

Ms. Ishita Biswas

Visual Arts and Sociology
Assistant Professor

MASTER OF PLANNING

(ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING)

Two Year Programme



Environmental issues refer to problems that arise from the impact of human activities on the natural world. Implications of environmental degradation have been the subject of growing concern to people all over the world and have resulted in various initiatives and actions taken at global, regional, national and international levels.

Trained environmental planners work with governments, organizations, and communities to ensure play a vital role in addressing environmental problems by applying scientific knowledge, policy understanding, and sustainable development principles. They assess environmental impacts, manage natural resources, and design strategies to reduce pollution and protect ecosystems. Through environmental impact assessments (EIAs), urban planning, conservation programs, and climate adaptation strategies, they help create sustainable solutions that protect both people and the planet.

Given the growing importance of environmental planning and the consequent demand for environmental planners, the course is designed to equip the students with necessary knowledge and skills.

The course endeavor to develop an understanding of various aspects of environmental planning and

management by introducing an array of subjects dealing with, environmental economics, monitoring, policies and legislation, impact assessment, and provision of Ecosystem services and there interrelationships to ensure environmental conservation. Emphasis will be on how to achieve sustainable development through detailed planning and professional management. Environment, being a multidisciplinary subject, draws upon physical, social, biological, cultural, economic and legal issues.

The course contents of this programme would enable the students to understand the practicality and congeniality of living environment and current environmental concerns. Emphasis will be on acquiring practical skills for spatial planning through studio and lab exercises.

With the first semester building a foundation, the curriculum is spread across four semesters. The program equips the student with advanced tools, techniques and analytical skills using GIS, and other specific softwares for carrying out spatial and non-spatial analyses like land suitability, carrying capacity, risk and vulnerability assessment required to mitigate and adopt to climate change for sustainable development. The students also join research projects, workshops,

competitions and other knowledge exchange programs to enlarge their domain of experiential learning enacted in the field of environment.

FACULTY

Dr. Kshama Puntambekar
*Application of GIS and RS in Planning
Integrated land use and transport planning
Indian knowledge System in Urban
Planning*
Associate Professor and Head

Dr. Rama Pandey
*Climate Resilient Spatial Planning &
Environmental Governance*
Professor
Dean (A)

Dr. Govind M.P.
*Planning and designing of environmental
infrastructural systems, Ecological
Hydrology, EIA*
Assistant Professor

Dr. Shomit Dilip Bade
*Energy Planning and Management
Water Efficiency and Sustainability*
Assistant Professor

Department of Transport Planning

MASTER OF PLANNING

(TRANSPORT PLANNING & LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT)

Two Year Programme



The Department of Transport Planning at SPA Bhopal offers a specialized two-year Master's Degree course in Transport Planning and Logistics Management (MTPLM). Established in August 2018, the program is uniquely positioned as an Institute of National Importance to address the growing complexities of urban mobility and freight systems. It is designed to equip students with advanced skills in transport modeling, logistics optimization, and sustainable infrastructure planning at both urban and regional scales.

The curriculum focuses on a robust integration of theory and studio-based learning, covering core areas such as Urban Transport Planning, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Urban Freight Studies, Traffic Engineering, Transport Economics, and Policy Analysis. Specialized modules include Strategic Logistics Management, Management of Freight Transport, and Legal Aspects of Logistics. The program emphasizes the development of computational proficiency through the use of industry-standard software for traffic simulation, network planning, and data analytics, ensuring students are capable of handling live, data-driven projects.

The department serves as a vibrant research hub, fostering a Doctoral (Ph.D.) program dedicated to advanced research in mobility, freight systems, and resilient transportation networks. A cornerstone of the department is the Centre for Excellence in City Logistics Management (CoE-CLM), established with the support of GIZ, which is actively

engaged in capacity building and preparing City Logistics Plans to enhance urban efficiency.

The faculty at SPA Bhopal comprises highly qualified experts involved in national policy-making and international research. The department maintains strong institutional links through MOUs and collaborations with organizations such as GIZ and various Urban Local Bodies. Beyond its core degree, the department is actively engaged in professional capacity building, notably through its Executive Online Certificate Course on "Strategic Management of Port, Shipping, and Logistics Ecosystems" and its specialized training programs on Airport Design, Planning, and Management. These ongoing initiatives are designed to provide industry professionals and students with advanced expertise in port governance, maritime trade, and aviation infrastructure, effectively bridging the gap between academic theory and global logistics practice.

To enhance professional readiness, students undergo 6 to 8-week summer internships and 14 to 16-week industry-sponsored thesis projects. This hands-on experience enables graduates to meet the professional needs of leading consultancy firms and development authorities. Prominent employers and internship partners include EY (Ernst & Young), L&T (Larsen & Toubro), KPMG, PwC, Deloitte, Tata Consultancy E Services (TCS), JLL (Jones Lang LaSalle), Jacobs, Ashok Leyland, Citylab, Make My Trip, and various Smart City SPVs and Government

Development Authorities.

FACULTY

Dr. Paulose NK

Land use and Transportation Integration, Sustainable Transport Policy

Associate Professor
Head of the Department

Dr. Mayank Dubey

Urban mobility, Freight Logistics

Assistant Professor

Dr. Mohi Dev

Transport Governance, Financial Modeling

Assistant Professor

Dr. Monika Singh

Gender & Mobility, Urban Freight & Logistics

Assistant Professor

Dr. Suchismita Nayak

Travel Behavior Analysis, Urban informatics

Assistant Professor

Department of Urban and Regional Planning

MASTER OF PLANNING

(URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING)

Two-Year Programme



The Master of Planning (Urban and Regional Planning) programme at SPA Bhopal is one of the most versatile and

The Master of Planning (Urban and Regional Planning) programme at SPA Bhopal is among the most versatile and industry-ready planning programmes in the country. Launched in 2010, it is one of the two oldest postgraduate programmes of the institute.

The programme admits 38 students from diverse academic backgrounds including B.Plan., B.Arch., B.E./B.Tech (Civil Engineering), and M.Sc./M.A. in Geography, Sociology, and Economics, creating a multidisciplinary cohort from across the country. This diversity is a key strength of the programme, enabling the exchange of ideas and skills among students from different disciplinary perspectives.

The MURP programme integrates theoretical learning with research-based and application-oriented training to prepare professionals for careers in academia, research, think tanks, government agencies, and private consultancy firms. A studio-centric, hands-on approach combines theory, data-driven analysis, technical skills, and professional values in an applied learning environment.

The programme consists of four semesters of 25 credits each, progressing in scale and complexity. The first semester is an Integrated Semester that forms the foundation for all planning specialisations at SPA Bhopal. The second semester focuses on regional planning, covering regional analysis,

institutional frameworks, governance, and finance. The third semester focuses on urban planning, supported by subjects such as land markets and real estate, and project planning and appraisal. Both semesters include choice-based electives of 9 credits from areas such as transportation planning, rural planning, disaster management, urban redevelopment, urban futures, geospatial and big-data analysis, and community planning. The curriculum also emphasises research methods, social and spatial analysis, analytical tools, and technical report writing which progresses from the second semester to the fourth semester through pre-thesis research and thesis.

The programme maintains strong academia–industry linkages, with experts regularly delivering lectures, serving as jurors, and conducting workshops. Many studios are connected to ongoing research and consultancy projects led by faculty across SPA Bhopal's nine multidisciplinary centres, providing opportunities for students to work as research assistants or interns on live projects. With alumni placed in leading national and global organisations, the MURP programme remains the flagship postgraduate programme of SPA Bhopal.

FACULTY

Dr. Sheuli Mitra

Urban Land, Housing and Real Estate
Professor and Head

Dr. Binayak Choudhury

Urban Economics
Professor

Dr. Nikhil Ranjan Mandal

Urban Planning & Planning Legislation
Professor

Dr. Natraj Kranthi

Land Tenure and Urban Informatics
Professor

Dr. Kshama Puntambekar

Land Use & Transport Planning and IKS
Associate Professor

Ar. Aparna Soni

Land Policy, Governance & Politics
Associate Professor

Dr. Paulose N. Kuriakose

Urban Transportation and Public Policy
Associate Professor

Dr. Ashfaque Alam

Demography and Regional Development
Associate Professor

Dr. Arti Jaiswal

Urban Housing and Real Estate
Assistant Professor

Dr. Gaurav Vaidya

Urban Infrastructure Planning
Assistant Professor

Dr. Kakoli Saha

GIS & RS in Physical Planning
Assistant Professor

Shri. Vibhore Bakshi

Knowledge Economy & Regional Development
Assistant Professor

Dr. Adithya Bandari

Utilities Planning, Spatial Econometrics
Assistant Professor, Planning & Allied

Dr. Suchismita Nayak

Transportation Planning, Urban Informatics
Assistant Professor, Planning & Allied

Dr. Monika Singh

Gender & Mobility, Freight Transport
Assistant Professor, Planning & Allied

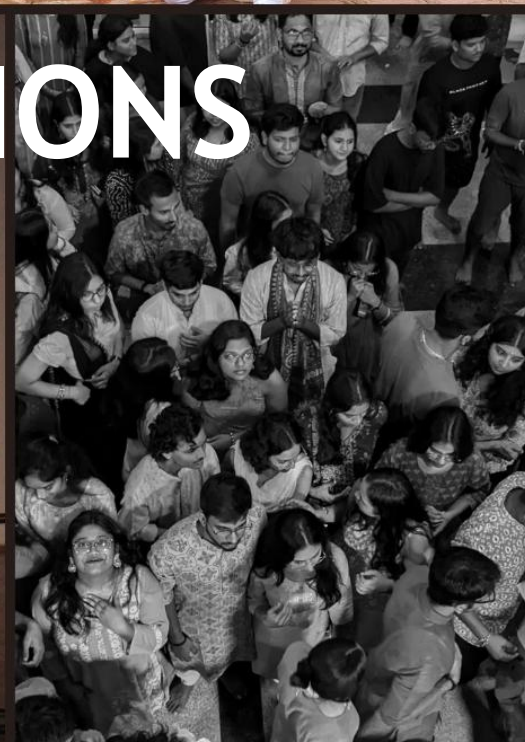
Dr. Purna Mandal

Urban Innovations and Creative Economy
Assistant Professor, Planning & Allied

Dr. Pallavi Tiwari

Public Health, Climate Change, Disaster Risk
Assistant Professor, Planning & Allied





ADMISSIONS

POSTGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMMES

The Admissions to Postgraduate Degree programmes are conducted through **Joint Admissions for Architecture and Planning – Post Graduate (JAAP PG 2026)**

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates shall be eligible for admission to the First Year of the various Post Graduate Degree programmes, if they have obtained a minimum of 55% marks or 6.0 CGPA and 50% marks or 5.5 CGPA for the reserved categories SC/ST/ PwD in the qualifying examination, for each of the programmes respectively, as given below

Master of Architecture (Architectural Conservation)/ Master of Conservation

- I. B.Arch. /B. Plan / B.E./B. Tech (Civil Engineering)
- II. M.A in History/ Cultural studies/ Heritage studies/ Anthropology or equivalent.
- III. M.A/ M. Sc in Museology/ Archeology or equivalent,
- IV. PG Diploma (two years) in Archeology/Museology/ Conservation/ or equivalent, from national institutes/university.
- V. 5 year integrated Degree in Law with specialization in Heritage Law.

(Admissions for specified eligible qualifications under II, III, IV & V will be awarded Master of Conservation Degree)

Master of Architecture (Landscape)/ Master of Landscape Design

- I. B.Arch. /B. Plan / B.E./B. Tech (Civil Engineering)
- II. B.Sc + M.Sc in any of the following: Horticulture/ Agriculture/ Forestry/ Ecology/Botany, Zoology/Geology/Geomorphology.

(Admissions for specified eligible qualifications under II will be awarded Master of Landscape Design Degree)

Master of Architecture (Urban Design)

Bachelor's Degree in Architecture or Planning from a recognized University.

Master of Building Engineering and Management

Bachelor's Degree in Architecture or Planning or Engineering (Civil Engineering/Building Engineering/ Architectural Engineering/ Building Science/Building & Construction Management/ Construction Technology/ Construction Engineering & Management/ Construction Technology & Management) from a recognized University or Five-Year Diploma in Construction Engineering & Management/Construction Technology & Management) from a recognized University.

Master of Design

- I. Bachelor of Design/GDPD
- II. Bachelor of Architecture
- III. Bachelor of Planning
- IV. Bachelor of Technology/Engineering
- V. Bachelor of Fine Arts (with 1-year Experience)
- VII. Master of Fine Arts

Note- The candidates with BFA/MFA Degree and Bachelor of Planning can only opt for Visual Communication as the Minor Specialization.

Master of Planning (Environmental Planning)

- I. B. Arch/ B. Plan /B.E. or B. Tech (Civil)
- II. M.A. / M.Sc. in Geography/ Economics/ Sociology
- III. M.Sc. Environmental Science
- IV. B.E/B.Tech Environmental Engineering
- V. 5 year integrated Degree in Law with specialization in Environmental Law.
- VI. 5 year integrated Degree in General Law.

Master of Planning (Urban and Regional Planning)

- I. B. Arch/ B. Plan /B.E. or B. Tech (Civil)
- II. M.A. / M.Sc. in Geography/ Economics
- III. M.A. in Sociology

Master of Planning (Transport Planning and Logistics Management)

- i. B. Arch/ B. Plan /B.E. or B. Tech (Civil)
- ii. M.A. / M.Sc. in Geography/ Economics
- iii. M.Sc. Statistics /Operations Research/Econometrics

RESERVATION OF SEATS 2025-26

Name of the Course	OG	SC	ST	OBC	EWS	PwD	Total	Superannu- ry seats (KASHMIRI MIGRANTS)
Master of Architecture (Conservation) Master of Conservation	09	04	02	07	02	01	25	1
Master of Architecture (Landscape) Master of Landscape Design	09	04	02	07	02	01	25	1
Master of Architecture (Urban Design)	09	04	02	07	02	01	25	1
Master of Building Engineering and Management	09	04	02	07	02	01	25	1
Master of Design	09	04	02	07	02	01	25	1
Master of Planning (Environmental Planning)	09	04	02	07	02	01	25	1
Master of Planning (Urban and Regional Planning)	13	06	03	10	04	02	38	2
Master of Planning (Transport Planning and Logistics Management)	09	04	02	07	02	01	25	1
TOTAL	76	34	17	59	18	09	213	9

OG: Open General, SC: Scheduled Castes, ST: Scheduled Tribes, OBC: Other Backward Classes, EWS: Economically Weaker Sections, PwD: Persons with Disabilities.

Note

- 9 seats will be reserved over and above the total no of PG seats for Wards of Kashmiri Migrants/ Kashmiri Pandits/ Kashmiri Hindu Families (Non-Migrants) living in Kashmir Valley.
- Additional seats, apart from the total indicated above, are allocated for Foreign Nationals (FN - 10 percent), Non-Resident Indian (NRI - 3 percent) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIO - 2 percent).
- 5 % of seats are reserved for Physical challenged persons on horizontal basis, these will be adjusted against the respective reservations for OG, SC, ST and OBC Category as per provision of PwD reservations.

Note

SPONSORED CANDIDATES

- Candidates sponsored by Central Government, State Governments, statutory organizations and public institutions must be in regular service.
- A candidate will be considered as sponsored if the sponsoring organization undertakes to provide him or her with full salary or adequate financial assistance for the full duration of the programme.
- Educational qualifications are the same as listed above for each programme, respectively. In addition, a sponsored candidate must also have a minimum of two years' work experience in a field

relevant to programme in which admission is sought.

- Sponsored candidates may be required to appear for interview before selection.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Shortlisted/ Eligible candidates will be notified on the JAAP PG website of SPA and they will be required to appear before the selection committee for admission for interview in person (offline mode only).

- Performance in Examinations
- Valid GATE/ CEED/ UGC NET Score
- Interaction

Based on the performance in the interview, performance in the above- mentioned criteria, merit list of the selected candidates will be uploaded on the SPA, Bhopal website (spabhopal.ac.in) under Tab PG ADMISSION 2026-27.

APPLICATION FORM

Eligible candidates may register through JAAP PG 2026 portal and follow instructions as per business rules and other instruction on the portal.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

In case all the seats are not filled, SPA, Bhopal reserves the right to have subsequent SPOT rounds for admission. The School will release selection list subsequently as deemed necessary subject to availability of eligible wait-listed candidates and vacant seats.

SUBMISSION

The candidates must submit the completed application form by the date specified in the advertisement. Result Awaited: Candidates appearing for their final year examinations, are eligible to apply provided they meet eligibility criteria and their final year results are published and submitted by 31st August

2026 or as decided by the Authority of the School, failing which his/her admission in PG courses will stand cancelled without further intimation. In case a candidate is admitted to the course but on declaration of result, does not meet minimum qualifying marks, the admission of that candidate(s) shall stand cancelled and fee will be forfeited.

RESERVATION OF SEATS

Reservations will be applicable as per rules of the Government of India. For details about seat allocations, please visit our website. Kashmiri Migrant Reserved Seats: 09 seats will be reserved over and above the total number of PG seats for Wards of

Kashmiri Migrants/ Kashmiri Pandits/ Kashmiri Hindu Families (Non-Migrants) living in Kashmir Valley

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships will be awarded on merit, subject to the terms and conditions prescribed by Government of India and the School from time to time, for non-sponsored category of students admitted to Post Graduate Degree programmes with valid GATE and CEED (applicable only for Master of Design course) score at the time of admission.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROVISIONAL ADMISSION

Selected applicants are granted provisional admission which is confirmed upon verification of certificates proving their eligibility, physical fitness by registered MBBS doctor and other testimonials as applicable and upon payment of the fees, if a candidate is provisionally selected.

VERIFICATION

Selected applicants are required to present original certificates along with one photocopy of each at the time of admission to the programme. Originals will be verified and returned to the applicants and photocopies shall be retained for the School records.

PHYSICAL FITNESS

Applicants selected for admission are required to produce a physical fitness certificate from a registered medical practitioner at the time of their admission to the programme.

FOREIGN NATIONAL (FN), NON-RESIDENT INDIAN (NRI) AND PERSON OF INDIAN ORIGIN (PIO)

For PG Programmes Foreign Nationals (FN), Non-Resident Indians (NRI) and Person of Indian Origin (PIO) may apply as per Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA) 2026 regulations. Refer DASA 2026 notification on SPA Bhopal Website for further details.

HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION

The School is a residential campus. All students are required to stay in the hostel.



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