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One of the great beauties of architecture is that each time, it is like life starting all over again.

- Renzo Piano



Wall Mural @ Entrance to NCA

OUR STRENGTH: DEPT OF ARCHITECTURE

STUDENTS

40

INTAKE

160

TOTAL

FACULTY

11

ASSISTANT
PROFESSOR

03

ASSOCIATE
PROFESSOR

02

PROFESSOR

ABOUT NCA

Nehru College of Architecture strives to equip the next generation of architects with the knowledge and skill set to conceptualize the future of the built environment. The institution provides an enabling environment for creativity with qualified, experienced faculty, and excellent academic and co-curricular infrastructure. The school works towards providing students with practical and challenging training in the use of information technology that reflect the state of the art architecture and establish a foundation for their practice in the future. At the same time, the school orients the students in the formation of high moral values and shape them towards leadership roles in the development tasks of community and nation building.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Architecture as a profession has witnessed remarkable changes in India over the last two decades. The rapid pace of globalization which was spurred by liberalization has dramatically impacted the built environment of our towns and cities. The buildings which we design affect the way we carry out our daily activities, our health, interactions with other individuals and society, and over a period of time shape our very culture. The School strives to create well-rounded professionals who will be future design leaders. The rigorous design training that our students are exposed to, will help them to tackle complex design issues in real life. The institution is young, but the time and the place is just right. An education at NCA will open the doors for challenging professional opportunities. Now is the time to choose architecture as a career option, and on behalf of the institution I'd like to welcome you and thank you for your interest in the architecture program at NCA.

INDUCTION DAY '19

An orientation programme was organised by NCA, palakkad for newly enrolled UG students on 7th August, 2019. The programme highlighted the facilities and resources available for students to utilize and briefed the students about life at NCA.



NCA faculty with Ar. Dr. Bhooshan

It was a great privilege to host **Ar. Dr. B. Shashi Bhooshan**, a well-known senior architect from Kerala, practicing in Mysore, Karnataka for more than four decades. The occasion marked the Induction of the 2019-24 B.Arch. Batch- the fifth batch of NCA. The event was presided by the Chairman and Managing Trustee of NGI Group of Institutions, **Adv. Dr. P. Krishnadas** who gave the Presidential Address. Director of NCA, **Prof. Ar. Keshav Gangadhar** welcomed all new students with their parents, to the Induction Ceremony held in the NCA Seminar Hall.



NGI chairman in NCA studio @ Induction day

Dr. Bhooshan's works, are sensitive to the environment and have received critical acclaim; Ten awards and prizes at the national level including Four Indian Institute



2019-2024 NCA batch @ Induction Day

of Architects awards, the JK Cement's Architect of the Year Award and a HUDCO Prize for Low-Cost Housing, an award and a special mention from A+D Spectrum Awards and the STONA Prize for excellence in use of stone in architecture.

After his presentation, he was honoured with a memento and adorned with a traditional 'ponnada'. A welcome speech was delivered by a senior student and a few words from a fresher who was inducted on the day, **Prof. Ar. Kesavan Shyam Kumar** gave a vote of thanks to the efforts that went behind the event, and all those who graced the occasion.

INTRO TO THESIS

Guest Speaker - **Ar. Subhash Mohan**

A special lecture on 'Introduction to Thesis' for B.Arch final year students by **Ar. Subhash Mohan**, a well known architect and a academician from Kerala. It was arranged by NCA, Palakkad on 14th October, 2019.



Final year students @ Intro to Thesis lecture

FRESHERS DAY

NCA students welcomed the freshers of the 2019-24 NCA Batch on 30th August, 2019 with fun filled activities.



Freshers day activities



HERITAGE WALK @ KOTTAYI AND CHEMBAI

A Sketch Walk was jointly organized by NCA & INTACH-Palakkad on Sunday, 17th November 2019 at Kottayi and Chembai.

INTACH-Palakkad & NCA organized a Sketch Walk on Saturday, 3rd August 2019 at Killikurissimangalam, Lakkidi, a stone's throw from the college. II & III Year students along with faculty like Smrithi Devakumar, Ann Johnson & Director Keshav Gangadhar accompanied them while sketching the more than 150 year old **Kunchan Nambiar Smarakam**, after which they were regaled with the artistic legacy of Koodiyattam by it's **maestro PadmaSri P.K.Narayanan Nambiar**.



NCA Students & Faculty at Heritage Walk with INTACH



Students Sketching @ Chembai



Heritage Walk with NCA Faculty & INTACH



Students Sketching @ Kottayi



ACHIEVEMENTS @ "SAN ZETRA' 19"

NCA's students participated in "San Zetra 2019" at San Academy of Architecture, Walayar on 27th & 28th September, 2019. The footballers won the Inter-College competition's first prize and overall NCA finished Third amongst 18 colleges who participated from around Tamilnadu. Cheers to the NCA team, who participated and won prizes who were felicitated in NCA on 30th September, 2019.



Felicitations for Trophies won @ San Zetra'19



NCA Football team @ San Zetra'19

DWIKA '19

The students cultural event called "Dwika" was held on 20th September 2019, where they displayed their various talents while hosting school students of high schools from the neighbourhood. The event was graced by our Chairman **Adv. Dr. P. Krishnadas** who gave the Presidential Address, with the Inaugural address being delivered by **Dr. Vellinezhi Achutankutty**, co-founder and co-ordinator of 'Kalagramam'

Dr. Achutankutty's efforts have contributed to help rekindle the rich traditional art forms of Vellinezhi, which include Kathakali, Krishnanattam, Onappatu, Kaikottikalli, Chakyar Koothu as part of 70 art forms being revived in the government funded 'Kalagramam' on the banks of the Kunti river.

EXHIBITION @ DWIKA'19

Stalls were set-up by the NCA students to sell their handicrafts,



ലക്ഷിമി നെഹറു കോളേജ് ഓഫ് ആർക്കിടെക്ചറലിലെ കോളേജ് ഡയറക്ടർ സി.വെള്ളിനേഴി വേദപ്രസാദ് നമ്പ്യാർ 2019 നവംബർ 20-ന് നകിനാട്ടിൽ സ്കൂൾ കുട്ടികൾക്ക് വേണ്ടി 'ഡ്വികാ' എന്ന പേരിൽ ഒരു കലാപ്രദർശനം സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു. ഇതിൽ അദ്ദേഹം ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു.

നെഹറു ആർക്കിടെക്ചർ കോളേജിൽ ദ്വിക 2019

ആർക്കിടെക്ചറൽ കോളേജ് ഓഫ് നെഹറു കോളേജ് ഡയറക്ടർ സി.വെള്ളിനേഴി വേദപ്രസാദ് നമ്പ്യാർ 2019 നവംബർ 20-ന് നകിനാട്ടിൽ സ്കൂൾ കുട്ടികൾക്ക് വേണ്ടി 'ഡ്വികാ' എന്ന പേരിൽ ഒരു കലാപ്രദർശനം സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു. ഇതിൽ അദ്ദേഹം ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. നെഹറു ഗ്രൂപ്പ് ചെയർമാൻ ഡോ. പി.കൃഷ്ണദാസ് ചടങ്ങിൽ അദ്ധ്യക്ഷത വഹിച്ചു. കോളേജ് ഡയറക്ടർ കേശവ് ഗോപാൽ, ജവഹർ ലാൽ നെഹറു ഫൗണ്ടേഷൻ പ്രസിഡൻ്റ് ഡോ. വി.പി.സുകുമാർ നായർ തുടങ്ങിയവർ ചടങ്ങിൽ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു.

Dwika event published in 'Malayala Manorama' Newspaper

their works showcased in the academic block and competitions held for the participating school students with workshops in Sketching by our resident artist **Mr. Vijaygopalan**, and in Clay by **Shri Gopakumar**.

Dr. Achutankutty also conducted a session for students of NCA. Late in the afternoon, students performed in both solo and group performances that enthralled all those who gathered for an evening feast of song, dance and even setting brush and paint to music.



Musical Performance by Students @ Dwika



Works showcased by NCA Students @ Dwika

TREE PLANTATION DAY

In support of the worldwide movement started by the Swedish school student Greta Thunberg for 'Climate Strike Fridays', NCA students decided to plant 100 trees in the Lakkidi campus of Nehru Group of Institutions. Students and faculty joined hands to help in realizing a 'green campus' around NCA on Friday, 27th September 2019.



Asst. Prof. Akhil Krishnan planting Tree



NCA students @ Tree planting Event



Handicrafts done by NCA Students @ Dwika'19



ആഗോളതാപന സമരത്തിന്റെ ഭാഗമായി ലക്ഷിടി നെഹ്റു കോളേജ് ഓഫ് ആർക്കിടെക്ചറൽ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾ സംഘടിപ്പിച്ച മരംനടിയിൽ പരിപാടി നെഹ്റു കോളേജ് ഓഫ് ആർക്കിടെക്ചർ വയറകൂർ ഡോ. കേശവ് ഗംഗാധർ ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്യുന്നു.

ആഗോളതാപനത്തിനെതിരെ നൂറുകൾ നട്ട് വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾ

മുഖ്യമന്ത്രി അനന്താദിപുതലത്തിൽ ശ്രദ്ധ നേടുന്ന ആഗോളതാപന സമരത്തിന്റെ ഭാഗമായി ലക്ഷിടി നെഹ്റു കോളേജ് ഓഫ് ആർക്കിടെക്ചറൽ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾ നൂറുകൾ നട്ടു. അണ്ണക്കുട്ടി ജോസഫ് തന്നെ ലോകത്ത് എന്ന സന്ദേശം ഉയർത്തി കോളേജ് സ്ഥിതിചെയ്യുന്ന ഭവനത്തിൽ കാമ്പസിന്റെ പല ഭാഗങ്ങളിലായി ഗുരുവാരാഹ്നം വെച്ചും അടങ്ങിയ വൃക്ഷങ്ങളെക്കുറിച്ച് വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾ നട്ടു. നെഹ്റു കോളേജ് ഓഫ് ആർക്കിടെക്ചർ ഡയറക്ടർ ഡോ. കേശവ് ഗംഗാധർ നടന്നു ഉദ്ഘാടനം നട്ടു പരിപാടി ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. അക്കാദമിക് കോർഡിനേറ്റർ കൾ മേക്കസ് ചടങ്ങിൽ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു.

👉 NCA tree planting event published in 'Malayala Manorama' Newspaper

ZONASA '19

NCA prepared to take on other colleges in Zone 6, at ZONASA 2019 at Marian College of Architecture & Planning, Trivandrum from 25th-28th October, 2019.

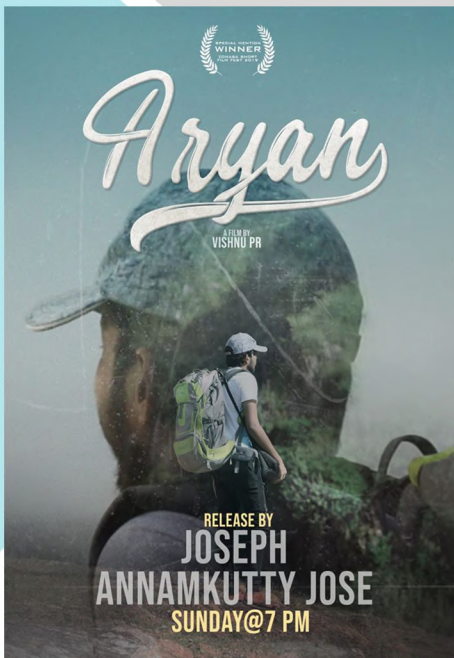


👉 From NCA to MCA - Zonasa'19

It was an opportunity to participate in workshops, attend talk series and compete with other colleges in the zone, in on-the-spot events and academically in the Reubens, SIDC, Convention, Photography and Fashion trophies. Commendably, NCA's dancers got shortlisted to perform as part of the top 8, from amongst the largest zone with 80 delegate colleges, and went on to win a 'Special Mention' in the Short Film category with "Aryan" by Vishnu P.R..



👉 NCA students at Zonasa'19



👉 Aryan Short Film - Special Mention @ ZNC'19

ORUMA '19

Oruma-2k19 was indeed a joyous celebration with all the staff members of Nehru Group of Institutions. It was held on 20th December, 2019. Together we cherished the joy of oneness with gala performances and lived the moments in true bliss, which will be treasured for a lifetime.



👉 Oruma'19 Inauguration Day



👉 Chairman Adv. Dr. P. Krishnadas felicitating staff with more than 10 years service in NCA

ONAM'19

The students of NCA joined with other departments to celebrate Onam 2019 and participated with full enthusiasm. From the Tug-of-War where one of our teams reached the semi-finals. The procession from outside the campus with the accompaniment of drumbeats to group dance performances and performed Thiruvathirakalli after the Onasadhya.



Tug of War event at Onam festival

An elaborate Pookalam was made in the NCA building lobby and we were fortunate to witness the Guinness Book record holder **Kuzhalmannam Ramakrishnan** for longest continuous playing of the Mridangam, perform a brief and skillful piece for us. Several smaller events and competitions were held by the students in the afternoon.



Students gathered for Onam celebration



Thiruvathira performed by students at NCA Lobby



Onam Decoration at NCA Lobby

ESTRELLA'19 X'MAS

The students of NCA celebrated christmas 2019 and participated with full fervour. Christmas decoration was made in the NCA building lobby and Several smaller events and competitions were held by the students in the afternoon.

IN HONOUR OF 2018 PRITZKER PRIZE AWARDEE

As a part of our first edition we would like to mention & honour, Indian architect **Balakrishna Doshi**, often known as **B.V. Doshi**, the **2018 Pritzker Prize Laureate**. Doshi is the first Indian architect to receive architecture's highest honour. "Doshi's poetic architecture draws upon Eastern influences to create a body of work that "has touched lives of every socio-economic class across a broad spectrum of genres since the



Enthusiastic NCA students at Onam festival



Christmas Decoration at NCA Lobby



Musical Performance by Students for Christmas

1950s," as cited by the Pritzker jury. Over his practice of 70 years, B.V Doshi has always created an architecture with a deep sense of responsibility. Noted for his contributions to the evolution of architectural discourse in India, he is also the recipient of Padma Shree, 1976 and Padma Bhushan, 2020.

"Design is nothing but a humble understanding of materials, a natural instinct of solutions and respect for nature." ~ B.V Doshi



“Often when you think you’re at the end of something, you’re at the beginning of something else.”
– Fred Rogers

EDITOR’S NOTE & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As the curtain falls on yet another semester, we the editorial team are delighted to have been part of the 1st volume of the newsletter from the Department of architecture, NCA, Palakkad. We have attempted to present to you a multifaceted perspective of the campus, it’s students and it’s staff with hopes that it may encourage it’s readers to grab the opportunities presented to them. We heartly acknowledge everyone who has contributed to the making of this newsletter.

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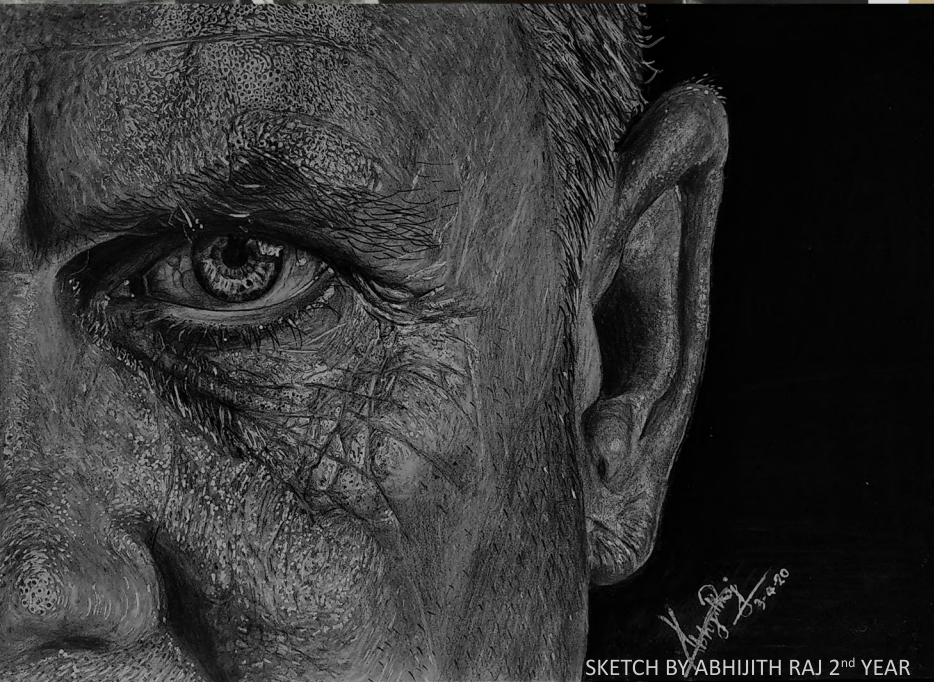
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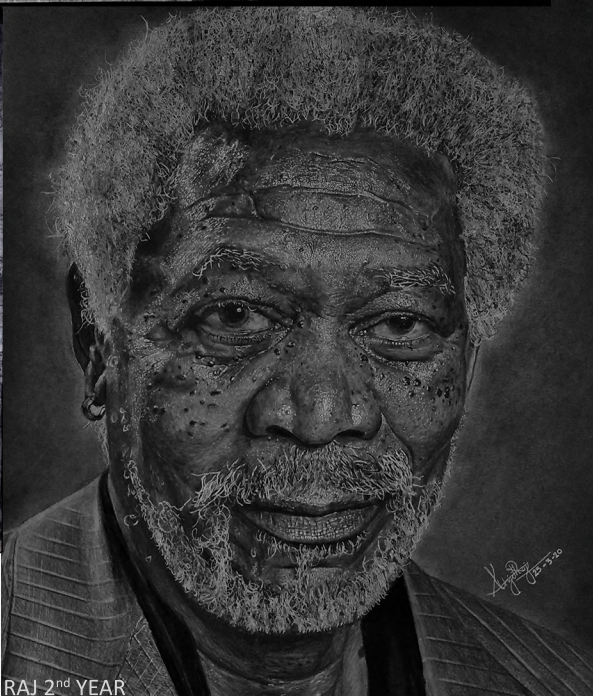
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