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## OUR STRENGTH : DEPT OF ARCHITECTURE

### STUDENTS

40

INTAKE

160

TOTAL

### FACULTY

11

ASSISTANT  
PROFESSOR

3

ASSOCIATE  
PROFESSOR

2

PROFESSOR

## ABOUT NCA

Nehru College of Architecture strives to equip the next generation of architects with the knowledge and skillset 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 and 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.



PROF.AR.KESHAV  
GANGADHAR  
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OF ARCHITECTURE

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

2020 began with the promise of a second half of the 2019-20 academic year. It began with the interhouse sports between the Titans, Spartans, Romans and Gladiators teams that fiercely contested in girl's handball, and between mixed teams for tug of war. This was to be followed by fierce battles in Bloom 2020 for On and Off stage events between the 4 teams, with some scintillating astrodome performances in the evening at Pampady. The youngest batch 2019-24 went through a 2 day model making workshop conducted by Mr.Kannan. Meanwhile the first batch now final years plunged into their thesis project with live reviews. And then sure enough as the old saying goes, "beware the Ides of March", the COVID-19 pandemic forced the classes of NCA and the institutions across the world, as-lockdowns and 'work from home' meant that classes could only happen online. NCA was the first college of Architecture in the Palakkad District to commence with live but virtual design studio practicals and online theory classes,interspersed by Webinars by Professionals. As the council of architecture postpones the Nata entrance exam and changes it's format, NCA moves on bravely forward to restart 2020-21 with the hope that normalcy will soon return to academics and daily life.

# CULTURAL EVENTS



## KALI 3.0

For their respective houses., Romans – Libin Babu (C), Henan Nisar (VC), Titans – Allwyn Sunny (C), Krishnapriya (VC), Gladiators – Abdul Rahman (C), Aditi (VC), Spartans – Anam Ibithisam (C), Shahana (VC) with Sports Captain Sachin MM and faculties.

The Annual sports day of Nehru college of Architecture called Kali 3.0, organised on the 31 st of January, 2020 commenced with the inaugural speech by Ar. Keshav Gangadhar, Director of NCA. The main events were Cricket, football, handball, badminton, chess, carrom and tug of war. The students participated in all the seven events with enthusiasm and fervor to score points for their respective houses. At the end of the zealous day, Spartans emerged as the overall champions of Kali 3.0.



## BLOOM 2020

BLOOM 2020, South India's largest cultural extravaganza, hosted by Nehru Group of Institutions – Kerala at the Nehru College Campus, Pampady was officially launched by prominent Malayalam actor, scriptwriter and director Sri.Renji Panicker, who lit the inaugural lamp and delivered the Inaugural Address, followed by the Presidential Address chaired by Adv. Dr. P. Krishnadas, Chairman & Managing Trustee, in the presence of assembled dignitaries, faculty and students. Eminent Malayalam actor and Director Sri. Ramesh Pisharody, and actress Smt. Pearle Maaney graced the occasion as Chief Guests. Ms. Ritika Sukeeja, First Runner Up Title, Miss India contest organised by GIEP DELHI, was also present as the Guest of Honour. The Keynote Address was conveyed by Dr. P. Krishnakumar, CEO & Secretary, Nehru Group of Institutions.



The two-day mega festival featured numerous competitions, including dance, dramatics, film & photography, music, debating, creative writing and more. The nights were lit with extremely passionate performances of great artists like Gouri Lakshmi and Thaikkudam Bridge. More than 4000 students from six campuses overseen by Nehru Group of Institutions participated. Students from each college were divided into 4 houses – Volcano, Thunder, Avalanche and Tornado, and participated in the competitions. The exciting and electrifying event came to an end with Avalanche being announced as the overall winners.

# ACADEMIC EVENTS

## MODEL MAKING WORKSHOP



A Two-day workshop on Architectural Model-making was organised at Nehru College of Architecture, NGI Palakkad on the 4th and 5th of March 2020 for the First year students of the 2019-2024 Batch.

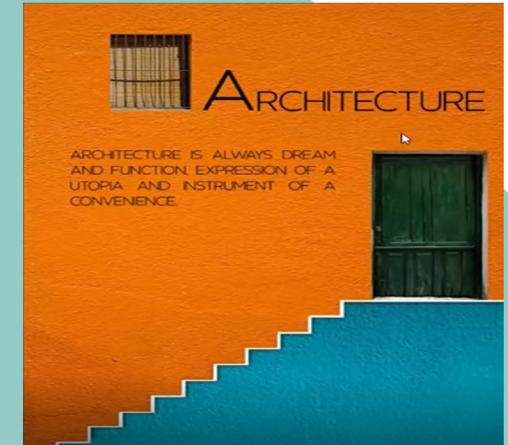
The resource person for this workshop was Prof. Kannan, an artist and model-maker with over twenty years of academic experience in teaching art and model-making to architecture students.

A strong foundation in model-making goes a long way to imagining how a building will be made, down to the details of the type of door and window openings, wall and floor finishes, roofing and even the garden design of the plot that it is intended to be built upon.

## WEBINAR



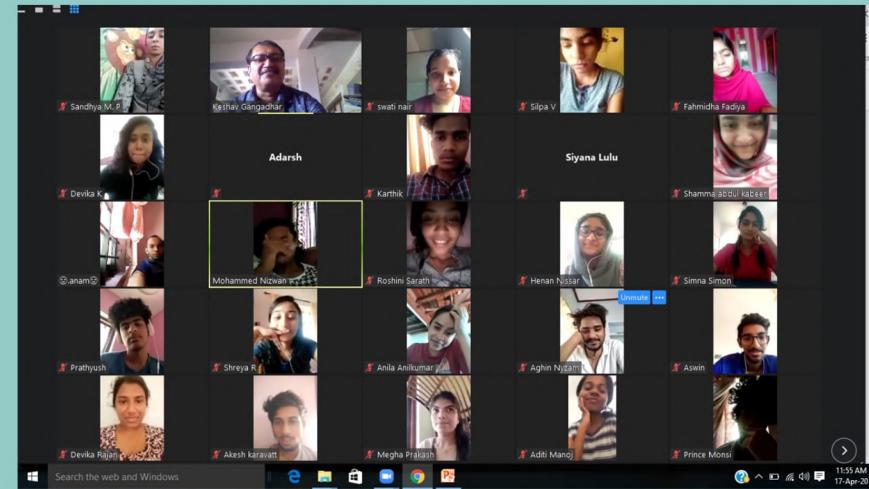
A series of 5 webinars were conducted from 13th to 27th May 2020. The program was hosted on online video communication app, zoom. The talk series dealt with various aspects of Architecture and provided a wonderful opportunity for the aspirants to learn from the experts. The first 3 talks, conducted from 13th to 15th May, were by women Architects who have experimented with diverse areas related to Architecture. They were also a part of the NCA family.



# ONLINE CLASSES

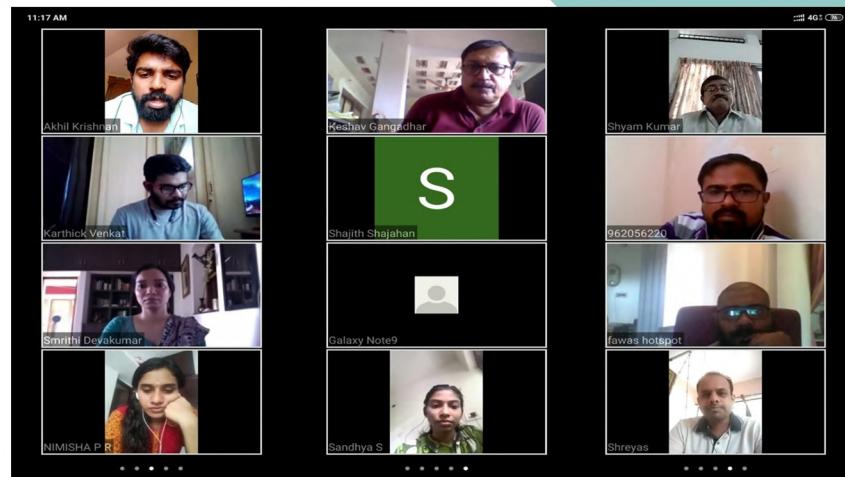
The COVID 19 situation, despite being a deadly pandemic has also had a direful affect on the student community in our country. The mandatory quarantine imposed, has affected the student population to an great extent, both academically and emotionally.

Several colleges have taken initiatives to rectify this situatiin and provide the needful assistance required in learning. Since contact classes are not possible, online classes have been the only way out for students across our country. The online classes provided by our college has been a different learning experience for the students of NCA.



II B.Arch Online Class in Environmental Studies

I Yr B.Arch Online Class in Graphics



These classes have helped us understand our subjects and are almost as effective as our real classes. They help connect to other students and teachers and provide a classroom environment, which is necessary for learning. Also these classes have been emotionally encouraging as we can see and interact with people virtually and thus feel connected to our friends. Even though all the students don't attend these classes necessarily, it has been something most of us look forward to on an otherwise boring day of netflix and food.

This quarantine has taken a toll on us mentally, as none of us are able to go out or mingle with people. This has caused a lot of people to develop depression or a sort of lonliness, that makes you feel as though there is no point to your day. In tough times such as these, the classes provided by nca has been a wonderful distraction, if not a tool for learning.

# N C A F A M I L Y



## EDITORS NOTE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As the curtain falls on yet another semester, we the editorial team are delighted to have been part of the 2nd 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 heartily acknowledge every one who has contributed to the making of this newsletter.

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# CREATIVE COLUMN

