

**Report of One Day Workshop on ‘Structuring M.Arch. (Landscape) Syllabus’**

**Date of Workshop:** 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**Industry and Academic Experts:** Ar. Aniket Bhagwat and Ar. Akshay Kaul

A one day workshop on ‘Restructuring M.Arch. (Landscape) Syllabus’ was conducted on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 by School of Architecture and Design, Faculty of Design, Manipal University Jaipur. The workshop was organized to restructure the proposed syllabus of M.Arch. (Landscape) program thereby meeting both industry and academic needs.

Eminent landscape architects – Ar. Aniket Bhagwat and Ar. Akshay Kaul were invited as experts as part of the workshop. Ar. Aniket Bhagwat is a third generation landscape architect practising in Ahmedabad with m/s Prabhaker B Bhagwat, a firm started by his father eight decades ago. The firm is known for its research legacy and an unconventional understanding of urban and natural landscapes. Ar. Aniket Bhagwat studied Architecture from Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology (CEPT), Ahmedabad and pursued his Masters in Landscape Architecture from School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), New Delhi.



**Ar. Aniket Bhagwat**  
Practising Architect, Ahmedabad



**Ar. Akshay Kaul**  
Practising Architect, New Delhi

Ar. Akshay Kaul specializes in the field of ecological planning, landscape and sustainable architecture and possesses more than 25 years of experience in India and USA. He received his Master’s degree in Landscape Architecture from College of Environmental Science and Forestry, State University of New York, Syracuse, USA. He has worked for Peter Walker William Johnson and Partners, one of the leading landscape planning and design firms in the world on international projects in Asia, Europe and USA.

During the day, various issues relating to the existing teaching pedagogy of landscape architecture were discussed. There was a common notion that with changing needs of the profession, soft skills need to be promoted through various media.



**Discussion between Faculty Members and Experts as part of restructuring the Syllabus of M.Arch. (Landscape) Program**

The relationship between industry and academia needs to be strengthened. Avenues for collaboration with professional bodies like Indian Society Of Landscape Architects (ISOLA) need to be explored. The experts also agreed to share the vision of the program with other fellow landscape architects and seek their inputs to strengthen the objectives of the proposed scheme.

The experts also suggested that a whole semester for training could strengthen the practical basis of the program and make it more viable. The course content of some courses were restructured and nomenclature of some modified to justify their relevance to the profession.

The workshop ended with finalizing the final draft of the syllabus to be presented in the next Board of Studies (BoS) Meeting, so that the same shall be approved by Faculty Board of Design and the Academic Council. If approved, the same shall be implemented from Academic Session 2019-20.