



MANIPAL UNIVERSITY  
JAIPUR

**SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN**  
**FACULTY OF DESIGN**

Expert Lecture

on

**‘Considerations for Quality of Life in Housing  
Design ’**

**Offline: SA&D, MUJ**

**14<sup>th</sup> April 2023**



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## 1. Introduction of the Event:

Housing is one of the primary requirements of the society. For centuries civilizations have been trying to improve the quality of human habitat. Housing in India varies greatly and reflects the socio-economic mix of its vast population. Our changing social structure, urban migration and technological developments are changing the architecture of human habitat.

With urbanization and growing economic disparity, the challenges associated with housing availability, housing provisioning and use have become far more complicated in India. The prevailing economic, political, and policy environment, provides the context within which concerns about affordable housing, homelessness, poor housing quality, and mismatches in demand and supply of housing can be understood.

Hence, School of Architecture and Design, MUJ organized a Guest Lecture on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023 on 'Considerations for Quality of Life in Housing Design' by industry Expert Ar. Preethi Agarwal to engage and provide feedback to the students of Third Year (6<sup>th</sup> Semester) who were to design A Group Housing in Jaipur as part of their semester curriculum (aligned with the course AR 3201 – Architectural Design VI).

## 2. Objectives of the Event:

- To enhance the understanding of real world challenges of housing in India
- To acquaint students with the local context of Jaipur
- To expose students to the practical experiences and innovative solutions for housing design
- To bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical applications

## 3. Beneficiaries of the Event:

- Third Year (6<sup>th</sup> semester) students of B. Arch.

## 4. Details of the Guest:

**Name:** Ar. Preethi Agarwal

**Designation:** Principal Architect, Aalayam Designs, Jaipur

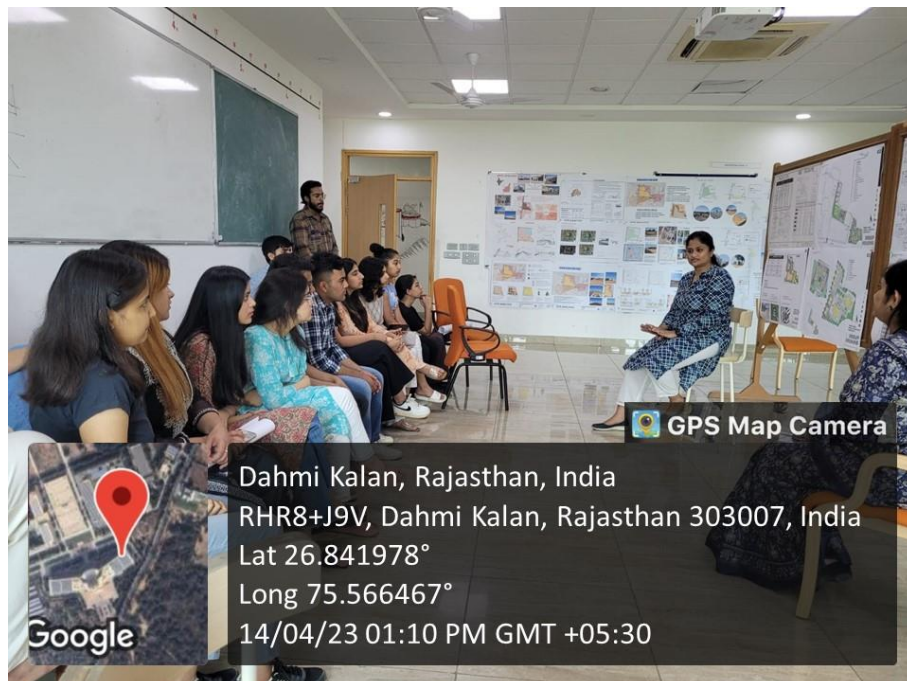
**Brief Introduction:** Ar. Preethi Agarwal Graduated in the year 1999 from Department of Architecture, J. N. E. C. Aurangabad and got her post-graduation 2001 in Urban Planning from the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi. She is currently pursuing her PhD. from

School of Architecture and Design, MUJ. Academically, she is involved as visiting/ guest faculty in various architectural colleges of Jaipur. She is also the Co-founder and Principal Architect of Aalayam Designs since 2004. Aalayam is a Jaipur based architecture firm dealing in pure architecture, interior design, landscape design, town planning and urban design projects.

## 5. Brief Description of the event:

School of Architecture and Design welcome Ar. Preethi Agarwal and the session began with a brief introduction of the expert. The lecture started with a focus on the evolving landscape of housing in India, the lecture explored the intricate interplay between socio-economic factors, urbanization, and architectural innovation. The students were acquainted with the unique local context of Jaipur, including its cultural heritage, urban development trends, and demographic shifts. She discussed case studies, best practices, and real-world examples from which students could learn how to approach housing projects from a professional standpoint and incorporate sustainable and efficient design solutions. The talk included a feedback session, where students presented their own ongoing group housing design project to Ar. Preethi Agarwal. This created a platform for students to receive constructive criticism, guidance, and expert suggestions on their designs. This direct interaction with a seasoned professional enabled students to refine their design concepts and learn from real-world insights.

## 6. Screenshots of the event:



*Expert engaging the students of B. Arch. Third Year*



*Interactive session between industry expert and students*

## 7. Schedule of the event

Time	Event Details
09:00 am	Welcome and Introduction
09:15 am – 11:15 am	Expert Lecture
11:15 am – 11:30 am	Tea Break
11:30 am – 01:00 pm	Individual Design Discussions
01:00 pm – 02:00 pm	Lunch Break
02:00 pm – 06:00 pm	Individual Design Discussions



8. Attendance of the Event:



**School of Architecture & Design**  
**Intermediate Review April-2023**  
**Third Year B. Arch [ VI Semester]**  
**(AR-3201) Architectural Design-VI**  
**Attendance Sheet**

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## 9. Feedback of the Event:

Students found the event transformative, offering insights into the complex realm of housing design. Ar. Preethi Agarwal's expertise resonated, providing practical dimensions to the students' theoretical knowledge. Her feedback enriched their designs, encouraging innovative solutions tailored to real-world demands. The event's interactive nature bridged academia and industry seamlessly, nurturing their growth as future architects. Ar. Preethi Agarwal mentioned being impressed by students' grasp of contextual intricacies and saw potential in the generation to redefine architectural norms. The event underscored the synergy between education and practice, inspiring us to address housing challenges adeptly and conscientiously.

## 10. Weblink:

## 11. Event Coordinators:

- **Ar. Neha Saxena** (Asso. Prof., SA&D)
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