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World Habitat Day Celebrations held at Integral University, Lucknow on 5th October, 2017

To commemorate the World Habitat Day, Integral University, Lucknow organized a Seminar on 'Housing Policies: Affordable Homes' with a focus on 'Housing for Masses; Issues and challenges'.

The Inaugural Event was presided over by the Founder Vice Chancellor of Integral University- Prof. S. W. Akhtar and was graced by the Guest of Honor - Prof. Jamal Mohammad Arif – Pro Vice Chancellor, Integral University, Lucknow.

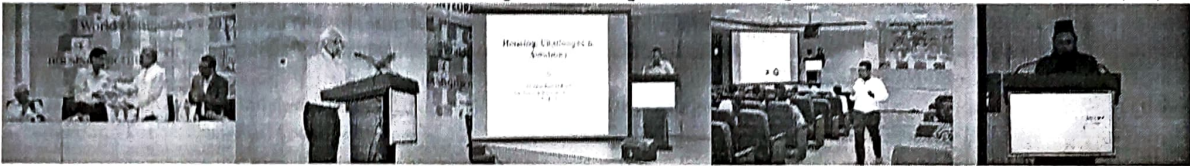
Ar. Arun K. Pachauri – Former Chief Architect Planner, U.P. Housing Board and Sahara Prime City Ltd. was the Chief Guest to the event. Intellectual thoughts on the current and possible aspects in framing housing policies were expressed by Prof. D.C. Thapar, Vetrean Architect – Academician, Ar.(Dr.) Arun K. Rana, DGM, HUDCO Regional Office, Lucknow, Ar. Rajat Kant, Sr. Practicing Architect and Urban Designer, Lucknow.



From Left - Students welcoming founder Vice Chancellor and Pro Vice Chancellor, Integral University, Founder Vice Chancellor addressing the audience, Dean Architecture, Prof. Subodh Shankar addressing the audience, Architects and Planners of Lucknow.

In his inaugural address, Founder Vice Chancellor emphasized the need for tackling the housing issues which arise due to unaffordable housing developments, while Prof. Jamal Mohammad Arif dwelled upon the implementation issues of policies which are a cause of serious concern for any Country. He also emphasized the need for framing-in of area & use specific development control rules/ byelaws for maintaining the architectural ethos & character of the social fabric.

The welcome address was presented by Prof. Subodh Shankar-Professor & Actg. Dean, Faculty of Architecture, Integral University, Lucknow, who set the tone for need of lower rise housing instead of high rise considering the cultural and social needs of the people.

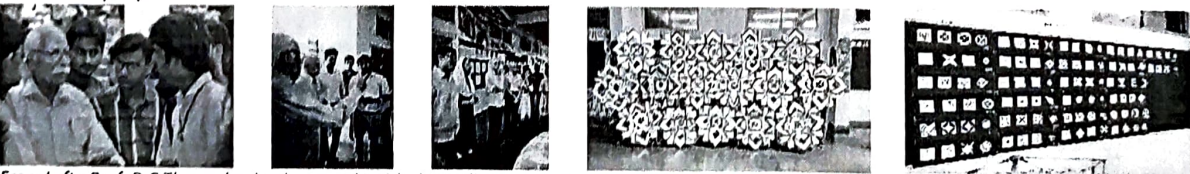


From Left - Chief Guest- Ar. Arun K. Pachauri being welcomed by Founder Vice Chancellor, Prof. D.C.Thapar addressing the audience, Dr. Arun K. Rana talking about the challenges and solution of Housing sector in India, Ar. Rajat Kant having an interactive session with the audience, Head-Architecture, Ar. Arshad A. Ansari sharing thought on the occasion.

Chief Guest Ar. Arun K. Pachauri talked about the issue of affordable housing in detail, whereby he explained that there is a complete mismatch between demand and supply. While there is an ample need for lower segment housing, more and more houses have been built in the higher category leading to large stock of unsold and unutilized housing units across the country.

Prof. D.C. Thapar talked about solving the core issues like shelter less population, housing for all etc., which are a common feature across India. He assured the audience that if we plan our policies through architectural control mechanism; such basic problems will not arise at a later stage.

Ar.(Dr.) Arun K. Rana, with his experience in the public sector, discussed on the various government policies which have been implemented successfully in the past. He also gave suggestions to cope up with the current demands, by fulfilling the needs of poor shelter less people.



From Left - Prof. D.C Thapar having last words with the audience, Guests reviewing the works of Architecture students, Exhibits displayed by First Year Students, Display of Architecture Students Work In Exhibition.

Department of Architecture also organized an Exhibition of Architecture Student's work during the event. It was viewed and commended by Senior Architects and Town Planners of Lucknow.

Arshad A. Ansari