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### **PEN PROFILE**



Smriti Saraswat is trained as an Architect and Interior-Designer. She has been awarded with a Letter of Merit from the CEPT University, Ahmedabad. She is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Architecture and Planning at IIT Roorkee (Uttarakhand, India). She is passionate about Interior-Architecture; Design Research and Writing; Craft and Technology; Traditional Building Practices; Indigenous Communities; Skill Development; Women Empowerment; Cultural and Architectural Heritage; Narratives; and Pedagogy.

She has worked on -a) prestigious projects focusing on conservation while working with Development and

Research Organisation on Nature, Arts and Heritage (DRONAH), Gurgaon; **b)** projects and events discussing craft & technology, design innovation and interior-architecture during her tenure as a senior researcher at Design Innovation and Craft Resource Centre (DICRC), CEPT University, Ahmedabad, with a focus on conducting workshops, prototyping, developing monographs based on these, and creating material inventories; **c)** projects and events focusing on art-craft-interior-architecture traditions of Uttarakhand with IIT Roorkee and Ministry of Culture; and, **d)** a joint project on Model Village Development for the Juang Tribe of Odisha, funded by HUDCO.

Her Ph.D. (pursued at IIT Roorkee), is an attempt to explore frameworks for interventions in Space-Making Crafts (more popularly known as building crafts or architectural crafts) of Uttarakhand (India). She has received several grants and scholarships; organised varied national and international workshops; training programmes; short term courses, including GIAN and NPTEL; trans-disciplinary academic workshops at IIT Roorkee that focus on materials; craft and technology; interior-architecture; and, design innovations.; set up collaborations with National and International schools and organisations; and authored several publications. She loves to travel; document; read; create photo essays; and tell stories.

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

- Working as an Assistant Professor at Department of Architecture & Planning, IIT Roorkee, India since 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2012
- Worked as a Senior Researcher from March 2011 to Oct 2012 with Design Innovation and Craft Resource Centre, School of Interior Design, CEPT (Centre for Environment Planning and Technology) University, Ahmedabad

Involved in following projects:

- Space Making Craft Workshops (Research and Documentation, Organizing Workshops, Developing Craft-Design Prototypes, Writing Monographs/Reports on various activities)
- 2. Crafts Inventory of Gujarat (Mapping and Inventory)
- 3. DICRC Web Portal Craft Based Resource Hub
- 4. Craft Digital Resource Lab
- Visiting Faculty at Growmore School of Architecture, Gujarat for one year during 2011-12
- Independent architectural practice during 2008-2012
- Internship at DRONAH (Development & Research Organization for Nature, Arts & Heritage), Gurgaon from May18 - Jul18 2009 under Dr. Shikha Jain Involved in following projects:
  - 1. Glass Work, City Palace, Udaipur
  - 2. Condition Assessment of Arts Work, City Palace, Udaipur
  - 3. Arts Trail, City Palace, Udaipur
- B.Arch. Final Year Training in Professional Practices with the firm **AADHARSHILA**-Architecture, Interiors & Turnkey Solution Providers, New Delhi from **Feb 05, 2008 to JUNE 05, 2008.** Involved in following projects:
  - 1. Office Interiors for Bayer Group, Delta Square, Gurgaon
  - 2. Proposed Pawa Grand Mall, Rohini, New Delhi
  - 3. Office Interiors for Globus Infocom Limited, Okhla Estate, New Delhi
- One and half months sixth semester (May 2006-June 2006) training under Divya Kush and Associates, Mayur Vihar, Delhi

Involved in following projects:

- 1. Shopping Centre, Dergaon, Assam
- 2. Kangla Fort, Imphal
- 3. Smith Estates, Bhowali, Nainital

### <u>ACADEMIA</u>

- (July 2013 Onward) Pursuing Ph.D. at IIT Roorkee

  Topic "Frameworks for Interventions in Space Making Crafts of Uttarakhand"
- (2010) Masters in Interior Architecture and Design (MIAD) from School of Interior Design, CEPT University (Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology), Ahmadabad, India (Batch Topper with Letter of Merit)

Thesis Topic – "Narratives in Interior Architecture: Stone Crafts as a Narrative Medium for 'Radhasoami Samadh' (Soami Bagh, Agra)"

- (2008) B. ARCH. from Zakir Husain College of Engg. & Tech., Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, India [Thesis Topic "Amusement Park, Rohini, New Delhi"]
- (2003) 12th from Senior Secondary Girls, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh
- (2001) 10th from C.B.S.E Board

## **ACCOLADES/AWARDS**

- 2011: Received the DRONAH Educational Grant
- 2011: Received the Letter of Merit from CEPT University, Ahmedabad for academic excellence
- 2012: Invited in the prestigious 'International Conference on Narratives', as the moderator of one of the panels "Space, Place and Travel", during 15<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Mar, 2012 in Las Vegas
- 2013-2015: Involved in initiating and establishing MoU between IIT Roorkee and Aalto University, Finland, in the capacity of IIT Roorkee representative in several delegations organized with MHRD; continue to set-up collaborations in the form of workshops; international courses; and visits
- 2015: Awarded with DAAD IIT MSP Program to RWTH Aachen, Germany during 28<sup>th</sup> February 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015
- 2016: Best Paper Award in the section on 'Art, Craft and Heritage', in the International Conference on 'Sustainable Built Environment', IIT Roorkee
- 2017: Lead the team of Interior Design Students from APD, IIT Roorkee, as a faculty mentor, in FoAID New Delhi, during 22<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> Sep. 2017, and won in the silver category

## **SUMMARY OF RESEARCH GRANTS**

S.	Title of Project	Funding	Financial	Year of	Name of P.I. and other	Status
No.		Agency	Outlay	Start &	investigators	
				total		
1.	Managraph (Dharahar)	QIP, IIT	0.20	period	Smriti Saraswat	Completed
1.	Monograph 'Dharohar'  – Understanding the Importance of Art in Interior-Architecture	Roorkee	Lakhs	Apr 2013 1 Year	Silliti Salaswat	Completed
2.	Documenting Space- Making Crafts of Uttarakhand	IIT Roorkee (FIG)	7.5 Lakhs	May 2013 3 Years	Smriti Saraswat	Completed
3.	Model Village Development for Juang Tribe in Odisha	HUDCO	22.25 Lakhs	Mar 2014 2 Years	P.I. Harshit Lakra Co-P.I. Smriti Saraswat	Completed
4.	Project Dharohar (Pilot Study: Almora)	IIT Roorkee	1.17 Lakhs	July 2014 4 Mths.	P.I. Smriti Saraswat Co-P.I. Ms. Harshit Lakra	Completed
5.	Project Dharohar (Contd.)- Heritage Preservation in Uttarakhand: Art and Craft Workshops, a Medium	MHRD & JSDF	02 Crores	June 2014 3 Years	P.I. Ms. Smriti Saraswat Co-P.I. Dr. Ila Gupta Dr. Gaurav Raheja Ms.Harshit Lakra	Submitted (No Communic ation)
6.	Heritage Conservation of Solani Aqueduct,	MHRD	06 Crores	Feb 2015 3 Years	P.I. Pradipta Banerji Co-P.I. Harshit Lakra	Submitted and Under

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	Roorkee				Dr. Pushplata Dr. Gaurav Raheja Mr. Sanjay Chikermane Ms. Smriti Saraswat Dr. Arindam Biswas	Review
7.	Empowering Rural Women Artisans of Uttarakhand through Technological Developments and Dissemination: Focus on Aepan Art of District Almora	DST	67.82 Lakhs	Jan 2015 2 Years	P.I. Dr. Ila Gupta Co-P.I. Smriti Saraswat	Submitted and Under Review
8.	Safeguarding the Traditional Craftmanship of Almora and Pithoragarh through Documentation and Workshops (Focus on Aepan and Likhai Kaam)	MOC	13 lakhs	Apr 2015 3 Years	P.I. Smriti Saraswat Co-P.I. Harshit Lakra Dr. Ila Gupta	Approved In-Progress
09.	3 day National Workshop – 'Dharohar-2015' and Monograph Sanchay	CUDD, IIT Roorkee	5.7 Lakhs	Aug 15 3 Days	P.I. Smriti Saraswat Co-P.I. Dr. Ila Gupta Dr. Gaurav Raheja Ms.Harshit Lakra Mr. Saptarshi Kolay	Completed
10.	SWAYAM – Online Courses	MHRD	Yet to be decided	Oct 15 8 Weeks	P.I. Smriti Saraswat	Submitted (No Communic ation)
11.	Book "Sanchay - Art, Craft and Interior Architecture of Uttarakhand"	QIP, IIT Roorkee	0.30 Lakhs	April 16 1 Year	P.I. Smriti Saraswat	Approved
12.	DOCUMENTING THE ART, CRAFT AND INTERIOR- ARCHITECTURE OF RAJASTHAN (Through Participatory Workshops and Community Interaction)	MoC	14 lakhs	Sub. in July 2016	P.I. Smriti Saraswat Co-P.I. Dr. Madan Meena	Under Review
13.	'PARAMPARA'	MoC	14 lakhs	Sub. in	P.I. Smriti Saraswat	Under

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	DOCUMENTING TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS IN INTERIOR- ARCHITECTURE OF UTTARAKHAND (Through Participatory Workshops and Community Interaction)			July 2016	Co-P.I. Dr. Shekhar Joshi	Review
14.	GIAN Course on –  "Interior-Architecture, Craft and Design: Focus on Inter-Disciplinarity"	MHRD	8.4 Lakhs	03 <sup>rd</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2016 (7 Days)	Faculty: Smriti Saraswat Foreign Faculty: Prof. Maarit Saalolainen, Aalto University, Finland	Completed
15.	'PRATHA' DOCUMENTING THE CULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF ALMORA (focus on Likhai Kaam)	INTACH	13 lakhs	Sub. In Oct. 2016	P.I. Smriti Saraswat Co-P.I. Gaurav Mathur	Not Approved
16	'SHILPSHALA' - DOCUMENTING THE WORK SPACES OF CRAFTSPERSONS OF WALLED CITY, JAIPUR	INTACH	3.2 Lakhs	Sub. In Oct. 2016	P.I. Pooja Nigam Co-P.I. Smriti saraswat	Not Approved
17	Cultural Industries and Skill Development	Project Vishwaj eet	350 Lakhs	Sub. In Oct. 2016	P.I. Smriti Saraswat	Not Approved
18	NPTEL Course on –  "Role of Craft &  Technology in Interior Architecture"	MHRD	3 Lakhs	2017 8 Weeks	Faculty: Smriti Saraswat	Approved In-Progress
19	GIAN Course on – "Architectural Theory: Worldviews, Conceptual Histories and Role Models"	MHRD	5.44 Lakhs	20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2017 (5 Days)	Faculty: Smriti Saraswat Foreign Faculty: Prof. Axel Sowa, RWTH, Aachen (Germany)	Approved
20	'SANCHAY' - VISUAL INVENTORIES OF THE BUILT SPACES IN ALMORA DISTRICT OF UTTARAKHAND	UNESCO	0.4 lakhs	Sub. in 2017	P.I. Smriti Saraswat	Not Approved
21	Documenting the	INTACH	10 Lakhs	Sub. in	P.I. Smriti Saraswat	Under

	Creative Economy and Cultural Industries of Uttarakhand			2017		Review
22	National Workshop- cum-Training Programme 'Dharohar- 2017' (focus on design interventions and prototyping)	IGNCA	11 Lakhs	2018 6 days	P.I. Smriti Saraswat Co-P.I. Dr. Ila Gupta Dr. Gaurav Raheja Dr. Tina Pujara	Sanctioned (finalizing the MoU)

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS

 Joint Research on – "Model Village Development for Juang Tribe of Odhisha through Public and Private Partnership", funded by HUDCO (P.I. Ms. Harshit Lakra, Co-P.I. Ms. Smriti Saraswat) Status: On-Going

#### **Brief Description**

The *Juang* is one of the primitive tribe of Odisha. They are found in Odisha exclusively in Keonjhar, Dhenkanal, and Angul district. There are currently 32 villages of Juang Tribe in the region. This Tribe displays a unique culture and a social system, which is significant to conserve and promote for sustainable future. Through this research and design development study, first an intensive study is being done on the cultural and social pattern of the *Juang* Tribe. This is followed by detailed study of their village and housing pattern and associated potential and challenges. Final part shall involve development of the house design which addresses their socio-cultural, regional and incremental housing needs.

2. "Documenting Space Making Crafts of Uttarakhand: Proposing Craft-Design Innovations for Contemporary Interior-Architecture" sponsored under Faculty Initiation Grant (7.5 lakhs), IITR for the duration: 2012-15 - By Ms. Smriti Saraswat

Status: Completed

### **Brief Description**

Space making crafts (SMC) are the crafts that are directly or indirectly related to the making Of buildings, both exterior and interior (Interior-Architecture). This project focuses on the development of regional SMC of Uttarakhand through documentation of traditional living heritage; creating space making crafts inventory (SMCI), identifying craftspersons and craft clusters; exploring craft-design innovation through best case-studies; and suggesting design solutions by integrating craft-design innovations in contemporary Interior-Architecture.

3. Understanding the Significance and Role of Art in Interior-Architecture: Specific Reference to Art Works in City Palace, Udaipur Sponsored by QIP, IITR (20,000/-) for the duration: 2012-13 Status: Finished and Published

## **Brief Description**

This research is based on the work done at School of Interior Design, CEPT University and Development and Research Organization for Nature, Art and Heritage (DRONAH). This research attempts to study the significance and role of art work in Interior-Architecture,

with specific reference to City Palace, Udaipur. The palace is very famous for the use of glass, mirror; various paintings; surface finishes and mosaic work. Significant amount of thematic art work (paintings) can also be seen in many other parts of this palace. The use of such art and craft in Mewar was observed from around the late 18th century through Mughal and European influence. The most prominent example of this is the *Sheesh Mahal*, or Palace of Mirrors, in the City Palace, Udaipur. As an outcome of this research, a monograph is published, which can be used as a pedagogical tool for the students and teachers of architecture. It can also be used by designers, artisans, craftspersons and professionals as well.

4. Dharohar – A National Workshop on Craft and Skill Development for Sustainable Design

Status: Finished

<u>Brief Description</u>

IIT Roorkee has taken an initiative to organize and conduct workshops, which provide a platform where design; art; craft; and industrial process engage with each other to create an understanding for the existing heritage and lead to synergies for innovation. The first workshop in this series called 'Dharohar - Craft and Skill Development for Sustainable Design' was a national workshop, which was planned under the aegis of Centre for Urban Design and Development (CUDD) at IIT Roorkee under the patronage of Director Prof. Pradipta Banerji during 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> August 2015. This was a first of its kind workshop at IIT Roorkee. It was a tribute to the art-craft and artisans-craftpersons of India, and was especially dedicated to commend and glorify such traditions in Uttarakhand. Smriti Saraswat, a faculty member in Department of Architecture and Planning, IIT Roorkee was the coordinator of the workshop. A resolute team of four members helped her – Dr. Ila Gupta; Dr. Gaurav Rahjeja; Ms. Harshit Lakra; Mr. Saptarshi Kolay (all from Department of Architecture and Planning, IIT Roorkee). Mrs. Amita Sharma had humbly consented to become the chief guest. She is the former secretary, Government of India. She is currently heading an effort to design games for primary school children. The workshop facilitated the coming together of 26 (from different parts of Uttarakhand); 07 invited experts (from all over India); 06 in-house mentors (from different departments of IIT Roorkee); and, 90 students (from all over India including IIT Roorkee).

It focused on five indigenous crafts of Uttarakhand – *aepan*, copper, *ringaal*, wood and weaving. The workshop had three themes:

- a) Heritage Awareness and Cultural Industries
- b) Craft and Skill Development for Sustainable Design
- c) Future Road Maps

It was supported by Uttarakhand Handloom and Handicraft Development Council (UHHDC); Uttarakhand Bamboo and Fiber Development Board (UBFDB); District Industries Centre (DIC), Almora; and, Alaya Design Studio based in Dehradun.

5. Space Making Crafts and Interior-Architecture Sponsored by Govt. of Gujarat and Design Innovation and Craft Resource Centre (DICRC), CEPT University, Ahmedabad during 2011-12

Status: Finished Brief Description

At Design Innovation and Craft Resource Centre, CEPT University, Ahmedabad, the researcher had been involved in extensive research on the crafts in interior-architecture (space making crafts) where she had played a vital role in developing framework for space

making craft workshops, research and documentation, developing craft-design prototypes and developing monographs based on these workshops. She also worked on the Space Making Crafts Inventory of Gujarat, where she did both qualitative and quantitative research to document varied materials, crafts, tools, techniques, craftpersons involved, local terminology and regional variations of these crafts within Gujarat. She contributed in research and content generation for the DICRC Web Portal, which is a craft based resource hub. She wrote many papers and articles related to these topics during this period, and also included them as important pedagogical tools during guest and visiting lectures.

6. Frameworks of Interventions for Space Making Crafts of Uttarakhand.- Ph.D. Research started in July 2013 at IIT Roorkee

Status: On-Going Brief Description

Architects, Designers, Artisans and Craft persons are gradually becoming aware of the space-making attributes of arts and crafts; but a lot of effort is still required to disseminate this knowledge; and bring it into contemporary crafts education and design practices. It is crucial, not just to document and preserve the regional art and craft forms, but also to propose their applications in contemporary design education and practices. They are not simply relics from the past, but are the key to reviving some lost design principles. There is an urgent need for research; study; documentation; and organizing programs and pedagogy models related to art-craft forms of vernacular and traditional built environments of India. This Ph.D. research is an attempt to explore innovative and inter-disciplinary paradigms of interior-architecture pedagogy and practice, focusing on art-craft based models.

# PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS / SYMPOSIA / WORKSHOPS/ GUEST LECTURES

Smriti Saraswat	"Campus Planning -Master Plan Development Workshop Series" organized by IIT Roorkee and EHDD  Coordinated and organized a Study Tour of Third Year Architecture Students to Ahmedbad	IIT Roorkee	01 <sup>st</sup> - 02 <sup>nd</sup> February, 2013, 10 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2013 7 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> May, 2013 12 <sup>th</sup> June, 2013, 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2013 25 <sup>th</sup> March - 01 <sup>st</sup> April 2013
	B.Arch. Syllabus Restructuring Workshop - I, Organized by Department of Architecture and Planning, IIT Roorkee	Greater Noida Campus of IIT Roorkee	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2013
	Coordinated and organized a workshop on Cradle-to- Cradle approach for Design: Creating Prototypes using Bottle Bricks, for first year B. Arch. Students	IIT Roorkee	April 2013
	Future of Cities Workshop, Organized by MHRD, IIT	New Delhi	19 <sup>th</sup> July

Mumbai and IIT Roorkee		2013
Syllabus Restructuring Workshop-III, Organized by	Department of	12 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup>
Department of Architecture and Planning, IIT Roorkee	Architecture and	Septembe
	Planning, IIT	2013
	Roorkee	
Workshop on Indo-Finnish Collaborations for Higher	Aalto University,	22 <sup>nd</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>
Education and Research, Organized by MHRD and IITs	Finland	Septembe
along with Aalto University		2013
International Seminar on "Art and its Importance in	Kumaun	$06^{th} - 08^{tl}$
Other Fields", Organized by Faculty of Visual Art	University, Almora	October
		2013
Deconstructing Design Workshop, Organized by MHRD	New Delhi	$05^{th} - 07^{tl}$
and IIT Hyderabad		Novembe
		2013
UK-India Future Cities Workshop, Organized	Hotel Taj	24 <sup>th</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup>
by UK Science & Innovation Network, Research	Palace, New Delhi	February
Councils UK, India, MHRD	. didee, IVEVV Delili	2014
Organized Creative Workshop on Typography for First	IIT Roorkee	February
Year B. Arch. Students	NOOTREE	2014
Organised Creative Workshop on Papier Mache and its	IIT Roorkee	05 <sup>th</sup> - 06 <sup>th</sup>
Applications in Interior-Architecture for First Year and	NOOTREE	March 20
Second Year B. Arch. Students		14.01.011.20
Organised Creative Workshop on Papier Mache and its	IIT Roorkee	07 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Applications in Interior-Architecture for the students	III NOOFREE	2014
of Anushruti – A Social initiative of IIT Roorkee		2017
Organised Creative Workshop on Calligraphy for First	IIT Roorkee	March 20
Year Year B. Arch. Students	NOOTREE	1410101120
Workshop on Indo-Finnish Collaborations for Higher	IIT Bombay,	07 <sup>th</sup> - 09 <sup>th</sup>
Education and Research, Organized by IIT Bombay	Bombay	April 2014
along with Aalto University	Dombay	7.01.11.202
Visited to deliver four expert lectures on Building	Moradabad	15 <sup>th</sup> April
Construction in the Faculty of Architecture	Institute of	2014
<b>,</b>	Technology,	19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>
	Moradabad	April 2014
	Moradabad	23 <sup>rd</sup> April
		2014
Organised a Presentation and Talk on Materials and	IIT Roorkee	04 <sup>th</sup> Augu
Structures, by Prof. Maarit Salolainen, Aalto University		2014
Organised a Talk on by Prof. Maarit Salolainen, Aalto	IIT Roorkee	05 <sup>th</sup> Augu
University in ASMITA – A Social Initiative of IIT		2014
Roorkee		
Organised Creative Workshop on "Material	IIT Roorkee	26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>
		August
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Explorations and Applications in Construction		
Explorations and Applications in Construction Industry: Papier Mache, a Medium" for First Year and		
Explorations and Applications in Construction Industry: Papier Mache, a Medium" for First Year and Second Year B. Arch. Students	IIT Roorkee	
Explorations and Applications in Construction Industry: Papier Mache, a Medium" for First Year and Second Year B. Arch. Students Organised Creative Workshop on "Terracotta:	IIT Roorkee	26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>
Explorations and Applications in Construction Industry: Papier Mache, a Medium" for First Year and Second Year B. Arch. Students Organised Creative Workshop on "Terracotta: Transformation through Time and Technology" for	IIT Roorkee	26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>tl</sup> Septembe
Explorations and Applications in Construction Industry: Papier Mache, a Medium" for First Year and Second Year B. Arch. Students Organised Creative Workshop on "Terracotta: Transformation through Time and Technology" for First Year and Second Year B. Arch. Students		26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2014
Explorations and Applications in Construction Industry: Papier Mache, a Medium" for First Year and Second Year B. Arch. Students	IIT Roorkee  IITR Greater Noida Extension Centre	26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>tl</sup> Septembe

International Conference on Research into Design	IISC, Bangalore	07 <sup>th</sup> – 09 <sup>th</sup>
(ICORD) – presenting paper on – "Craft, a Narrative Barometer for Design (Interior-Architecture)"	noc, bungalore	January 2015
Organised Creative Workshop on 'Poster Design' for First Year B. Arch. students	IIT Roorkee	23-Jan-15
Visited Design Innovation and Craft Resource Centre to have a post seminar discussion on 'Crafting Future'	CEPT University	09 <sup>th</sup> February
Organised with Dr. Ila Gupta - Creative Workshop on 'Screen Printing' for First Year and Third Year B. Arch.	IIT Roorkee	2015 27 <sup>th</sup>
students		February 2015
DAAD IIT MSP Supervisor Visit	Germany	28 <sup>th</sup> February – 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2015
Project related workshop and exhibition titled " Model Village Development with Public and Private Partnership" under the project " Model Village Development for Juang Tribe of Odisha through Public and Private Partnership" for M. Arch and MURP students Ms. Harshit S. Lakra (PI) along with Ms. Smriti Saraswat (Co-PI)		24 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2015
Co-Organized the National Conference on Sustainable Built Environment	Department of Architecture and Planning, IIT Roorkee	10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2015
Coordinated and Organised "Dharohar - A Three Day National Workshop on Craft and Skill Development for Sustainable Design", under the aegis of CUDD, IIT Roorkee	Department of Architecture and Planning, IIT Roorkee	16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> August 2015
Coordinated and Organised a Guest Lecture and Workshop by Ar. Saili Sonar, Architect & Interior, Designer Nasik on 'Colour Configuration in Interior Architecture'	Department of Architecture and Planning, IIT Roorkee	10 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> September 2015
Organised a Workshop on – "Photography and Script Writing", conducted by Mr. Himanshu Soni, for the Cinematic Section, Cultural Council, IIT Roorkee	IIT Roorkee	04 <sup>th</sup> – 05 <sup>th</sup> October 2015
Coordinated and Organised a Workshop on – "Weaving", conducted by Ram Kumar from the Hastshilpa Navjyoti Sansthan ,Haridwar, for the First Year B. Arch. students	IIT Roorkee	18 <sup>th</sup> October 2015
Coordinated and organized a Study Tour of Second	IIT Roorkee	October
Year Architecture Students to Manali  Gave a lecture and conducted an interactive session on – "My Odyssey into the Curious Thing called Architecture"	Department of Architecture and Planning, Aligarh Muslim University	2015 07 <sup>th</sup> November 2015
Co-Organised a Workshop on "Food Security for Sustainable Development" under the project HUDCO P.I. Harshit Lakra	Department of Architecture and Planning, IIT	13 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> November 2015

	Roorkee	
Presented a Paper – "Koti Banal Architecture of Uttarakhand: Community Involvement and Indigenous realities" at the International Conference on South Asian Vernacular Architecture, organized by SPA	SPA Bhopal	11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2015
Bhopal and IGMS, Bhopal  Presented a poster presentation during the International Seminar on 'Inside Future-Future Inside', organized and conducted by School of Interior Design, CEPT University, Ahmedabad	CEPT University, Ahmedabad	22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2015
Co-Organised a visit and interactive session on – "Prison Architecture" for the B. Arch. Third Year Students Faculy Coordinator: Tina Pujara	Tihar Jail Complex, New Delhi	11 <sup>th</sup> February 2016
Other Faculty: Smriti Saraswat, Ram Sateesh Stake Holder Workshops and Interactive Sessions with Juang Tribe; Housing Development Authorities; NGOs; and, Individuals, under project HUDCO P.I. Harshit Lakra	Orissa	20 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2016
Co-Organised a workshop and Jury on – "Prison Architecture" for the B. Arch. Third Year Students Faculy Coordinator: Tina Pujara Other Faculty: Smriti Saraswat, Ram Sateesh	Tihar Jail Complex, New Delhi	04 <sup>th</sup> – 05 <sup>th</sup> April 2016
Organised a Workshop on "Parametric and Generative Design processes" for M. Arch. First Year students under the subject – Design Methodology	Department of Architecture and Planning, IIT Roorkee	09 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2016
Co-organised a Workshop on "Solidarity, Identity and Indigenous Youth" under the project HUDCO P.I. Harshit Lakra	Department of Architecture and Planning, IIT Roorkee	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2016
Co-organised a Workshop on "Solidarity, Identity and Indigenous Youth" under the project HUDCO P.I. Harshit Lakra	Department of Architecture and Planning, IIT Roorkee	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2016
Organised a technical Session-cum-Workshop on "Make It Sustainable Building Materials (MiSBM)" for the B. Arch. Fourth Year Students under the subject – Finishes, Specifications and Materials	Department of Architecture and Planning, IIT Roorkee	12 <sup>th</sup> April 2016
Invited for the Jury of B. Arch. First Year	DIT, Dehradun	22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2016
Co-Organised a Design Jam focusing on "Recycling Spaces through multi-disciplinary approaches that cross fertilize innovate design", in collaboration with the Dept. of Civil Engineering Chairperson – Prof. CSP Ojha; Convenors – Dr. Sanjay Chikermane and Dr. Vipul Prakash; Organising Team – Dr. Ila Gupta, Ar. Smriti Saraswat and Ar. Maanavi Suneja	Department of Architecture and Planning, IIT Roorkee	03 <sup>rd</sup> – 04 <sup>th</sup> May 16

Invited for the Jury of B. Arch. First Year	Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi	05 <sup>th</sup> May 16
Co-organised interaction with social scientist from XISS, Ranchi and TSRDC Jamshedpur At XISS, Ranchi, under the project "Model Village Development for Juang Tribe of Odisha through Public and Private Partnership' funded by HUDCO/HSMI.  P.I. Harshit Lakra Co – P.I. Smriti saraswat	IIT Roorkee	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2016
Coordinated and Organized a Workshop for I Year B. Arch. And Cinematic Section, Cultural Council students on – "Photography, a Tool for Visual Documentation" Conducted by: Architect and Photographer Himanshu Soni	Department of Architecture and Planning, IIT Roorkee	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2016
Coordinated and organized GIAN Course on –  "Interior-Architecture, Craft and Design: Focus on Interdisciplinarity"  Foreign Faculty: Prof. Maarit Salolainen Local Coordinator: Prof. Sandeep Singh	IIT Roorkee	03 <sup>rd</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
One Day National Participatory Workshop on – "Cultural Industries of Uttarakhand" jointly organized under the aegis of IIT Roorkee and Sangeet Natak Academy (Ministry of Culture), as part of the ongoing project - 'Dharohar'	Department of Architecture and Planning, IIT Roorkee	13 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
Coordinated and Organized a Workshop for II Year B. Arch. Students on – "Timber Construction" Conducted by: Ar. Gaurav Mathur	Department of Architecture and Planning, IIT Roorkee	25 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
Presented "Design for Women-safe Public Spaces: Challenges and Concerns in the Specific Case of Delhi, India", at Spaces and Flows: Seventh International Conference on Urban and ExtraUrban Studies	University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA	10 <sup>th</sup> -11th November 2016
Invited for the Jury of B. Arch. Final Year	Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh	19 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
Gave a brief podium presentation and a poster presentation on – "Koti Banal Architecture of Uttarakhand: Indigenous Realities and Community Involvement" at ICORD 2017	IIT, Guwahati	09 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
Presented a paper and received the Best Paper Award in the International Conference on Sustainable Built Environment – 2017, in the session – Art, Craft and Heritage	IIT, Roorkee	03 <sup>rd</sup> – 05 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2017
Coordinated and Organized a study tour for II Year B. Arch. students to Doon School, Dehradun and Mondrian House, Dehradun as part of Design Studio, focusing on School Design (Kindergarten and Junior High School) Studio Faculty Team: Dr. Mahua Mukherjee; Smriti Saraswat; Manavvi Suneja	IIT, Roorkee	17 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2017

Coordinated and Organized a study tour for II Year B.	IIT, Roorkee	24 <sup>th</sup> Feb –
Arch. students to Agra; Gwalior and Orchcha focusing	,	01 <sup>st</sup> Mar
on History of Indian Architecture		2017
Coordinated and Organized a workshop for I Year B.	IIT, Roorkee	04 <sup>th</sup> – 05 <sup>th</sup>
Arch. students on – "Nature and Form" with Rajeev		Mar 2017
Meena, Studio RM		
Coordinated and Organized a workshop for the	IIT, Roorkee	18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>
Cinematic Section, Cultural Council on – 'pre-		Mar 2017
production and design for films, with Chetan Sharma		
from Animagic India		
Coordinated and Organized a workshop for the I Yr. B.	IIT, Roorkee	31 <sup>st</sup> Mar –
Arch. students on – 'Human centered design-		01 <sup>st</sup> Apr
Designing for people', with Sanjay Agrawal, FRDC,		2017
Bangalore		
Organised a Talk on "History of Indian Architecture	IIT, Roorkee	19 <sup>th</sup> April
(especially ,covering Taj Mahal)", by Prof. S.C. Handa		2017
Coordinated and Organized a one day workshop for	Dehradun	18 <sup>th</sup> Aug.
the final year M. Arch. students on – 'Transgender and		2017
the City', as part of the M. Arch. Design Studio		
Studio In charge: Dr. Tina Pujara		
Co – Faculty: Smriti Saraswat		
Was invited as one of the key speakers in the Golden	NITTTR,	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug. –
Jubilee National Seminar on "Promotion of Skills and	Chandigarh	01 <sup>st</sup> Sep.
Technologies for Sustainable Rural Development in		2017
India", and presented on "Documenting the Cultural-		
Creative Industries of Uttarakhand: Specific Focus on		
the Art, Craft, Interior-Architecture"		
Coordinated and Organized a one day workshop-cum-	IIT, Roorkee	04 <sup>th</sup> Sep.
review for the final year M. Arch. students on –		2017
'Transgender and the City', as part of the M. Arch.		
Design Studio		
Studio In charge: Dr. Tina Pujara		
Co – Faculty: Smriti Saraswat		*6
Organized a guest lecture for the II year B. Arch.	IIT, Roorkee	09 <sup>th</sup> Sep.
students on – 'Fundamentals of Construction",		2017
conducted by Ar. Anupam Nayak, NAYAK &		
ASSOCIATES, Roorkee		200
Lead a team of students as a faculty mentor in the	New Delhi	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Festival of Architecture and Interior Design (FoAID)		Sep. 2017
New Delhi, and won in the silver category, in the		
National Art Installation Design Competition called		
Expressions		+h
Coordinated and Organized a one day workshop-cum-	IIT, Roorkee	28 <sup>th</sup> Sep.
review for the final year M. Arch. students on –		2017
'Transgender and the City', as part of the M. Arch.		
Design Studio		
Studio In charge: Dr. Tina Pujara		
Co – Faculty: Smriti Saraswat	<u> </u>	a ct th
Coordinated and Organized a ten day International	Bangkok	01 <sup>st</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>
Studio Tour (01 <sup>st</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 2017) and a Joint Studio		Oct. 2017
with the Chulalongkorn University (02 <sup>nd</sup> – 06 <sup>th</sup> Oct,		

2017) for the final year M. Arch. students on – 'Urban		
Design for Transgender, as part of the M. Arch. Design		
Studio		
Studio In charge: Dr. Tina Pujara		
Co – Faculty: Smriti Saraswat		
Coordinated with the Institute Lecture Series	IIT Roorkee	12 <sup>th</sup> Oct.
Committee, the Institute Lecture on – "Pursuit of		2017
Meaning: Legacy, practice and semantics in Design		
discourse", by Dr. Seema Khanwalkar, CEPT University,		
Ahmedabad		
Organized a two days guest lecture-cum-workshop-	IIT, Roorkee	$04^{th} - 05^{th}$
cum-review for the II year B. Arch. students on –	,	Nov. 2017
'Fundamentals of Construction: Focus on Roofs",		
conducted by Ar. Anurag Khandelwal, Wood Barn &		
ELDECO, Agra		
Organized a two days guest lecture-cum-workshop-	IIT, Roorkee	$05^{th} - 06^{th}$
cum-review for the III year B. Arch. students on –	,	Nov. 2017
'Sustainable Interior Design", conducted by Ar. Sanjay		
Agrawal and Ar. Shreya Krishnan, FRDC, Bangalore		
Coordinated and Organized a one day workshop-cum-	IIT, Roorkee	10 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
review for the final year M. Arch. students on –	,	2017
'Transgender and the City', as part of the M. Arch.		
Design Studio		
Studio In charge: Dr. Tina Pujara		
Co – Faculty: Smriti Saraswat		
Representing IIT Roorkee in the India Design Summit,	Hyderabad	05 <sup>th</sup> – 06 <sup>th</sup>
organized by Confederation of Indian Industries (CII),		Dec. 2017
in collaboration with National Institute of Design (NID)		(approved,
and India Design Council (IDC)		but did not
Coordinator: Prof. Ila Gupta		happen)
Co-Coordinators: Smriti saraswat; Saptarshi Kolay;		,
Dr. Sonal Atreya		
Coordinated and Organized a three day workshop on –	IIT, Roorkee	12 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup>
'Vault & Dome Construction using Mud' (open to all)	, ·	Jan. 2018
Experts: Ar. Varun Thautam; Prof. R. Shankar		

# PARTICIPATION IN SHORT TERM COURSES

Name of Faculty	Name of the course	Venue	Dates
Smriti Saraswat	Fundamentals of Sociolinguistics	QIP, IIT	10 <sup>th</sup> June 2014
	Course Coordinator: Dr. Smita Jha	Roorkee	
	Recent Trends in Application of Art in	QIP, IIT	09 <sup>th</sup> June 15
	Architecture	Roorkee	
	Course Coordinator: Dr. Ila Gupta		

# SHORT TERM COURSES ORGANISED/APPROVED

S. No.	Name of Course/Workshop	Duration	QIP/MHRD
1.	Architecture and Visual Communication	02 <sup>nd</sup> – 06 <sup>th</sup> Mar 16	QIP
	Course Coordinators: Saptarshi Kolay; Dr. Ila Gupta;	(approved, but did	
	Smriti Saraswat	not happen)	
2.	GIAN Course on "Interior-Architecture, Craft and	03 <sup>rd</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct 16	MHRD
	Design: Focus on Inter-Disciplinarity"		
	Course Coordinator: Smriti Saraswat		
	Foreign Faculty: Maarit Salolainen		
3.	GIAN Course on "Architectural Theory: Worldviews,	20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 17	MHRD
	Conceptual Histories and Role Models"		
	Course Coordinator: Smriti Saraswat, IIT Roorkee		
	Foreign Faculty: Axel Sowa, RWTH University Aachen		
	(Germany)		
4.	NPTEL Course on – "Role of Craft & Technology in	On-Going	MHRD
	Interior-Architecture"		

# NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

Name of the Faculty	National Collaborations	International Collaborations	Patents	MoU/MoA details
Member	Conaborations	Conasorations		
Smriti Saraswat				Represented IIT Roorkee as one of the team members, in the process of establishing an MoU with Alto University, Finland during 2013-15 (MoU established in 2015); continuing to collaborate and work; invited Prof. Maarit Salolainen for the GIAN course in Oct 2016
	Represented IIT Roorkee during the creation of National Design Manifesto (outcome of the Deconstructing Design Workshop organised by MHRD, India) during 2014- 15; Continuing to work on it through DIC proposal 2017	Was selected for DAAD IIT MSP SUPERVISOR PROGRAMME to RWTH University, Aachen (Germany) during 28th Feb 15 to 11th Mar 15, thus establishing an international collaboration with Prof. Axel Sowa; Continuing to collaborate; invited Prof.		Working with IGNCA to develop an MoU for conducting training programmes-cum-workshops, which focus on cultural and creative industries (in-progress)

	Axel Sowa for	
	the upcoming	
	GIAN course,	
	going to be	
	held in Dec	
	2017	
Collaborated	Organised a	
with	Course on –	
Uttarakhand	"Interior-	
Handlooms and	Architecture,	
Handicrafts	Craft and	
Council;	Design: Focus	
<u>Uttarakhand</u>	on Inter-	
Bamboo and	Disciplinarity"	
<u>Fiber</u>	with	
Development	Foreign Faculty	
Board; District	- Prof. Maarit	
<u>Industries</u>	Salolainen (Alto	
Centre at	University,	
Almora and	finland) during	
Alaya Design	03 <sup>rd</sup> Oct 16 to	
Studio at	10 <sup>th</sup> Oct 16	
Dehradun for a	under GIAN,	
three day	MHRD	
National		
Workshop on		
"Craft and Skill		
Development		
for Sustainable		
Design" under		
the aegis of		
CUDD, IIT		
Roorkee		
Co- Coordinators:		
Dr. Ila Gupta;		
Dr. Gaurav		
Raheja; Harshit		
Lakra;		
Saptarshi Kolay		
Continuing to		
work with		
them in the		
next workshop		
Established	Coordinated	 
Collaboration	and Organized	
with <u>HUDCO</u>	a ten day	
for a Project	International	
with Harshit	Studio Tour in	
Lakra (P.I.);	Bangkok (01st	
presented the	– 10th Oct,	
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	second phase	2017) and a	
	of the project	Joint Studio	
	in April 2017	with the	
		Chulalongkorn	
		University	
		(02nd – 06th	
		Oct, 2017) for	
		the final year	
		M. Arch.	
		students on –	
		'Urban Design	
		for	
		Transgender,	
		as part of the	
		M. Arch. Design	
		Studio	
		Studio In	
		charge: Dr. Tina	
		Pujara	
		Co – Faculty:	
		Smriti Saraswat	
	Contributed in	GIAN Course	
	establishing	on	
	collaboration	"Architectural	
	with <u>Doon</u>	Theory:	
	School in 2017,	Worldviews,	
	for	Conceptual	
	architectural	Histories and	
	visits of	Role Models"	
	students of IIT	Course	
	Roorkee	Coordinator:	
	Team: Dr.	Smriti	
	Mahua	Saraswat, IIT	
	Mukherjee;	Roorkee	
	Smriti	Foreign	
	Saraswat;	Faculty: Axel	
	Manavvi Suneja	Sowa, RWTH	
		University	
		Aachen	
	Established		
	Collaboration		
	with <u>FRDC</u> ,		
	Bangalore, one		
	of the most		
	reputed design		
	firms in India. It		
	has been		
	recognized in		
	Top Retail		
	Design Firms		
	VM+SD - Visual		
L	715441		

Merchandising
& Store Design,
May 2017.
FRDC was
invited for
guest lecture at
APD, IIT
Roorkee in
March 2017;
and one of our
students
Bhawana Soni
also did her
internship with
them. The
collaboration
continues.

## **INSTITUTE / DEPARTMENT LEVEL INVOLVEMENT**

- 1. Holding departmental responsibilities as O.C. Workshop; O.C. Exhibition; O.C. Annual Report and BOG Report; Outlook Survey and Department Publicity; Faculty Advisor at both B. Arch. And M. Arch. Levels; and, Member of Counseling Cell; Anti-Ragging Committee; Faculty Search Committee; DAC; DAPC
- 2. Faculty advisor for Cinematics and Light & Audio Sections of Cultural Council, IIT Roorkee, till Aug 2017.
- 3. Member for Anushruti, a social initiative of IIT Roorkee and Asmita Society for women, an IIT Roorkee social initiative
- 4. Involved in IIT Roorkee Campus Master Plan Vision
- 5. Involved in initiating Centre for Urban Design and Development at IIT Roorkee with MHRD
- Involved in initiating and establishing MoU between IIT Roorkee and Aalto University,
  Finland, in the capacity of IIT Roorkee representative in several delegations organized with
  MHRD; continue to set-up collaborations in the form of workshops; international courses;
  and visits
- 7. Involved in the DIC, IIT Roorkee
- 8. Has been holding a position of Institute representative at GATE
- 9. Involved in organising and conducting varied workshops that focus on material studies; craft and technology; interior-architecture; design; and, innovations
- 10. Conducting Design Studios with co-faculty and addressing crucial projects like prison architecture; early childhood development through design; cultural centres etc.
- 11. Taking students on study tours to expose them to various exemplary built forms and creative projects
- 12. Involved in various academic jury panels

## **LIST OF PUBLICATIONS**

#### 1) Books

#### **Published**

i) "Stone Buildings of Gujarat" – The book is published by School of Interior Design in collaboration with Gujarat Mineral Research and Development Society in the year 2010 (ISBN 81-904096-4-3)

**Authors:** Nimish Patel, Muktirajsinhji Chauhan, Bishakha Shome, Mansi G Shah, Eesha Agarwal, Chinmay Patel

The author had worked as a Research Assistant for this book. This book documents in detail stone buildings and allied artefacts from the earliest efforts through the golden period of the Solankis, the Sultanate and the Colonial periods and use of stone in contemporary times. The book is illustrated with pictures of almost all the significant stone buildings of Gujarat including religious places, tombs, cemeteries, memorials, educational buildings, palaces, modest dwellings, step wells, tanks, lakes and utility structures. It includes a brief note summarizing the chronological history of Gujarat's stone buildings by six types and an exhaustive picture cataloguing of the components called elements in the assembly of stone buildings.

ii) "Interior Architecture and Narratives: Craft, a Medium", Lap-Lambert Publishing Ltd., Germany, 2017

#### In Progress

- i) "Sanchay: Art, Craft and Interior Architecture of Uttarakhand", QIP, IIT Roorkee, 2016-17
- 2) Research Papers in Journals

#### **Published**

- i) "Radhasoami Samadh, Agra: Stone Crafts as medium of Narration", CONTEXT Journal of the Development and Research Organisation for Nature, Arts and Heritage, Volume VIII, Issue 1, Spring/Summer 2011, pp 91-96
- ii) "Emerging Trends in Tall Building Design: Environmental Sustainability through Renewable Energy Technologies", International Journal of Civil Engineering and Architecture, January 2014, pp. 116-120, Co-Author: Ar. Arif Kamal
- iii) "Revival of Crafts and Social Change: Case Study on Dholka", Springer, 2015, pp. 174 to 187
- iv) "Craft, a Narrative Barometer for Interior-Architecture: Specific Focus on Stone Crafts of India", Springer, 2015, Pp. 353-362; Co-Author: Dr. Gaurav Raheja
- v) "Koti Banal Architecture of Uttarakhand: Indigenous Realities and Community Involvement", Smart Innovation, Systems and Technologies, Chapter 14, Volume II, Springer 2017, Book ISBN: 978-981-10-3520-3, pp. 165-177; Co-Author: Gautam Mayuresh

#### Accepted

- i) "Interiors and Furnishings: Pre-Twentieth Century India", Encyclopedia of Asian Design, UK, Bloomsbury, 2017
- ii) "Design for Women-safe Public Spaces: Challenges and Concerns in the Specific Case of Delhi, India", Common Ground Publishers, USA, 2017
- **iii) "Vernacular Architecture of Uttarakhand"**, Encyclopedia of Vernacular Architecture of the World, Second Edition, UK, Bloomsbury: 2018
- iv) "Vernacular Architecture of Rajasthan and Gujarat" (Ed.), Encyclopedia of Vernacular Architecture of the World, Second Edition, UK, Bloomsbury: 2018
- v) "Documenting the Cultural-Creative Industries of Uttarakhand: Specific Focus on the Space-Making Crafts of Almora", International Conference on Sustainable Built Environment, Springer, 2017
- vi) "Sustainable Craft Practices and Space-making in Tech Design Contexts", in Garber, E.; Hochtritt, L. and Sharma, M. Makers, Crafters, Educators: Working for Social Change, Routledge, 2018
- 3) Research Papers in Conferences

#### **Presented**

- i) "Stone Crafts in Interior Architecture: Traditional Systems of Space Making (Specific Reference to Radhasoami Samadh, Agra)" presented at the Fourth Global Stone Technology Forum (15Dec 16Dec 2011), organized by Centre for Development of Stones (CDOS), and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), in Jaipur, India
- **ii)** "Technology, Innovation and Social Change: Crafts as an Important Conjunction" presented in the international conference on "Technology, Innovation and Social Change", organized and conducted by Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, 22-24<sup>th</sup> January 2013
- **iii)** "Importance of Art in Interior-Architecture: Specific Reference to Art Works, City Palace Udaipur, India" presented in the international seminar on "Importance of Art and it's Interrelationship with other subjects", organized and conducted by Faculty of Visual Art, Kumaun University, Almora during 06-07<sup>th</sup> October 2013
- iv) "Craft, a Narrative Barometer for Interior-Architecture: Specific Focus on Stone Crafts of India" presented at ICORD 2015, 05<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Research into Design, organized and conducted by Centre for Product Design and Manufacturing, IISC Bangalore during 07<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015
- v) "Koti Banal Architecture of Uttarakhand: Indigenous Realities and Community Involvement" presented at the International Conference on South Asian Vernacular Architecture, organized and conducted by School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal, at Bhopal, during  $11^{th} 13^{th}$  Dec 15; Co-Authors: Gautam Mayuresh and Priyanka Mangaonkar

- vi) "Design for Women-safe Public Spaces: Challenges and Concerns in the Specific Case of Delhi, India", presented at Spaces and Flows: Seventh International Conference on Urban and ExtraUrban Studies, 10<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> November 2016, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA
- vii) "Koti Banal Architecture of Uttarakhand: Indigenous Realities and Community Involvement" presented at the International Conference on Research into Design (ICORD), organized and conducted by Department of Design, IIT Guwahati, during  $09^{th} 11^{th}$  January 17; Co-Author: Gautam Mayuresh
- viii) "Documenting the Cultural-Creative Industries of Uttarakhand Specific Focus on the Space-Making Crafts of Almora", International Conference on Sustainable Built Environment 2017, IIT Roorkee, 03<sup>rd</sup> 05<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2016; Co-Author Dr. Gaurav Raheja
- ix) "Documenting the Cultural-Creative Industries of Uttarakhand: Specific Focus on the Art, Craft, Interior-Architecture", Golden Jubilee National Seminar on "Promotion of Skills and Technologies for Sustainable Rural Development in India", NITTTR Chandigarh, 31<sup>st</sup> Aug. 01<sup>st</sup> Sep. 2017

#### **Accepted**

- i) "Narratives in Interior Architecture: Stone Crafts as a Narrative Medium to understand Methodology in Crafts" Paper Abstract Selected by Association of Art Historians for a conference organized at University of Warwick (31Mar 11 to 02Apr 11) for a Session "Telling Stories: Making Research Accessible through Display"
- **ii)** "Narratives in Interior Architecture: Stone Crafts, a Medium" on the basis of this work, the author was invited in 2012 International Conference on Narratives (15Mar 17Mar 2012, Las Vegas) as the moderator for one of the panels "Space, Place and Travel"
- iii) "Koti Banal Architecture of Uttarakhand: Indigenous Realities and Community Involvement" to be presented in the International Conference on Research into Design at IIT Guwahati, 2017; Co-Author: Gautam Mayuresh
- iv) "Documenting, Preserving and Revitalizing the Art, Craft and Interior-Architecture of Almora (Uttarakhand)", ICOMOS General Assembly Conference, 11<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 20172017; Co-Author: Dr. Gaurav Raheja, Gautam Mayuresh
- 4) Works selected in National Conventions

## Published

i) Post-Graduate Dissertation: "Narratives in Interior Architecture: Stone Crafts as a narrative medium for *Radhasoami Samadh* (Soami Bagh, Agra)" - selected by Institute of Indian Interior Designers for their Ninth National Convention 2011: "Reflections" – Heritage 'n' Interiors, held during 04Feb 11 to 06Feb 11 in Jaipur, India

#### 5) Articles/Essays in Periodicals/Magazines

#### **Published**

- i) "Understanding Courtyard Design through *Havelis* of Rajasthan" published in the periodical of Institute of Indian Interior Designers (IIID) INSITE, Sep 11, pp. 18-21
- ii) "India's Art Kitli" published in the periodical of Institute of Indian Interior Designers (IIID) INSITE, Nov.11, pp. 18-20
- iii) "Space Making Crafts" published in the periodical of Institute of Indian Interior Designers (IIID) INSITE, Dec. 11, pp. 18-20
- iv) "The Nuances of *Thikri Kaam*" published in the periodical of Institute of Indian Interior Designers (IIID) INSITE, Jan 12, pp. 18-20
- v) "Spiral: A Representation of Process and Growth" in the periodical of Institute of Indian Interior Designers (IIID) INSITE, April 12, pp. 18-20
- vi) "Natural Stones" published in the periodical of Institute of Indian Interior Designers (IIID) INSITE, June 12, pp. 18-20
- vii) "TILES" published in the periodical of Institute of Indian Interior Designers (IIID) INSITE, Cover Story, Dec. 2012, pp. 24-30
- viii) "Bottle Bricks and the Esthetics of Sustainability" published in the magazine POOL, Indidesign Group, Issue 35, 2013, pp. 50-55
- ix) "Dharohar: A National Workshop on Craft and Skill Development for Sustainable Design", published in the periodical of Institute of Indian Interior Designers (IIID) INSITE, Dec 15, pp. 40-43

## 6) Reports/Monographs

- i) The author had worked on two monographs: one on 'Woodturning and Lacquer Craft, Dholka, Ahmedabad' and second on 'Stone Crafts of Gujarat' at Design Innovation and Craft Resource Centre (DICRC), CEPT University, Ahmedabad They are published as e-monographs. These monographs are uploaded online on the DICRC website.
- **ii) 'Dharohar'** Understanding the Importance of Art in Interior-Architecture (specific focus on City Palace, Udaipur), published by QIP centre, IIT Roorkee, 2014
- iii) 'Sanchay' Art-Craft and Interior Architecture of Almora, draft monograph launched during Dharohar: a National Workshop on 'Craft and Skill Development for Sustainable Design', organised and conducted under the aegis of CUDD, IIT Roorkee, during  $16^{th} 18^{th}$  August 2015

#### 7) Manifestos/Charters

- i) Played a vital role in the creation and development of National Design Manifesto (outcome of the Deconstructing Design Workshop organised by MHRD, India) prepared by MHRD, IITs, SPAs, NITs and other institutes of repute, during 2014-15
- **ii)** Played a vital role in the creation of the charter on South Asian Vernacular Architecture during the International Conference on South Asian Vernacular Architecture, organized and conducted by School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal, at Bhopal, during  $11^{th} 13^{th}$  Dec 15

#### 8) Poster Presentations

- i) Poster based on Post-Graduate Dissertation: "Narratives in Interior Architecture: Stone Crafts as a narrative medium for *Radhasoami Samadh* (Soami Bagh, Agra)" presented in an International Seminar: Samvad, held during September 11 in Ahmedabad, India
- ii) Poster based on Post-Graduate Dissertation: "Narratives in Interior Architecture: Stone Crafts as a narrative medium for *Radhasoami Samadh* (Soami Bagh, Agra)" presented in an International exhibition, organized by Institute of Indian Interior Designers (IIID), during September 11 in Mumbai, India
- iii) Poster based on Post-Graduate Dissertation: "Narratives in Interior Architecture: Stone Crafts as a narrative medium for *Radhasoami Samadh* (Soami Bagh, Agra)" presented in the International Seminar 'Inside Future-Future Inside', organized and conducted by School of Interior Design, CEPT University, Ahmedabad, during 19<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015
- iv) Poster based on "Professional Work during 2012-2015" presented in the International Seminar
   'Inside Future-Future Inside', organized and conducted by School of Interior Design, CEPT
   University, Ahmedabad, during 19<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015
- v) "Craft, a Narrative Barometer for Interior-Architecture: Specific Focus on Stone Crafts of India" presented at ICORD 2015, 05<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Research into Design, organized and conducted by Centre for Product Design and Manufacturing, IISC Bangalore during 07<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015
- vi) "Koti Banal Architecture of Uttarakhand: Indigenous Realities and Community Involvement" presented at the International Conference on South Asian Vernacular Architecture, organized and conducted by School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal, at Bhopal, during 11<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 15; Co-Authors: Gautam Mayuresh and Priyanka Mangaonkar
- vii) "Koti Banal Architecture of Uttarakhand: Indigenous Realities and Community Involvement" presented in the International Conference on Research into Design at IIT Guwahati, 09<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017; Co-Author: Gautam Mayuresh

#### LIST OF WORKSHOPS ORGANISED

Smriti Saraswat has been organising workshops that focus on materials; art, craft & technology; interior-architecture; and innovations. These workshops are hands-on and provide practical know-

how of working with various materials, thus developing creative skills in form evolution, using techniques of model and craft making. Alternate materials and technologies are also explored, as they equip the students with a better understanding towards the changing global scenario and climate concerns. These workshops are usually conceptualised in four parts:

- a) Awareness through Expert Lecture
- b) Hands-On Exposure
- c) Conceptual Development through Brainstorming
- d) Prototype Development/Application

Few of the recent workshops organised and conducted are:

- 1. 'DHAROHAR': A Three Day National Workshop on Craft and Skill Development for Sustainable Design
- 2. Parametric and Generative Design Methodology
- 3. Visual Art and Basic Design Workshops
- 4. Explorations in Papier Mache and its Applications in Interior- Architecture
- 5. Terracotta: Transformation through Time and Technology
- 6. Origami and Kirigami
- 7. Bamboo Workshops
- 8. Calligraphy
- 9. Cardboard Furniture
- 10. Space-Making Elements
- 11. Colour Configurations in Interior-Architecture
- 12. Creative Workshop on Weaving
- 13. Screen Printing Workshop
- 14. Photography Workshop
- 15. Sketching Workshop
- 16. Clay Workshop
- 17. Visual Identity of a Building through Model Making
- 18. Make it Sustainable Building Materials (MiSBM)
- 19. Rhapsody of Colours
- 20. Typography
- 21. Nature and Form
- 22. Interior-Architecture Installations
- 23. Human Centered Design
- 24. Kinetic Architecture
- 25. Wood Joinery
- 26. Sustainable Interiors
- 27. Fundamentals of Construction: Focus on Roofs

#### LIST OF THESES GUIDED

Level	Title of the Project/Thesis	Name(s) of Students
B. Arch.	1. State Bank of India Complex	Siddhartha Inani
	2. Meditation Centre	Shivam Gupta
	3. Technology Park	Aditya Maruvada
	4. New Vidhan Sabha Bhawan, Dehradun	Madhav Singh

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	5. Fashion Technology Park, Noida	Viraat Gupta
	6. Habitat Centre, Noida	Nischay Sharma
	7. The Humanitarian Centre, Navi Mumbai	Rishabh Roy
	8. Central Library-cum-Museum Complex	Hanan Quereshi
	9. Museum of Art & Culture, Konark, Odisha	Amlan Mishra
	10. New Bangalore Football Stadium, Bangalore	Kumar Saurav
	11. Automobile Museum, Bangalore	Akash Garg
	12. Chardikala Multimedia Centre, Chandigarh	Gurusharan Singh
	13. Art and Craft Museum, Jaipur	Bhawana Soni
	14. Convention Centre on an Abandoned Mill	Radhika Munshi
	Complex, Indore	
M. Arch.	1. Lighting Retrofit Strategies in office spaces	Amulya Gullapalli
	(specific focus on Vikas Minar, Delhi)	
	2. Design Strategies for Mitigating Urban Heat	Sathya Vignesh
	Island Effect (based on micro climatic parameters)	
	3. Women Safety and Public Spaces	Praveen Kumar
	4. Indigenous Building Materials of Uttarakhand	Gautam Mayuresh
	5. Public Art and Built Environment	Debasis Das
	6. Traditional Knowledge Systems in the Interior-	Sourav Ranjan Panika
	Architecture of Kumaun	
	7. Critical study of the impact of Architectural design	Jinoj M.
	teaching in studios on practice: A case study of 50	
	years of Architectural education in Kerala.	

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