

Externship Program

FOR STUDENTS OF ARCHITECTURE

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NEXT GENERATION IN
PARTICIPATORY
URBAN DESIGN

Externship Program for Students of Architecture in Participatory Urban Design

The Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) Chennai Chapter organized a unique Externship Program in January 2025, aimed at providing architecture students with hands-on experience in participatory urban design. This initiative was specifically designed for 2nd and 3rd-year students from various architecture schools, bridging the gap between academic learning and professional practice.

Program Highlights

Real-World Exposure: Students were immersed in the dynamic environment of architecture firms, including Yadav Architects in Alwarpet, Chennai. They observed ongoing projects and gained insights into diverse practices such as residential, commercial, and institutional design.

Expert Mentorship: Participants benefited from guidance provided by seasoned professionals, fostering a supportive learning environment and encouraging innovative thinking.

Comprehensive Learning: The program included site visits, plan reviews, and an exploration of the design and construction process. Students were introduced to architectural principles and sustainable practices.

Focus on Participatory Design: A key aspect of the externship was exploring community-centric approaches to urban design, emphasizing collaboration and engagement with local stakeholders.

Impact and Reception

The pilot program received enthusiastic responses from students, academic institutions, and architecture firms across Chennai. It was praised for its ability to provide practical exposure and strengthen connections between theoretical education and real-world applications.

On March 7th, 2025, participating colleges, students, and firms were felicitated for their contributions to the program.