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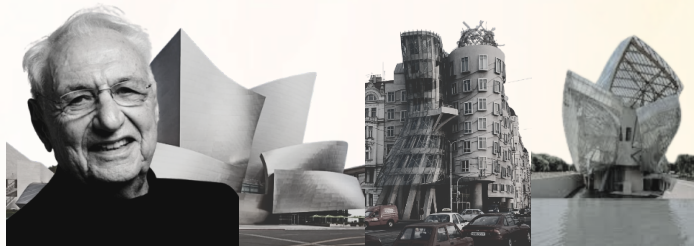


Amity School of Architecture and Planning (ASAP), Noida, under Amity University Uttar Pradesh (AUUP), is a nationally and internationally recognized institution dedicated to excellence in architectural and planning education since 2005.

ASAP's mission is to advance rational and sensitive thinking in the built environment, equipping students with cutting-edge knowledge to address industry challenges. The school fosters experiential learning through vertical studios, industry collaborations, and competition-driven projects.

We welcome aspiring architects and planners to join us in shaping the future environment.

## BENDING BOUNDARIES. SHAPING SPACE.



**Frank Gehry (1929–2025)** was one of the most influential voices of contemporary architecture, known for challenging conventional form and structure through bold, sculptural design.

His philosophy treated architecture as an artistic and experiential act, where movement, emotion, and material innovation shaped space beyond mere function.

His belief that **“Architecture should speak of its time and place, but yearn for timelessness.”** captured the essence of his design approach, defining architecture as experience rather than object.

His legacy continues to inspire architects to question norms, embrace experimentation, and design with courage and imagination.

## HIGHLIGHTS:

Events at University

Events at Department

Student Achievements

Site Visits

Design Juries

Industry Collaboration

Convocation

Tribute

## URBAN FUTURES: COLLABORATION IN ACTION



On 11 December 2025, a **Memorandum of Understanding** was signed between **Amity School of Architecture and Planning Noida (ASAP)** and the **National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)**, marking a significant step towards contributing to the vision of Viksit Bharat.

The partnership was established to strengthen collaboration in key areas of urban development, including research, resilience, river-sensitive planning, digital systems, and human-centered design. Joint efforts will focus on sustainable urban frameworks, capacity-building programmes, knowledge exchange, and evaluation studies to support future-ready cities.

The collaboration was acknowledged as a meaningful step in enhancing academic-institutional engagement for responsible and informed urban growth. Appreciation was extended to **Dr. Debolina Kundu, Director, NIUA**, and her team for shaping a forward-looking framework for cooperation between NIUA and academic institutions.

A guest lecture on **“Urban Rivers: Challenges and Management Aspects”** was delivered to B. Arch 5th and 7th semester students by **Ar. Simranpreet Kaur**, Urban Environment Specialist, NIUA, on 27th October 2025.

This session was marked as the first lecture in a planned academic series by Amity School of Architecture and Planning Noida, organized in collaboration with the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), focusing on contemporary urban and environmental challenges.

Valuable insights were shared on the issues faced by urban rivers, along with practical approaches to their management, restoration, and governance. Students were provided with real-world perspectives linking environmental theory to urban policy.



## ARCHISPHERE '25: DESIGNING RESILIENT FUTURES

**World Architecture Day** and **World Habitat Day** were celebrated on 6 October 2025 at Amity School of Architecture and Planning, Amity University Noida, through **ARCHISPHERE '25**, a one-day symposium.

The event was organised around the theme **“Architecture of Resilience: Response to Climate Risk”**, focusing on design for strength, climate responsiveness, and inclusive urban futures.

### School-Level Competitions:

Spark Tank: Sustainability Edition by the Sustainability Impact Club (SIC) and a debate by the Heritage Exploration Club (HEC) on “Tradition: A Barrier or a Pathway to Sustainability in the 21st Century CE?” with participation from Classes XI–XII.

### Panel Discussion:

An expert panel on Architecture of Resilience was moderated with eminent speakers: **Ar. Ajit Pai, Ar. Ujan Ghosh, Dr. Shaleen Singhal, Ar. Anurag Bajpai, and Ar. Namit Jain**, addressing climate risk, urban resilience, policy, and sustainability.

### Student Works Exhibition:

Selected academic, design-build, and competition projects were exhibited throughout the day.

The programme also featured student cultural performances and active engagement from academia, industry professionals, and schools. The event was successfully supported by faculty members and student volunteers, with guidance from the university leadership.



## LIGHTING SPACES. INSPIRING MINDS.



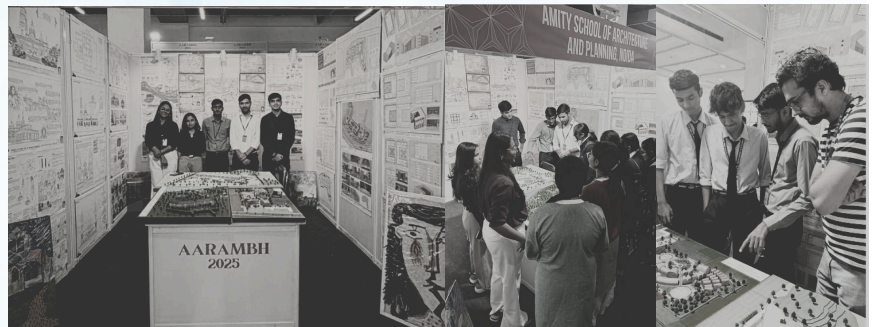
At Amity School of Architecture and Planning, Noida light was regarded not only as illumination, but also as a source of inspiration. During **Diwali**, each diya was seen as a reminder of how design could transform emptiness into experience and space into soul.

A vision of a brighter, more sustainable, and compassionate world was reaffirmed, to be built one idea, one brick, and one light at a time. Warm wishes for a luminous and joyous Diwali were shared with all.

## FROM CURIOSITY TO CREATION: AARAMBH 2025

At Amity School of Architecture and Planning, Noida education was approached as a journey that begins with curiosity. **“Aarambh 2025”**, an initiative of the **Council of Architecture, India (CoA)**, reflected this spirit by introducing school students to the ideas of design, innovation, and the built environment.

Appreciation was extended to the Council of Architecture for conceptualizing and organizing an initiative that fostered meaningful engagement between schools and architecture institutions across the country. Such dialogues were recognized as essential in shaping not only future structures, but also future generations.



## CRITIQUE. REFLECT. EVOLVE. STUDIO JURIES



## DEBATE AND DELIVER ARGUING FOR CHANGE

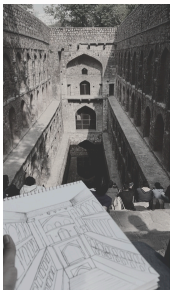
**Ms. Satyali Singh** (B.Arch, Semester VII) was congratulated for securing Second Position at the English Debate Competition titled **"The Green Argument"**, organized by the **RICS School of Built Environment, Amity University**.

Her theme, **"Green is Essential"**, emphasized that sustainability is no longer a matter of debate but a necessity. The argument highlighted the responsibility of the built environment in addressing climate change, noting the significant contribution of buildings to global carbon emissions and the rapid pace of urbanization.

The presentation reinforced that green buildings must responsibly use resources, energy, and materials without compromising comfort or aesthetics, underscoring sustainability as a social, economic, and environmental imperative.



## STEPWELL LAYERS: LEARNING BY EXPERIENCE



First-year students of Amity School of Architecture and Planning Noida, Amity University, Noida undertook an academic visit to **Agrasen ki Baoli** on 29 November as part of the History and Theory of Architecture course.

The visit enabled a direct understanding of stepwell typologies, spatial geometry, and the cultural layers embedded within Delhi's historic water structures. The experience reinforced the value of learning history through direct engagement with built heritage.

## CAPS OFF TO THE FUTURE: STEPPING INTO TOMORROW

The **21st Convocation of Amity University, Noida**, was celebrated as a defining milestone, honoring academic rigor, creative inquiry, and the shared ethos that shapes future professionals.

On 9th December 2025, the convocation for the **Class of 2025 of Amity School of Architecture and Planning, Noida** was hosted under the guidance of our **Dean and Director, Dr. Devendra Pratap Singh, PhD, FIIA**. Degrees for B. Arch, B. Plan, and M. Plan graduates were conferred by **Hon'ble Chancellor Dr. Atul Chauhan**, in the presence of esteemed faculty, mentors, proud parents, and alumni, making the ceremony a true intergenerational celebration.

A highlight of the day was the **Alumni Flag Ceremony**, symbolizing continuity and belonging, where the flag was received on behalf of the Class of 2025 by **Sunakshi Bhutani** and **Ujjwal K.**, reaffirming that graduation marks the beginning of a lifelong association with ASAP's values and legacy.

Congratulations were extended to the Class of 2025, whose contributions to the built environment are anticipated to reflect responsibility, creativity, and purpose.

