

Report on Interactive Workshop

The ICFAI School of Architecture in association with central marketing team, IFHE successfully conducted an interactive workshop on 18th March 2026, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, at ISArch, IFHE, Hyderabad. The workshop was attended by around 45 prospective students who had recently completed their 12th grade, along with a few parents and a NATA tutor. The programme aimed to introduce participants to the field of architecture and provide firsthand exposure to the campus and its facilities. Prof. Dr. Joyce Supriya S. and Prof. Sridevi Pelluri were the faculty coordinators for the event.

The event commenced at 10:00 AM with the reception of participants by the faculty members of ISArch. The session began with the Principal, Prof. Dr. Mahendra H. Sonawane, welcoming the gathering in the presence of Prof. Dr. K. L. Narayana, Director, FST. The Principal provided a brief overview of the programme and highlighted the various opportunities available in the field of architecture, with particular emphasis on business prospects and entrepreneurial avenues, along with its scope, creativity, and future potential.

Following this, Prof. Dr. K. L. Narayana, Director, addressed the participants, extending a warm welcome and elaborating on the diverse career opportunities available for 12th-grade graduates. This was followed by student testimonials shared by Tanisha, Samhitha, Vandana, Sirisha, and Sahiti S., representing various batches of ISArch, who spoke about their academic experiences and learning environment at the institution. A snack break was arranged at 11:00 AM by the administrative staff. A library exhibition, coordinated by Prof. Asha Devadas, was arranged in the lobby space in front of the Principal's office, providing participants with access to a wide range of architectural resources.

Students were then divided into four groups, each consisting of 10 members, for a structured exploration of the architecture college and its various facilities and infrastructure. The groups were guided by Dr. Anil Kumar, Prof. Sankha Subhra Nath, Prof. Sonu Kumar, Prof. Sovan Biswas, Prof. Rama Kiran Mareedu and Prof. I. V. Sarma. The participants were subsequently taken on a campus tour via buggies. The tour covered key facilities such as the Construction Yard, FST, Carpentry Workshop, Law College, Clinic, indoor and outdoor sports facilities, canteen, mess, and Swimming Pool, offering students a comprehensive view of the campus infrastructure.

From 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM, a lunch break was organized. Post lunch, from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM, Students first attended a NATA & JEE orientation session, followed by an engaging Sketching Competition, both organized and conducted by Prof. Rama Kiran Mareedu and Prof. Akhila. The session helped participants to understand entrance examinations and preparation strategies, while the competition provided an opportunity to showcase their creativity and design abilities.

As part of the competition, two students were awarded the first prize, each receiving a cash prize of ₹2000, and two students were selected as runners-up, each receiving ₹1000. The event concluded with the distribution of certificates to winners and participants by the Principal, Prof. Dr. Mahendra H. Sonawane, along with Mr. Srikanth Poturi, Vice President – Marketing & Admissions, IFHE, and Mr. Srinivas Prasad, Zonal Head –

Marketing & Admissions, IFHE. This was followed by a group photo session, capturing the memorable moments of the day.

Poster:



Photographs:



Principal, Prof. Dr. Mahendra H. Sonawane, delivering the welcome address and introducing the workshop to the participants.



Prof. Dr. K. L. Narayana, Director, addressing the participants and highlighting career opportunities



An interactive session between participants and ISArch students, fostering exchange of ideas and experiences.



Participants exploring the Climatology Lab, with Prof. Dr. Anil Kumar Kand Prof. Rama Kiran Mareed demonstrating environmental analysis tools and their relevance in architectural design.



Participants visiting the Material Museum, guided by Prof. Sovan Biswas, gaining insights into various building materials and their applications in construction.



Participants visiting the Computer Lab, with Prof. Sonu Kumar introducing digital tools and software used in architectural design and visualization.



Participants visiting the Surveying Lab, with Prof. I. V. Sarma explaining the facilities and practical applications.



Participants visiting construction yard under the guidance of Prof. SankhaSubhraNath and Prof. Dr. Anil Kumar K.



Participants exploring architectural books displayed at the exhibition.



Visit of Registrar Prof. Dr. Vijaya Lakshmi and Joint Registrar Mr. Madhusudhana Rao to the workshop, accompanied by our Principal and faculty members



Participants attending the NATA & JEE orientation session led by Prof. Rama Kiran Mareedu and Prof. SaiAkhila.



Students actively participating in the sketching competition under the invigilation of Prof. Rama Kiran Mareedu



Principal, Prof. Dr. Mahendra H. Sonawane, and Mr. SrikanthPoturi, Vice President – Marketing & Admissions, IFHE addressing the participants during the valedictory session.



Certificate and cash prize distribution for first prize winner by Prof. Dr. Mahendra H. Sonawane (Principal - ISArch), Mr. SrikanthPoturi (Vice President – Marketing & Admissions, IFHE)



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Certificate and cash prize distribution for runner up student by Prof. Dr. Mahendra H. Sonawane (Principal - ISArch), Mr. SrikanthPoturi (Vice President – Marketing & Admissions, IFHE), and Mr. Srinivas Prasad (Zonal Head – Marketing & Admissions, IFHE)



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Group photograph of the participants along with Prof. Dr. Mahendra H. Sonawane (Principal, ISArch) and faculty members