Report on Seminar and MoU Signing Ceremony

Event Information

Event Name: Redefining the Future of Architectural Practice
Institution and Organiser: ICFAI School of Architecture, IFHE, Hyderabad
Date: 3 November 2026, Tuesday
Seminar Start Time: 10:30 a.m.
Seminar Venue: FST Auditorium, IFHE
MoU Ceremony Venue: Conference Hall, ISArch
Mode: In person | Participants: Students, faculty and invited guests
Chief Guest and Speaker: Dr Mahesh Daas, President, Boston Architectural College

Introduction

The ICFAI School of Architecture (ISArch), IFHE, Hyderabad, organised the seminar Redefining the Future of Architectural Practice on 3 November 2026. Dr Mahesh Daas, President of Boston Architectural College (BAC), USA, was the chief guest and speaker. The visit also included a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony with BAC.

The programme brought students and faculty together to explore architectural practice, technology and entrepreneurship. It provided an opportunity to engage with a visiting architectural educator and to learn about the relationship between education and professional practice.

Objectives of the Event

- To introduce students to emerging directions in architectural practice.
- To explore how creativity, technology and entrepreneurship can shape professional opportunities.
- To enable interaction with Dr Mahesh Daas on architectural education and practice.
- To mark the MoU signing with Boston Architectural College.

Welcome and Introduction of the Chief Guest

Prachi Mehta delivered the welcome address. Dr Joyce introduced the chief guest, Dr Mahesh Daas. Dr Vani Madhavi attended as a visiting guest. Students and faculty participated in the seminar.

Seminar Proceedings

Dr Mahesh Daas addressed the evolving scope of architectural practice and the opportunities available beyond conventional professional roles. His presentation introduced the Boston Architectural College and its approach to connecting education with practice. It also addressed entrepreneurship and the relationship of architecture with technology, robotics and artificial intelligence.

Examples of architectural work and emerging areas of practice placed these themes in context. The presentation encouraged students to consider how design education could support the identification of problems and the development of ideas, businesses and solutions. Photographs document the address, audience participation and interaction with students.

Vote of Thanks

Rithika delivered the vote of thanks, acknowledging the chief guest and those who contributed to the programme.

MoU Signing Ceremony

The MoU ceremony took place in the conference hall at ISArch. Dr S Vijayalakshmi, Registrar, IFHE, and Dr Mahesh Daas, President, BAC, signed the MoU. The ceremony included the signing of the documents, their ceremonial exchange and photographs with the participants.

The event display carried the theme Building Bridges Across Borders. The signing recorded the institutional agreement with BAC and formed a distinct part of Dr Mahesh Daas's visit to ISArch.

Outcomes and Conclusion

The seminar introduced students to perspectives on entrepreneurship and contemporary architectural practice, with examples linking design education to professional work. It provided a setting for students and faculty to engage with Dr Mahesh Daas and learn about the Boston Architectural College.

The visit also marked the signing of the MoU by the authorised representatives of IFHE and BAC. ISArch acknowledges Dr Mahesh Daas, the visiting guests, faculty, students and organising team for their participation and contributions to the event.

Photographic Documentation





Figure 1. Dr Mahesh Daas delivering the seminar at the FST Auditorium.



Figure 2. Faculty members and students attending the seminar.

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Figure 3. Dr Mahesh Daas, President, BAC, and Dr S Vijayalakshmi, Registrar, IFHE, signing the MoU.



Figure 4. Ceremonial presentation and exchange of the MoU folders.

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Figure 5. Group photograph during Dr Mahesh Daas's visit to ISArch.



Figure 6. A folder-presentation photograph taken during the visit.