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FROM DIRECTOR'S DESK

It gives us great pleasure to release the first issue of the newsletter of RICS School of Built Environment, Amity University, Noida Campus. It showcases the diverse activities conducted in the School that enrich student learning; institutional research, outreach and consultancy; and overall development of the students as professionals who will lead the sustainable development at global level with empathy and compassion. We take pride in the achievements and accomplishments of our Alumni and look forward to remaining connected with them. I hope reading this short glimpse of the activities would be as enjoyable and inspiring for the readers as has been the experience of the RICS SBE team in establishing the School. Join us on this unique journey of industry-led education as students, academic professionals, industry experts, policymakers, alumni and collaborators in any format.



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RICS School Of Built Environment,
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ACADEMIC EVENTS

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

We had an incredible guest lecture on "The Evolving Landscape of Commercial Real Estate Projects" by the industry veteran, Mr. Vipin Malik, Senior Vice President at Brookfield Properties. His invaluable insights into the industry have undoubtedly enriched our students' understanding of the subject, and we are thankful for his presence.



SITE VISIT - The SVELTE

Site visit to The "Svelte hotel" Delhi, a member of Radisson Individuals Saket.

Students explored this unique hotel for design, appointment of rooms, concept of long stay hotels, complexities of hotels being part of a large shopping mall, basic performance metrics of the hotels, and operational challenges. We express our gratitude to Ms. Maneesha Bajpai, General Manager of The Svelte Hotel, and her team, for being a gracious host and making significant contributions in the learning process through this site visit.



LIFE at RICS SBE

ACADEMIC EVENTS



BOOT CAMP - MBA CPM

Mace conducted a boot camp at RICS School of Built Environment for students of MBA Construction Project Management and MBA Construction Economics and Quantity Surveying about Construction Project Management challenges and solutions on August 29, 2024.



Students were given a perspective of projects on 4 different continents, including Antarctica, by Mr. Carlton Walker, Project Director. Ms. Riddha Basu from Mace gave the perspective about the Noida Meeting Place [NMP] Project of Ikea.

It was an insightful session for the students on managing and mitigating risks.

BOOT CAMP - MBA REUI

RICS School of Built Environment (RICS SBE) successfully organized an engaging boot camp with our esteemed alumnus, Mr. Shashank Vashishtha, MRICS Managing Director & Country Leader at eXp Realty India. The session focused on a detailed case study titled 'Launching a New Residential Project in Noida.'

Mr. Vashishtha, with his extensive experience in the real estate sector, provided valuable insights into the complexities of launching a residential project in a competitive market like Noida. The session covered key aspects such as market analysis, project planning, regulatory considerations, and effective marketing strategies.



The Supreme Quality of Leadership Is **INTEGRITY**

Dwight D. Eisenhower

LIFE at RICS SBE

FACULTY TRIBUTE

RICS School of Built Environment, Noida Campus celebrated Teacher's Day with heartfelt gratitude and joy!

A huge thanks and gratitude to our Director Dr. Vanita Ahuja and dedicated faculty who inspire and guide us every day.

The celebrations included students making the faculty feel so special and the whole office team cherishing the team work that defines the spirit of RICS SBE, Noida Campus.



ACADEMIC EVENTS

SITE VISIT

MBA in Real Estate & Urban Infrastructure students at RICS School of Built Environment, Noida Campus, had an insightful visit to the award-winning Select City Walk Shopping Mall in New Delhi.

Under the guidance of Mr. Vidyanand Shrivastava from Select Infrastructure Private Limited, we delved into the mall's state-of-the-art facility management systems, including HVAC, power backup, and emission control.



GREEN BUILDING WEEK - GBW '24

Green Argument: A Debate for a Greener Future!

As part of Green Week celebrations, RICS School of Built Environment, Amity University, Noida campus hosted an exciting debate competition, "Green Argument." Students showcased their passion and knowledge for sustainable practices, engaging in insightful discussions on innovative approaches to green buildings.

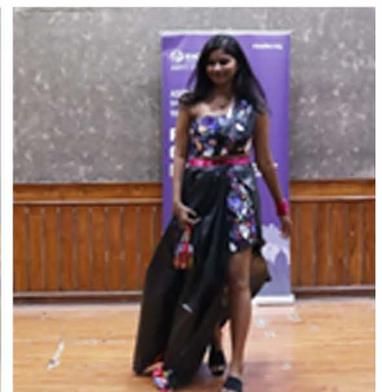


Fashion with a purpose!

As part of Green Building Week, RICS School of Built Environment at Amity University, Noida campus in collaboration with Prem Jain Memorial Trust (PJMT) hosted the inspiring fashion show competition "Fashion for the Future."

Our talented students showcased their creativity and commitment to sustainability by presenting unique, eco-friendly designs.

Judges for the show included Mr. Debashish from PJMT. We are thankful to him for taking out time for the event and encouraging the students. Congratulations to all the participants for their amazing work and to faculty members for their guidance and support



CONCLUDING CEREMONY 2024

Celebrating the Graduating Batch of 2024 at RICS School of Built Environment, Amity University, Noida

RICS School of Built Environment (RICS SBE) held the memorable Concluding Ceremony of our batch of 2024 batch in hybrid mode, blending in-person and virtual participation. Our then Director and HOI, Prof. [Dr.] Deepak Bajaj, warmly welcomed everyone, and special awards were given to students who excelled both academically and in extracurricular activities.

Faculty members expressed immense pride, applauding the adaptability and resilience of our graduates. The batch of 2024.

Congratulations to all our graduates!



Shree Baljit Shastri Award for the Best in Human & Traditional Values

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BBA REUI

Ayushee Saraph
MBA REUI

Gaurav Jain
MBA CPM

Rudra Pratap Shahi
MBA CEQS

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Ishir Hans
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Kadamban C A M
MBA CPM

Abdul Hadhi Mohamed Farook
MBA CEQS



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Faeqa Khan
MBA REUI

Organizing cultural activities

Dharshini V
MBA REUI

Alisha Singh
MBA CPM

Afra Mariam R
MBA CEQS

DONATION DRIVE - SPREADING JOY

The Social Service Club of RICS SBE, Noida campus recently organized a heartwarming event at Aangan Trust - Elderly Home, Noida. Students not only donated essential items but also spent quality time with the residents, lighting up their day with love and care.

The event was filled with music, dance, and storytelling, bringing smiles to the faces of the elderly and creating lasting memories. The joy in their eyes was a reminder of the power of compassion and the beauty of community.

OLD-AGE HOME VISIT



“Caring for our seniors is perhaps the greatest responsibility we have. Those who walked before us have given so much and made possible the life we all enjoy.” – Senator John Hoeven

THE CRISIS OF OBLIGATION



Triveni Prasad Nanda

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We recently weathered one of the worst epidemics mankind had ever witnessed. With over 700 million being affected till date [reported figures] globally, the mounting heap of casualties painted a grim picture, no one could have envisaged at the start of 2020. The International Monetary Fund reported that the total economic fallout could be as much as 3% of the global economic output .

The pandemic was compared to past catastrophic events like the Great Depression of 1930s and the two World Wars and brought the attention of the policymakers to the economic fallout once the world crawled back to normalcy or the semblance of a new adaptive normal, in the months and year ahead.

One of those policies concerning the success of countless businesses devoid of end customers was one clause, or the lack thereof, in most standard contract documents, the article of ‘force majeure’ which, when translated from French means ‘superior force’ also popularly, and erroneously, known as an ‘Act of God’ [which in Latin translates to vis major]. Force majeure (FM) clauses are contractual articles which alter parties’ obligations and/or liabilities under a contract when an extraordinary event or circumstance beyond their control prevents one or all of them from fulfilling those obligations. In English law jurisdictions, force majeure clauses are articles of contracts rather than of the general common law . The Indian Contract Act [1872] does not expressly mention the force majeure clause, however, Sections 32 and 56 of the Act do talk about ‘contingent contracts’ and ‘the doctrine of frustration’ respectively [for further reading] .

From anchor-stores leasing the largest corners in shopping malls to contractors staving off paying overheads without receivables at construction sites , everyone tried to wriggle their way out of their contractual obligation of paying the receivers in the absence of any worthwhile revenue . To not sound condescending to either of the parties to a contract, the issue of applicability of the FM clause had to be taken on a case-to-case basis as it is contingent on its interpretation owing to the fact that pandemics are never usually included in the definitions of what constitutes an ‘Act of God’ .

Following the actions in multiple countries, including China, where the government had to issue ‘force majeure’ certificates to shield companies from legal damages , in India the Ministry of Finance issued a memorandum on February 17, 2020, stating that Covid-19 be considered a ground to invoke FM because it is a ‘natural calamity’, albeit restricting the use to public procurement only .

While the law offices were inundated with calls from worried clients who would be either invoking force majeure or tried to prove the culpability of the opposite party, the actual merit of these cases were adjudged based on the extant clauses in their respective contracts delineating the liability of each party .

FROM PENTHOUSE DREAMS TO BALCONY NIGHTMARES

THE REAL COST OF URBAN HOUSING

In the rush to solve India's urban housing crisis, we're building apartment complexes faster than you can say 'Ready to Move-In'—but what are we really constructing? Are we creating modern homes or just laying the foundation for future slums?

The great Indian kitchens and balconies

It seems that the dream of a well-appointed apartment with functional amenities is being downgraded to a compromise. Take a look around: those spacious balconies that were supposed to be our serene escape? They're more likely to be crammed with plants, drying laundry, or, if you're lucky, an outdoor chair with a view of a neighbouring wall. Relaxing there? Not so much. In fact, the balcony is the most non-functional feature in today's apartments, much like the kitchen that feels more like a postage stamp than a space for culinary adventures. You've got your shiny new induction stove, and you're ready to whip up some dinner. But wait! There's barely space to chop an onion without sending half your utensils tumbling into the sink. The kitchen is hardly meal-friendly.

Leaky pipes and endless frustration

Then there's the bathroom. You know, that place that promises a peaceful retreat? Only it turns out that peace comes with a side of leaky pipes and the occasional water trickle through the ceiling, a bonus feature when you least expect it. The sunken slab, once a practical feature in toilets designed to prevent water from spilling into other parts of the home, has vanished from many modern designs, but not for the better. No need for a spa day—just stand under the leak and hope for the best.



Madhumira V
MBA CPM | 2023-25

Chappal war

But wait, there's more! The chappal war is real. Our beloved chappals, once worn proudly at the entrance, now have to be stashed somewhere sneaky, lest they upset the 'sanctity' of the lobby. Forget the elegant marble floors and luxurious entryways—your slippers will be fighting for space in a room where the hall is more narrow corridor than a welcoming space for a modern family.

The need for thoughtful design

As we build these 'affordable' residential areas, are we really building homes, or are we setting ourselves up for a future where we live in overcrowded, poorly designed boxes, with slipping tiles, cramped kitchens, and battle-worn shoes at the door?

In the pretext of solving the housing crisis, we may soon find ourselves living in a maze of modern slums, all under the illusion of "urban sophistication." The dream of a modern, comfortable apartment is not impossible—it just needs a bit more thought, and perhaps a lot fewer leaky bathrooms.

THE DRAINAGE DILEMMA

HOW EVERY INDIAN CITY TURNS INTO VENICE DURING THE MONSOONS

With the rain clouds gathering around and dew drops starting to fall, Indian cities once again go through a remarkable transformation. What was once a bustling city panorama is now a glorified Venice, looking complete with its makeshift boats and knee-deep gutters of water. But as opposed to a romantic gondola ride, we find ourselves navigating through the chaos of urban flooding, the result of an inefficient stormwater infrastructure that seems continually stuck in a monsoon-triggered nightmare. This raises a crucial question: why has our stormwater infrastructure remained inadequate despite technological advances and urban growth?



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A Tale of Two Venice's

While Venice is known for its stunning canals and scenic waterways, Indian cities seem to have taken a less glamorous approach. Our "canals" are more akin to a haphazard network of overflowing drains, clogged culverts, and puddles that could rival the best water parks. In fact, if you've ever dreamed of diving into a wave pool, move steps on the streets of Mumbai, Bangalore or Chennai during seasonal monsoons. Who needs a summer getaway when your city doubles as a splash zone?

The paradox of urban infrastructure

" Why do our cities seem so underprepared for the same events they face year after year? "

As urban growth surges, our investment in high-rise buildings and sprawling malls are on ever rise, but when it comes to stormwater systems, we still seem to be stuck with outdated blueprints from the last century. The demand for efficient drains has never been greater.

Historical apathy has led to a reliance on slowly implementing solutions with significant development that has failed to overcome the flooded system. The paradox lies in our unwillingness to fund initiatives that can both reduce the floods that are occurring now and help us prepare for climate change.

The Need of the Hour

At present, simply preventing flooding is not enough; We also need to actively develop policies that can adapt to a changing climate. These changes in resilience theory must be dynamic and interconnected. The solution must be a coordinated process of adaptive planning, considering not only drainage, but land use, vegetation and community engagement also.

It's time to reconsider our strategies. We should welcome the monsoon season as a chance for innovation rather than viewing it as a disaster. Imagine if we could turn our sewers into a sustainable rainwater harvesting system or use permeable pavements and roof gardens as green solutions. As we gear up for another rainy season, let's hope for cities that can withstand the rain, and not just survive them.

ROAR - RICS SCHOOL OF BUILT ENVIRONMENT

ROAR [Rise of Alumni of RICS SBE] community, is an alumni body of RICS SBE. ROAR is aimed to offer a meaningful engagement to all alumni and support them in various possible ways towards continuous development. We envision to build, groom and grow a community of built environment professionals year on year, engaged by series of events and aimed to a lifetime commitment with RICS School of Built Environment and RICS professional body to strengthen and support the profession, globally

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**“ SHAPING MINDS FOR
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