



T. Institutional Distinctiveness/Uniqueness:

Shri Siddheshwar Mandal's College of Architecture, Solapur established in 1993, Shri Siddheshwar Mandal's College of Architecture, Solapur, has been a premier institution offering quality architectural education to aspiring students in and around Solapur. The institution emphasizes the creation of a built environment that is sensitive to ecological, climatic, and societal concerns by employing specialized faculty and conducting workshops, seminars, and hands-on training sessions.

Holistic Development

One of the most distinctive features of our institution is its strong commitment to holistic development through an outcome-based education framework. The college provides students with ample opportunities and resources to facilitate their all-round growth.

Faculty and Staff Development

- Faculty members are encouraged to participate in Faculty Development Programs (FDP), Quality Improvement Programs (QIP) by the Council of Architecture, and short-term courses offered by state and central government/universities.
- They actively conduct seminars, workshops, and research initiatives while upgrading their qualifications.

Partnerships and Collaborations

- Expert practicing architects are invited as adjunct faculty and guest speakers at regular intervals to introduce students to contemporary developments, new technologies, and industry standards. Nearly 25% of the course content is delivered by professional architects.
- Faculty members ensure student-centric co-curricular and extracurricular activities to promote leadership skills and a cooperative culture among students, preparing them to compete in professional environments.
- Alumni of the institute have established successful practices in India and across the globe. They continue to engage with the institution as mentors, guest speakers, and contributors to academic and extracurricular activities, facilitating internships, placements, and higher education guidance.

A) Curricular Perspective

Aim:

To offer high-quality architectural education through well-structured academic programs, employing effective teaching-learning methodologies integrated with contemporary pedagogical approaches.

Objectives:

- To equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in the field of architecture through an industry-aligned curriculum, experienced faculty, and state-of-the-art facilities.
- To provide students with experiential learning opportunities beyond traditional classroom instruction.
- To prepare students for professional success in a globally competitive market.



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Institutional Initiatives:

1. **Mentorship & Industry Exposure:** Students are guided by mentors, counselors, industry experts, professionals, and innovators throughout their academic journey.
2. **Project-Based Learning:** Students engage in real-world problem-solving through projects associated with industry and societal needs.
3. **Experiential Learning:** The curriculum integrates fieldwork, site visits, case studies, study tours, and internships to enhance practical knowledge.
4. **Skill Enhancement:** Hands-on training is provided on the latest industry-adopted technologies to ensure students are industry-ready.
5. **Model-Based Academic Exhibitions:** Annual academic exhibitions provide students with a platform to showcase their work and gain exposure.
6. **Resource Sharing & Professional Engagement:** The institution offers its well-equipped laboratories and library to practicing architects in Solapur. Additionally, the college holds memberships in professional societies like IIA, INTACH, and NASA, fostering interaction between academia and industry.

Outcome: Graduates of the institution are equipped with the requisite knowledge, practical skills, and professional ethics, making them industry-ready and capable of tackling contemporary architectural challenges.

B) Non-Curricular Perspective

Aim: To create platforms for students to develop physical, social, and cultural competencies alongside their academic pursuits.

Objectives:

- To instill the importance of social responsibility and holistic development in students.
- To cultivate communication, teamwork, and leadership skills essential for success in any professional field.

Institutional Initiatives:

1. **Community Engagement & Social Responsibility:** The college organizes community service projects, volunteer work, and social awareness campaigns on topics such as drug abuse prevention, women's health, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, and tree plantation. These initiatives create awareness among students and inspire them to find solutions to social challenges.
2. **Physical Well-Being:** The institution promotes physical fitness through annual sports and cultural events, fostering teamwork, confidence, decision-making, and mental resilience.
3. **Emotional & Psychological Well-Being:** The institute has implemented a mentor-mentee system where students receive guidance on academic and personal matters. Additionally, a professional counselor has been appointed to provide psychological support to students in need.

Outcome:

Upon graduation, students develop a deep sense of empathy, social responsibility, and leadership skills. They are well-equipped to address societal challenges while excelling in their professional careers.



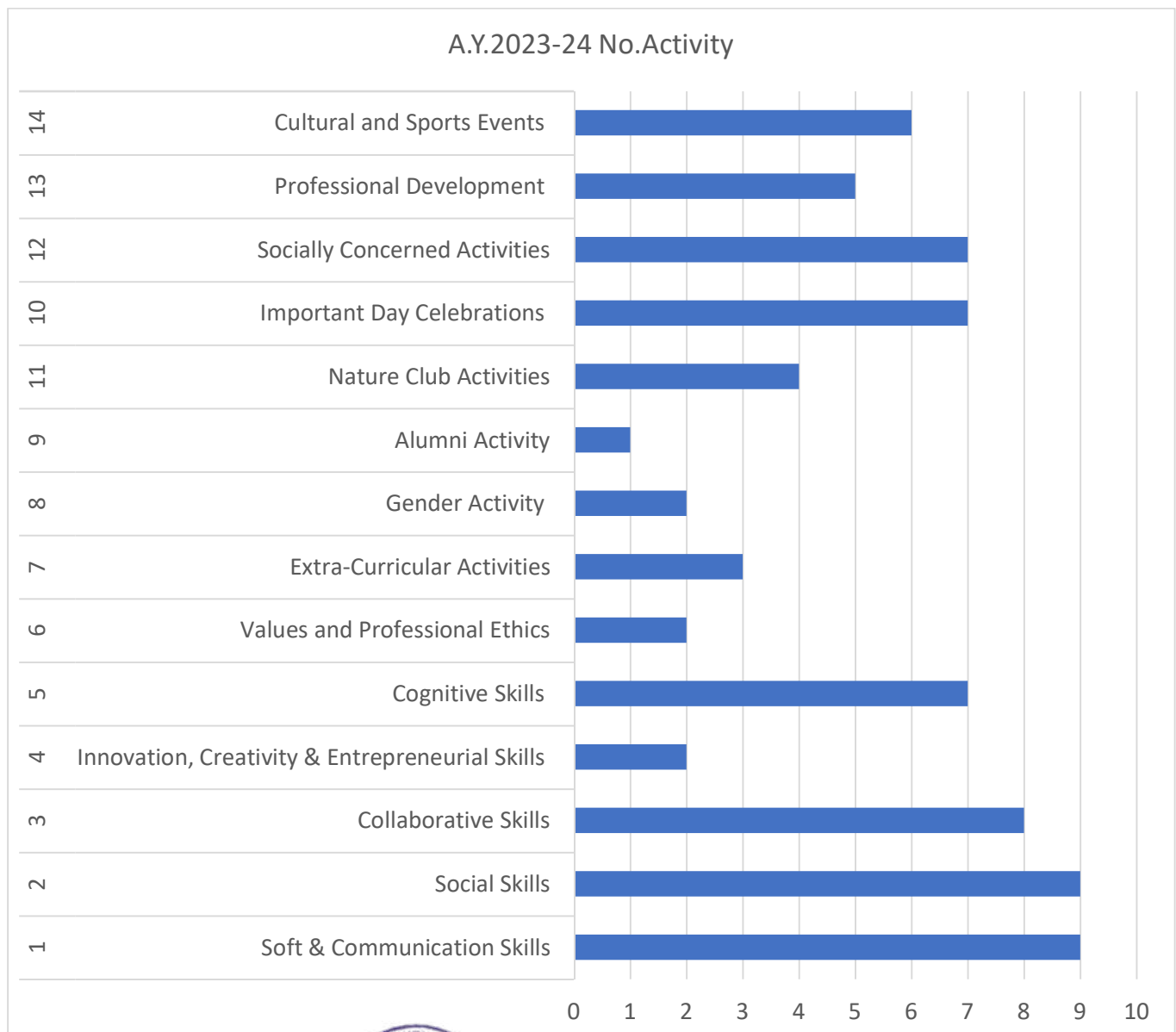
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Conclusion

The institute is committed to instilling moral values, self-discipline, and sensitivity towards societal issues. Through quality education, mentorship, and experiential learning, it aims to create responsible and skilled professionals aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Additionally, the institute fosters respect for heritage and the Indian Knowledge System (IKS).

We take pride in our unwavering dedication to the holistic development of students by providing them with quality education, world-class facilities, and diverse learning opportunities. Our structured approach to curricular and non-curricular activities ensures that graduates emerge as competent professionals, ethical leaders, and socially responsible individuals. The institute continues to work towards inclusive development, gender equity, and adaptability to global transformations while upholding its mission of delivering quality architectural education.



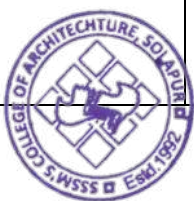
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Initiatives taken by the institution

By exposing our students throughout their educational program by providing them with mentors, counsellor, industry experts, professionals and innovators, the activities outlined are crucial for the holistic development of students, as they foster essential skills across communication, collaboration, innovation, and social responsibility. By engaging in diverse experiences like cultural events, professional development, and social awareness campaigns, students gain a well-rounded education that prepares them for both personal and professional success in a global society. These activities help cultivate leadership, critical thinking, and ethical values, ensuring students are not just academically proficient but socially and emotionally intelligent as well.

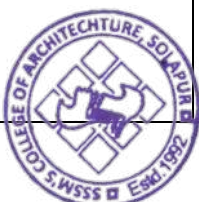
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Sr.No.	Category	Objective	Activities Conducted	No. of Activities
A	Soft & Communication Skills	To develop effective communication skills to enable students to receive and express meaning in diverse contexts and with various audiences at the global level.	1. Heritage Club - Caves at Bhubaneswar: Exploration of cultural heritage with a presentation of findings.	9
			2. Heritage Walk at Konark Sun Temple: Guided historical tour and communication of historical knowledge.	
			3. Movie Club - Understanding Architect Gaudi: Analysis and discussion of an architectural film, promoting verbal and written communication.	
			4. Readers Club - Book Fountainhead: Group reading and discussion of the book, enhancing comprehension and articulation of viewpoints.	
			5. Nature Club - Nature Walk at Mridubandha Waterfall.	
			6. Nature Club - Nandkanan Zoological Park.	
			7. Nature Club - Nature Park.	
			8. Nature Club - Pine Forest: Exploration of natural reserves and wildlife, fostering appreciation for the environment.	
			9. Emu Bird Sanctuary.	
B	Social Skills	To cultivate understanding and solutions for ecological, social, and economic challenges that are critical for a sustainable and interconnected world.	1. New Voters Registration Program: Campaign to raise awareness on voter registration and democratic participation.	9
			2. Plastic-Free Campus Initiative: Campaign promoting sustainable practices through plastic reduction.	
			3. Pollution-Free Campus Awareness: Activities to address and reduce pollution on campus.	
			4. Swachhta Seva: Cleanliness drive to promote campus hygiene.	



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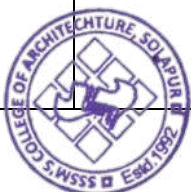
			5. Tree Plantation: Environmental initiative focusing on biodiversity preservation. 6. Voter's Awareness Program: Educational session on voting rights and responsibilities. 7. Ayushman Bharat Yojana Awareness: Health insurance awareness campaign. 8. Meri Mati Mera Desh: Encouraging patriotic participation through community projects. 9. Raise Responsible Boys Campaign: Social responsibility and gender equality awareness campaign.	
C	Collaborative Skills	To develop intrapersonal and interpersonal competencies necessary for effective and ethical teamwork and collaboration.	1. Adrenaline Sports Week: Team-building sports events to foster collaboration and cooperation. Chess, Carrom, Table Tennis, Foot Ball, Cricket 2. Cultural Day (Freshers' Day, Send-Off Day, Annual Prize Distribution, Gajkarna Ganesh Utsav): Collaborative preparation and celebration of cultural events involving students, staff, and faculty.	8
D	Innovation, Creativity & Entrepreneurial Skills	To transform ideas into actions, meeting community needs through creative thinking and innovation.	1. Akhil Bhartiya Natya Sammelan Participation: National-level theatre participation, fostering creative and collaborative expression 2. Architect's Role in Current Scenario by Ar. Ajit Harisangam: Seminar on the evolving role of architects in modern society.	2
E	Cognitive Skills	To develop critical thinking and problem-solving abilities by acquiring, processing, analyzing, and interpreting information.	1. Case Study – Brick College of Architecture, The Jamshree Mill, Orchid College of Engineering: In-depth investigation of real-life architectural projects. 2. Visit to Chincholi MIDC – Steel Structures: Study of construction techniques in steel structures. 3. Climatology – Indian Meteorological Department: Understanding of weather systems and their impact on architecture and infrastructure. 4. Sveri College of Engineering, Pandharpur: Exploration of engineering practices and innovation. 5. Tile Studio MIDC Solapur: Examination of tile production processes. 6. Expert Lecture by Ar. Katikar Pushpanjali: Insights into architectural trends and innovations.	7



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			7. Vendor Visits – Chandan Tiles, Lords Plywood, Udeshi Timbers, Krishna Sanitary Ware, Vardhman Plywood & Interiors Shop: Industry visits for practical learning in materials and architectural elements.	
F	Values and Professional Ethics	To foster ethical practices, inclusivity, and a commitment to social justice.	1. SCRM Heartfulness Meditation center – Meditation Workshop	2
			2. Guidelines for integration of onsite renewable energy system as per ECBC	
G	Extra-Curricular Activities	To broaden students' perspectives and engage them in diverse, enriching activities.	1. Investor Awareness Program: Financial literacy and awareness on investment practices.	3
			2. Health Awareness – Diet as Medicine, Heartfulness Meditation, and Mental Health Initiatives: Fostering physical and mental well-being.	
H	Gender Activity	To create sensitivity toward gender equality and foster social justice.	1. Gender Sensitization Program: Raise and Responsible boys' campaign	2
			2. Poster making Competition.	
I	Alumni Activity	To provide opportunities for alumni engagement, knowledge sharing, and fostering professional growth	1. Alumni Interaction Session: UTTAR - platform for alumni to interact with current students and share professional insights, organized in coordination with the Indian Institute of Architects.	1
J	Important Day Celebrations	To celebrate national and institutional milestones, fostering patriotism, respect for heritage, and unity.	1. Republic Day	7
			2. Independence Day	
			3. Teachers' Day	
			4. University Day	
			5. Engineers' Day	
			6. Architects' Day	
			7. Sadbhavana Divas	
K	Nature Club Activities	To connect students with nature and promote environmental awareness.	1. Nature Walks at Mridubandha Waterfall	4
			2. Nandkanan Zoological Park	
			3. Nature Park	
			4. Pine Forest: Exploring nature reserves and wildlife while fostering an appreciation for the environment.	
L	Important Day Celebrations	To foster a sense of national identity and cultural awareness by engaging students in commemorating significant days, promoting patriotism, and encouraging a	1. Republic Day	7
			2. Independence Day	
			3. Teachers' Day	
			4. Engineers' Day	
			5. Architects' Day	
			6. Sadbhavana Divas	



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		deeper connection with the country's history and values.		
M	Socially Concerned Activities	To promote awareness and active participation among students in social, environmental, and sustainability-related issues, encouraging them to take responsibility for creating positive change within their community and the environment.	1. Plastic-Free Campus Initiative. 2. Pollution-Free Campus Campaign. 3. Swachhta Seva. 4. Tree Plantation. 5. Voter's Awareness Program. 6. Ayushman Bharat Yojana Awareness. 7. Meri Mati Mera Desh Campaign. 8. Raise Responsible Boys Campaign.	7
N	Professional Development	To enhance students' professional competence and academic knowledge through exposure to industry experts, seminars, workshops, and lectures, enabling them to understand the current trends and challenges in their respective fields.	1. Architect's Role in Current Scenario by Ar. Ajit Harisangam. 2. Expert Lecture by Ar. Katikar Pushpanjali. 3. Case Studies on Architectural Practices. 4. Vendor Visits 5. Professional Seminars.	5
O	Cultural and Sports Events	To cultivate teamwork, leadership, and physical well-being through collaborative activities, while also providing students with opportunities for cultural exchange, creative expression, and building a strong sense of community and school spirit.	1. Adrenaline Sports Week 2. Freshers' Day 3. Send-Off Day 4. Annual Prize Distribution 5. Gajkarna Ganesh Utsav 6. Various other cultural celebrations like color day, Traditional day, mis match day etc.	6



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