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REPORT ON

"DESIGN AND SERVICES FOR GROUP HOUSING"

Date: 14th November 2019.

Resource Person: Ar. Arun Rewal, President, Arun Rewal Associates.

Time: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Venue: Seminar Hall, MBS SPA, Dwarka, New Delhi.

A one-day Seminar on ***"Design and Services for Group Housing"*** had been organized for B. Arch 3rd year students on Thursday, 14th November 2019 in the Seminar Hall from 2:00 am to 5:00 pm.

A very well known, experienced and Celebrated Star Architect, Urban Designer, Planner and President of Arun Rewal Associates, New Delhi, **Ar. Arun Rewal**, was invited as the resource person for conducting the Seminar which also included a Lecture of his and an Interactive session.

Arun Rewal's diverse architectural realizations include the Caparo - Ayatti International Centre Complex in Greater Noida, Computer Science Center and Engineering Complex IIT Bombay, Vasant Kunj Gurdwara in Delhi, Church Services Complex at Cathedral of Redemption, Retreat on the Ganges, New Haryana Bhawan Complex, Delhi Phase 2 Development for Laxman Public School, Delhi and Abohar Housing Precinct. Arun Rewal has also prepared urban re-development plans for precincts of Delhi, a vision Plan for Delhi and many more prestigious projects.



(From Left to Right) Ar. Deepak Kumar, Ar. Mansha Samreen, Prof. V.K. Bugga, Prof. Bijay Dash (Director), Ar. Arun Rewal, and Ar. Amrita Kaur Gulati.

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Prof. V.K.Bugga (extreme left) and Prof. Bijay Dash (extreme right) felicitating Ar. Arun Rewal.



Ar. Amrita Kaur Gulati (extreme left) introducing the Resource Person.



Ar. Arun Rewal delivering Lecture.

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During his lecture he started with how different cities (Paris, London etc.) were evolved, role of housing in any Master Plan. Taking Delhi as an example, he portrayed its evolution through Nala's and how rural context is mixed with urban context in and around Delhi with 360 Urban Villages within. He took an example of Narela and compared its size, density etc. with many Indian and International cities like Delhi, Chandigarh, Venice, Boston etc. proving how housing gives city a form.

He mentioned initial housing projects of Delhi like French Embassy Staff Housing, Usha Niketan, Asiad Village, YMCA Staff Housing, Tara Apartment, Kanchanjunga Apartments, Sheikh Sarai housing, CIDCO housing, Yamuna Apartment and explained the role of light, ventilation, circulation, green, double height spaces, street pattern, and community spaces. Housing is to create a system within rather than a number game. How rise of one floor in Delhi norms increased 25% of the density. He discussed the importance of vehicular & pedestrian movement and Community spaces. He shared factors like affordability, replacability and explained how a housing can be an identity.



Block Model: Site and Surroundings - Proposed Site for Group Housing at Vadodara, Gujarat, India.

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After his presentation, he interacted with students on their current Group Housing project, which is being designed at Vadodara, Gujarat, India.



Students introducing their proposed Group Housing site.



Ar. Arun Rewal interacting with the students.

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Students raised questions on role of community living in today's world, importance of historical backgrounds etc.



Students raising their questions in front of Ar. Arun Rewal.



(Picture Courtesy: Dhruv and Raghav)

In conclusion to his session, he emphasized on **“There is no such formula, one should Re-Invent”** and **“Every Restriction is an Opportunity”**.

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