

MIT-WPU launches School of Architecture; registration begins for BArch programme

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The new school, named after Padma Bhushan awardee architect Hafeez Contractor, will offer a five-year CoA-approved BArch programme aligned with NEP 2020.



Maharashtra Institute of Technology (MIT) - World Peace University (WPU), Pune, has launched the Hafeez Contractor School of Architecture, named after Padma Bhushan awardee architect Hafeez Contractor. The university said the new school aims to offer industry-focused architectural education with an emphasis on sustainability, innovation and practical learning.

The school will offer a five-year Bachelor of Architecture (BArch) programme designed in accordance with the guidelines of the Council of Architecture (CoA) and the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Admissions to the BArch programme are now open.

Industry-focused BArch curriculum

According to the MIT-WPU press release, the studio-based curriculum integrates architectural design, building sciences, digital technologies, sustainability, research and professional practice. The programme also includes interdisciplinary learning, industry mentorship, live projects, international design studios and mandatory internships to help students gain practical exposure.

The university said students will have access to advanced infrastructure, including design studios, climatology and surveying laboratories, material museums and digital design facilities. The curriculum will also introduce students to Building Information Modelling (BIM), computational design and immersive technologies.

Dean outlines vision for new architecture school.

Speaking on the launch, Suman Devadula, Dean, School of Design, MIT-WPU, said the establishment of the school marks an important milestone for the university.

Further, she added, "The establishment of the Hafeez Contractor School of Architecture is a landmark milestone for MIT-WPU. Hafeez Contractor's extraordinary contribution to Indian architecture has inspired generations of architects. By associating his name with our school, we aspire to create an ecosystem where innovation, creativity, sustainability and practical learning converge. Our endeavour is to nurture students to be architects designing iconic structures that are resilient, inclusive and sustainable."

MIT-WPU mentioned in the press release that the school aims to prepare future architects capable of designing sustainable, people-centric and globally relevant built environments through a blend of academic learning and industry engagement.



■ Admissions

MIT World Peace University (MIT-WPU) has launched the Hafeez Contractor School of Architecture and a five-year B.Arch course for which applications are invited. Scholarships are available.

Eligibility: Minimum 50% aggregate in Classes 10 and 12 with English, Physics and Maths as compulsory subjects with either Chemistry, Biology, Technical Vocational subject, Computer Science, Information Technology, Informatics Practices, Engineering Graphics, Business Studies as other subjects OR minimum 60% aggregate in 10+3 Diploma in Engineering and Technology with Maths from a government-approved technical board; valid scores in JEE 2026 (B.Arch); 500-word statement of purpose

Deadline: July 18

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‘हाफीज कॉन्ट्रैक्टर स्कूल ऑफ आर्किटेक्चर’ की शुरुआत



पुणे | भारत में वास्तुकला (आर्किटेक्चर) शिक्षा को एक नई दिशा देने की दिशा में एक बड़ा कदम उठाते हुए, डॉ. विश्वनाथ कराड एमआईटी वर्ल्ड पीस यूनिवर्सिटी (एमआईटी-डब्ल्यूपीयू) ने ‘हाफीज कॉन्ट्रैक्टर स्कूल ऑफ आर्किटेक्चर’ की स्थापना की घोषणा की है। इस प्रतिष्ठित नए स्कूल की स्थापना भारत के सबसे प्रसिद्ध वास्तुकारों में से एक और पद्म भूषण पुरस्कार से सम्मानित, आर्किटेक्ट हाफीज कॉन्ट्रैक्टर के सम्मान में की गई है। देश के सबसे प्रभावशाली वास्तुकारों में से एक माने जाने वाले हाफीज कॉन्ट्रैक्टर ने पिछले चार दशकों से

अधिक के समय में कई ऐतिहासिक आवासीय, वाणिज्यिक, संस्थागत और टाउनशिप परियोजनाओं के माध्यम से भारत के शहरी परिदृश्य को पूरी तरह बदल दिया है। अपनी समकालीन डिजाइन शैली, बड़े पैमाने पर नगर नियोजन (प्लानिंग) विशेषज्ञता और भारतीय वास्तुकला में आदिलीय योगदान के लिए पाठाने जाने वाले हाफीज कॉन्ट्रैक्टर का नाम उत्कृष्टता, नवाचार और दूरदर्शी सोच का पर्याय बन चुका है। इस अवसर पर बोलते हुए, स्कूल ऑफ डिजाइन के डीन, डॉ. सुमन देवदुला ने कहा, ‘हाफीज कॉन्ट्रैक्टर स्कूल ऑफ आर्किटेक्चर’ की स्थापना एमआईटी-डब्ल्यूपीयू के लिए एक ऐतिहासिक मौल का पत्थर है। भारतीय वास्तुकला में हाफीज कॉन्ट्रैक्टर के असाधारण योगदान ने वास्तुकारों को कई पंथों को प्रेरित किया है।

MIT-WPU Launches Hafeez Contractor School of Architecture, Setting a New Benchmark in Architectural Education

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Pune: In a significant step towards redefining architectural education in India, MIT World Peace University (MIT-WPU) has announced the launch of the Hafeez Contractor School of Architecture, a prestigious new school established in honour of one of India's most celebrated architects, and Padma Bhushan awardee, Ar. Hafeez Contractor.

Widely regarded as one of the country's most influential architects, Hafeez Contractor has transformed India's urban skyline through several iconic residential, commercial, institutional and township projects spanning over four decades. Recognised for his contemporary design philosophy, large-scale planning expertise and enduring contribution to Indian architecture, his name has become synonymous with excellence, innovation and visionary thinking.

Inspired by this legacy, the school will offer students an industry-aligned, future-focused learning ecosystem that combines architectural design excellence with sustainability, technological innovation and hands-on practical experience.

Its flagship **Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.)** programme is a five-year professional degree aligned with the guidelines of the Council of Architecture (CoA) and the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The studio-based curriculum integrates architectural design, building sciences, digital technologies, research, professional practice and sustainability.

Students will benefit from state-of-the-art infrastructure, including advanced design studios, climatology and surveying laboratories, material museums, digital design facilities, and exposure to Building Information Modelling (BIM), computational design and immersive technologies. The programme also offers interdisciplinary learning opportunities, international design studios, industry mentorship, live projects and mandatory internships, equipping graduates with both technical expertise and professional competence.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Suman Devadula, Dean, School of Design said, 'The establishment of the Hafeez Contractor School of Architecture is a landmark milestone for MIT-WPU. Hafeez Contractor's extraordinary contribution to Indian architecture has inspired generations of architects. By associating his name with our School, we aspire to create an ecosystem where innovation, creativity, sustainability and practical learning converge. Our endeavour is to nurture students to be architects designing iconic structures that are resilient, inclusive and sustainable.'

The Hafeez Contractor School of Architecture aspires to emerge as a centre of excellence, preparing future architects to create sustainable, people-centric and globally relevant built environments. **Admissions to the B.Arch. programme are now open.**