

Introduction

One of the most common misconceptions about landscape design is that landscape is to be “*applied*” after the architecture of a campus is complete. Study of site characteristics and use compatibility analysis of a site have to be carefully done right at the architectural design stage and sometimes even at the project site selection stage. Urban Designers Pushkar Kanvinde and Vikram Hundekar will be presenting the process of campus planning, its theoretical and practical underpinnings on the first day of the program. Landscape Architect Shilpa Chadavarkar [Mumbai] will be talking on a topic which she has given a very intriguing title “*Every Site has a Story to Tell...Are we Listening*” in the last session on the first day.

On the day two of the program, Landscape Architect Varsha Gavandi will be presenting various landscape design issues to be dealt in campus planning. Later she will be illustrating the design responses to these issues through examples in session two. The latter two sessions are planned to address the conservation aspects, historic context of landscapes and cultural landscape conservation. These will be conducted by Conservation Architects Dr. Chetan Sahasrabudhe and Dr. Shubhada Kamalapurkar.

The third day of the program is dedicated to the environmental aspects of campus planning and landscape design. These sessions will be conducted by Architects Poorva Keskar, Anagha Paranjape-Purohit and Sujata Karve who have been working in the field of environmental design and planning. Green rating systems, site sustainability, resource conservation are some of the areas which will be dealt by them. The last session of the day would be by Landscape Architect Aarti Verma who will be dealing with *art in campus planning*.

Two workshops are planned on the fourth day. First workshop is by Landscape Architect Bobby Sujansingani [Ahmedabad] which he has titled as “*Invisible Lines*” in which he will be dealing with *Ground* which is an important component of landscape design. The second workshop will be conducted by landscape architects Dr. Abhijit Natu and Manjusha Ukidwe which will be focussing on the behavioural aspects of landscape design.

Landscape Architect Mohan Rao [Bengaluru] will be dealing with the ecological aspects of site and campus planning in his sessions. The last session will be conducted by landscape architect Nikhil Dhar [Delhi] who will be speaking on the pedagogic aspects of teaching landscape design at UG level in architecture.