

Institutional Distinctiveness

Professional oath is very important for ethical conduct and being serving to the public whenever required. In Architectural profession, academics and professional conduct includes various ethical values to be imparted by architects, but the oath ceremony like medical profession is never gets conducted. At SCOA, the “Oath ceremony” is conducted at the entry level of professional learning i.e. at first year level. This event is conducted by Principal, teachers/ faculty members and administrative staff for the students of first year at the orientation program. “The Oath” is crafted/ curated on the basis of holistic approach by each individual student to become a true “Architect”, who focuses on all round self-development.

This Oath addresses towards architectural education and career including commitment towards cultural heritage, environmental impact, welfare of society, developing and using creating skills for economic development. It also focuses on high standards of integrity as a learner and service provider. Students takes a oath of being mannered as well as impartial, to do the contribution towards advancement of architectural field and related research.

Holistic education base of NEP 2020 which focuses on integration of skilling, industry connect and employability. This can be achieved by imparting various skills and ethics required for specific profession, which ultimately improves quality of education. All these aspects/ factors are considered in “The Oath’ curated and conducted for each new batch of students especially by SCOA. This “oath” comprises four elementary aspects of holistic development; language proficiency, cognitive skills, social-emotional connect, physical wellbeing.

PRACTICE:

To abide “The Oath”, various activities are aligned with aspects of complete development of students.

- a. Language proficiency: Communication to the client and required service providers is the key of success in architectural profession. To focus on these aspects, seminars related to soft skills and communication skills gets conducted at entry as well as initial levels of architectural education at SCOA. We conduct “BHASHA DIWAS” program where students perform in their mother-tongue, by developing confidence within individual at larger platforms. Essay competitions are organised for all level learners to improve their writing skills.

- b. Cognitive skills: Academics is the base to improve cognitive skills required for architectural profession which includes hand-on workshops related to various subjects. We encourage the students to participate in different competitions of varied scale at all levels of learning. This participation develops time bound design skills along with effective communication skills required for group work. Participation at college as well as inter-college quizzes is supported by SCOA for students to develop confidence and good oratory skills among them.

- c. Social- emotional connect: Students gets social connect and becomes responsible citizens via the projects like bold donation camps, tree plantation events, reducing and recycling of plastic as well as e-waste awareness programs, importance of girl education events. The student's emotional wellbeing is taken care via counselling sessions and extending additional learning sessions in case of missing out of academics due to personal reasons. In architectural academics each student must be vocal about their design output during viva-voce sessional. To improve their vocabulary and self-confidence, presentations at regular intervals (juries) and mock-viva are conducted at all levels of learnings.

- d. Physical wellbeing: Each student undergoes medical check-up at campus level when gets admitted to the course by SCOA. Seminars/ interactive sessions by experts are organised by college at regular intervals for health awareness, eye care, women health issues. The students are encouraged to participate in college and inter-college level sports activities to build endurance at psychological and physical level.

Evidences: The alumni of SCOA are recognised and celebrated in the field of architecture as well as allied fields. As a result of "oath" conducted and focused on all rounded development of each student, few alumni of SCOA is working in architecture profession along with additional responsibilities in varied sectors like jewellery design, photography, journalism.