

ARCHCULT'23 REPORT

ARCHCULT is a national-level architecture symposium hosted annually by the Department of Architecture, NIT Trichy. It is a gala of knowledge and excitement for students in the architecture community, providing a platform for interaction and connectivity, bridging the gap between students and professionals in the field.

ARCHCULT returned with a bang for its 2023 season, commencing spectacularly with delegates attending from over 15 colleges across South India and was held between October 13, 14 and 15.

The inauguration ceremony took place on October 13, 2023, with the Director of NIT Trichy, Dr. G. Aghila, the Head of the Department, Dr. K Thirumaaran, chief guests Ar. Murali Murugan and Ar. Venkata Lakshmi, and the Faculty Advisor, Prof. Amalan Kaushik, in attendance. They addressed the students, faculty, and industry experts present at the ceremony. The director motivated and inspired all student delegates to excel in their future endeavours.

This year's ARCHCULT theme, Quantum verse, depicts an alternate universe with infinite possibilities where everything imaginable and unimaginable can occur. Mr. Vinu Raja, the President of Arch cult, elaborated on this theme, emphasizing the theme's limitless possibilities.

To embody this theme, dynamic art installations and abstract wall artworks were created, symbolizing our immersion in a world filled with seemingly endless opportunities. These artworks intrigued and captivated the delegates, arousing their curiosity.

Chief guests Ar. Murali Murugan and Ar. Venkata Lakshmi delivered insightful and interactive lectures on landscape and residential architecture, sharing their projects and experiences amassed over their years of expertise. The event's first day featured numerous workshops on pottery, bamboo construction, and architectural writing, with delegates participating with utmost enthusiasm.

On the second day, guest lectures by Ar. Arun Prasad Prakashan and Ar. Bharath Ramamrutham delved into the futuristic lifestyle of architects amidst technological advancements and the evolving architectural landscape, complemented by the photographic vision of an architect's eye. The day continued with an engaging workshop, capturing attendees' interest with sessions on dynamic architecture, beginner-level training in Revit, and the sheer delight of watercolour artistry. Delegates exhibited tremendous enthusiasm throughout the day's sessions.

The final day of the symposium commenced with insightful guest lectures by Ar. Senthil Kumar and Ar. Kosalraman CJ, resembling more of a dialogue emphasizing the notion of 'in the flow.' This was followed by mentorship aimed at guiding the next generation of architects toward their future paths. The day was filled with engaging activities, including a full-day hands-on brick construction workshop and dynamic architecture sessions in the afternoon, interspersed with a lively and enjoyable salsa workshop (conducted by our NITT Dance Troupe).

The formal events assessing delegates' skills and the informal engagements captivating students throughout the symposium received an overwhelmingly positive response from the attendees. Prior to the event, six online sessions were conducted over one and a half months, allowing participants ample time to understand the requirements, submit their work, and prepare for the jury evaluation.

The symposium evenings were a dynamic blend of entertainment and engagement, featuring musical nights, the captivating Mr. and Ms. Archcult competition, elegant Ballroom performances, departmental batch showcases, and dazzling displays by NIT Trichy's music and dance troupe. Additionally, interactive and enjoyable activities like doodling, treasure hunts, photography sessions, face painting, meme creation, quiz competitions, and miniature cutting and sculpting exercises were organized. These activities were designed to encourage delegates to explore their latent talents, incorporating subtle architectural references to inspire creativity.

The symposium culminated with a Valediction ceremony, acknowledging and honouring the guests, faculty, non-teaching staff, and delegates for their active participation and dedication of their valuable time to the three-day annual symposium hosted by NIT Trichy.



