
Report on CoA Thesis Awards- 2025 hosted by Faculty of Architecture, Planning and Design, Integral University in collaboration with Council of Architecture & CoA-TRC from 1-3 Sep 2025

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CoA THESIS AWARDS 2025HELD BETWEEN 01ST – 03RD SEPTEMBER 2025

hosted by

FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING & DESIGN
INTEGRAL INSTITUTE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES & RESEARCH
PHASE-III, INTEGRAL UNIVERSITY, LUCKNOW
in collaboration with**COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**
&
COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE TRAINING & RESEARCH CENTRE, PUNE

Faculty of Architecture, Planning & Design (FoAPD), Integral Institute of Professional Studies & Research, Phase-III, Integral University, Lucknow, in proud collaboration with the Council of Architecture (CoA), Ministry of Education, Government of India, and the Council of Architecture Training & Research Centre (COA-TRC), Pune, successfully hosted the Zonal Jury for Zone 1 of the COA Awards 2025 from 01st to 03rd September 2025.

The COA Awards, instituted by the Council of Architecture, are among the most prestigious platforms for recognizing excellence in architectural education. These awards aim to inspire and encourage students of architecture across India by providing them an opportunity to present their thesis projects, research, and design innovations before a distinguished jury of experts. Zone 1 covers 100 colleges of North India.

Day 01 – Inauguration and Exhibition Opening

The three-day event commenced with an inaugural ceremony, featuring the lighting of the lamp by Honourable Lady Chancellor, Mrs. Azra Waseem, and Honourable Chancellor & Founder, Prof. Syed Waseem Akhtar, who also graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The ceremony was enriched by the presence of esteemed dignitaries including the Honourable Pro-Chancellor, Dr. Syed Nadeem Akhtar, Honourable Additional Pro-Chancellors, Mr. Syed Adnan Akhtar and Dr. Syed Mohammad Fauzan Akhtar, Honourable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Javed Musarrat, Registrar, Prof. Mohd Haris Siddiqui, Executive Director, Integral Startups Foundation, Dr. Nida Fatima and Controller of Examinations, Prof. Abdul Rahman Khan.

The event was further graced by eminent architects and chairpersons of professional bodies such as the Lucknow Architects Association (LAA), Young Architects Club Association (YACA), Institute of Indian Interior Designers (IIID – Lucknow Chapter), and Institute of Urban Designers India (IUDI – Lucknow Regional Chapter).

The exhibition galleries displaying outstanding architectural thesis projects from students across the country were inaugurated by the Honourable Chancellor and Founder, Prof. Syed Waseem Akhtar. Guests were guided through the exhibits by Prof. Zeba Nisar, Dean, Faculty of Architecture, Planning and Design, along with students of the Department. The day concluded with the felicitation of distinguished guests with mementos and eco-friendly planters.

Day 02 – Arrival of the Jury and Shortlisting

The second day witnessed the arrival of the distinguished jury panel comprising Ar. Anand Krishnamurthy, Ar. Partharanjan Das, and Ar. Naheema Shah Nawaz, who, along with CoA Coordinators Dr. Neeti Trivedi and Ar. Milind Gujarkar, undertook the meticulous process of evaluating and shortlisting entries for the Public Jury.

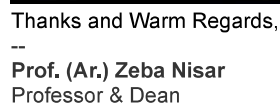
Day 03 – Public Jury, Awards, and Valediction

Day 03 began with a warm welcome address by Prof. Zeba Nisar, Dean FoAPD, who highlighted the glorious journey of Integral University and the vision of the Faculty of Architecture, Planning & Design in nurturing academic excellence. The event was further dignified by the presence of Ar. Gajanand Ramji, Vice President, Council of Architecture.

- Ms. Janani E. – School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi
- Ms. Chhavi Kohli – School of Architecture and Design, Manipal University, Jaipur

The valedictory session included cultural performances by FoAPD students followed by the awarding of certificates of appreciation by the Council of Architecture to the Faculty of Architecture, Planning & Design for successfully hosting the jury. Special recognition was given to the coordinators: Prof. Zeba Nisar (Dean FoAPD), Ar. Mohammad Fahad Aslam, and Ar. Sidra Sabahat, Assistant Professors, for their leadership and flawless organization of the event. A special appreciation goes to Ms. Sara Abbas, B.Arch V Year Student, who anchored the entire program with grace, professionalism, and energy, leaving a lasting impression on all attendees.

The COA Awards 2025 – Zone 1 Zonal Jury at Integral University was a resounding success, bringing together students, educators, professionals, and leaders of the architectural community. It not only showcased the remarkable talent of future architects but also reinforced Integral University's commitment to academic excellence, professional collaboration, and holistic student development. Glimpses of the event along with media coverage is attached below:



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