

GITAM UNIVERSITY
VISAKHAPATNAM
GITAM LAUNCHED M.Arch IN SUSTAINABLE
ARCHITECTURE

In view of upcoming smart cities in the country and to develop human resource in the area of sustainable architecture GITAM University launched a new program in M.Arch in sustainable architecture here on Thursday. The University is offering this program with the approval of Council of Architecture (COA) through GITAM School of Architecture from this academic year.

While inaugurating the program GITAM School of Architecture Director Prof.K.Mohan informed that out of 467 architecture institutions only 86 are offering M.Arch program in the country. He said that sustainable architecture would help the smart cities. He mentioned that there are around 800 green buildings so far constructed in India and now government is mandated to follow Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment (GRIHA) norms of green buildings in the country. He informed that green buildings operation cost is low and less harm to environment. GITAM University Vice-Chancellor Prof.MSPrasada Rao observed that 40 percent of carbon dioxide emissions are due to buildings and other construction activities and that should be reduced with sustainable architecture. He said that GITAM University is committed to produce quality human resource in the field of architecture with international exposure.

Indian Institute of Architecture (IIA) Visakhapatnam Centre Chairman and noted architect SLN Sastry stressed the need of research and innovations in the field of architecture. He appreciated the GITAM School of Architecture for starting PG program in sustainable architecture. The National Institute of Technology (Raipur) Associate Professor Debashis Sanyal said that the country needs eco cities and government should initiate such cities along with smart cities. We need livable cities which provide healthy environment less resource consumption, he added.

GITAM Vice-President Prof.M.Gangadhara Rao, Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof.K.Sivarama Krishna, Registrar Prof.M.Potharaju, School of Architecture Deputy Director Krishna Kasi and others participated in the program. As part of the program GITAM School of Architecture arranged a exhibition on green buildings.

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