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# WORLD ARCHITECTURE DAY

## AN EXPERT TALK

ORGANIZED BY S.M.A.I.D. COLLEGE  
VENUE: A.V. ROOM, 2:45 PM TO 4:00PM

## ARCHITECTURE FOR PEOPLE

### EDUCATION:

B.Arch. School of Architecture, C.E.P.T., Ahmedabad, 1980.  
Master of Design (Urban), University of Canberra, Australia,  
2000-01.

### PROFESSIONAL:

Worked with Studio Jaimini Mehta as senior architect 1980  
- 2000.  
Set up independent practice in 2007 and since then work  
for NGOs on institutional buildings.

Ar. Purita Mehta  
GUEST SPEAKER

### ACADEMIC:

Taught as full time faculty at the Department of Architecture, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda from 1991. Retired on 31st October 2018.

Taught at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y. U.S.A. as visiting faculty in 1992 for a term.

Taught at University of Canberra, Australia, as a teaching assistant while pursuing Masters Degree, 2000-01.

Was an Adjunct Professor at Goa College Of Architecture, 2004-05.

Developed a Foundation Program for first Year in Architecture and conducted workshops based on the program at several institutes imparting architectural education in India

Taught block course and mentored young faculty in History of Architecture at IPSA, Rajkot. 2010-2011. Revised the curriculum at IPSA and appointed as Design Chair, 2018-19.

Taught at Navrachana University, Vadodara as visiting faculty and expert in Foundation Program. 2011-12

### RESEARCH:

Conducted a survey based research on sexual harassment of women in public places especially streets in Vadodara with Olakh, a Feminist organization based in Vadodara. Prepared a report "Reclaiming Public places - Gender Inclusive Urban Planning and Design" wherein we formulated urban design and planning guidelines for making streets safe for women.

Submitted the manuscript on "Gender and Incidental Public Places, A Case of Vadodara City", with Neha Sarawate, for a chapter in the book on "Gender and the City" edited by Madhavi Desai.

### HONOURS/AWARDS:

Research scholarship awarded by the Turkish Government in 1988 for Research on Istanbul (not accepted due to personal reasons).

President's Scholarship, University of Canberra, Australia in 2000, to pursue a Masters Degree in Urban Design (full tuition fee waiver).

Appointed as judge for JK Cement 19th AYA Awards, 2009

Judge for Thesis Award Programme for Excellence in Architectural Thesis

COA, several years running.