## Guest Visit: Ar. Brinda Somaya, Mumbai

Day: Friday Date: 06 / 07 /18 Event No.: A / 18-19 /

Students: All year Time: 11.00 am to 1.00 pm Venue: PVPCOA, Pune.

Faculty: Ar. Deepti Shahi, Ar. Vaibhav Kulkarni









Interaction with the Faculty and the students.

Brinda Somaya, Architect and Conservationist completed her Master of Arts degree from Smith College, USA after graduating from the Sir J. J. College of Architecture, Mumbai. She believes that development and progress must proceed without straining the cultural and historic environment. Her philosophy: the Architect's role is that of guardian – his is the conscience of the built and unbuilt environment. This belief underlines her work at "Somaya and Kalappa Consultants", the company she has headed for the last three decades.

brinda is a Member of the Editorial Board for MARG Architectural Books, Member of the Committee of `Environmental Impact Assessment of New Construction Projects & New Industrial Estates for `Ministry of Environment & Forests' Government of India and was a Member of Urban Heritage Conservation Committee and Mumbai's Initiative for the Protection & Improvement of Streets & Public Spaces.. She was also on the IAWA board of Advisors (International Archive of Women in Architecture), U.S.A. & Founder Trustee of the Hecar Foundation.

She visited PVPCOA alongwith Ar Anthea Fernandes, alumni of PVPCOA and was shown the premises and students' work by Ar. Shekhar Garud. She showed keen interest in the Relative Study Programm work of I, II, and III year students displayed in the Insight Exhibition. Later she had a lively inteactive session with the faculty in the conference room and with the students in the atrium.

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