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EDITOR'S NOTE



Dear Architects,

Please accept warm greetings on behalf of the 12th committee, institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), Chattogram Chapter.

This very first newsletter being published by 12th Committee, IAB, Chattogram Chapter reaches you with all the news of all the activities and events accomplished by the Chapter Committee, initiatives taken for professional development and an inclusive IAB.

On behalf of Editorial Board, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the Chapter Committee Members and the Newsletter team for their relentless contribution and support.

Thanks and regards.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Dear Architects,

It is an honour and privilege to welcome you all on behalf of the newly elected 12th Committee, Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), Chattogram Chapter.

As part of the commitment of activities that the Chapter Committee has pledged, this first issue of the Newsletter is being published, which is a result of tireless effort of the Newsletter team, headed by Member - Publication, reflecting various activities performed by the Chapter thus far.

After taking over the charges of the Chapter Committee from the 11th Committee as a result of the successful IAB Election in December, 2024, the 12th Committee did not sit idle, but actively generated and performed a good number of tasks.

Personally I believe that the 12th Committee has the understanding and team spirit when it comes to fulfilling their responsibilities. A good team always finds and unveils new horizons for the betterment of an institution.

I would like to thank all the past Committees of IAB, Chattogram Chapter for their contribution which resulted in the firm footing the Chapter stands on today.

I wish happy reading to the Members of the IAB, Chattogram Chapter when they go through the pages of the Newsletter.

Ar. Fazle Imran Chowdhury [C-035]
Chairman
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IAB ELECTION (2025-26)

26th COMMITTEE ELECTION

To elect the 26th Executive Committee (EC) IAB and the 12th committee IAB Chattogram Chapter, election was held in December, 2024.



Election Results:

President : Ar. Dr. Abu Sayeed Mostaque Ahmed
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Ar. Dr. Khurshid Zabin Hossain Taufique

12th COMMITTEE CHATTOGRAM CHAPTER ELECTION



Election Results:

Chairman: Ar. Fazle Imran Chowdhury.
Deputy Chairman: Ar. Adar Yusuf.
Secretary: Ar. Md. Asaduzzaman Chowdhury.
Treasurer: Ar. Abdullah Rumman.
Member (Profession): Ar. Aniket Chowdhury.
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Member (Seminars and Education): Ar. Md. Mainul Hassan.
Member (Heritage and Culture): Ar. Shaila Ahmed.
Member (Publications and Publicity): Ar. Md. Saifuddin Chowdhury.



HANDOVER CEREMONY

11th COMMITTEE HANDINGOVER THE RESPONSIBILITY TO 12th COMMITTEE

On 26th December, 2024, Sunday

In a simple ceremony held at the Chittagong Club Ltd. On 26th December, 2024, the 11th Committee, IAB, Chattogram Chapter handed over the responsibilities of IAB, Chattogram Chapter to the newly elected 12th Committee. All the members of the past and the newly elected Committees of the Chapter were present on the occasion, exchanging views regarding the activities of the Chapter.



Members of both committees were present at the event, making it a joyous and memorable occasion. Notably, the election for the 12th Chapter Committee was held on December 6, 2024, in a fair and festive atmosphere.

The newly elected members of the 12th Chapter Committee members are:

- Ar. Fazle Imran Chowdhury (Chairman)
- Ar. Adar Yusuf (Deputy Chairman)
- Ar. Mohammad Asaduzzaman Chowdhury (Secretary)
- Ar. Abdullah Rumman (Treasurer)
- Ar. Aniket Chowdhury (Member, Profession)
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MEETING THE CITY MAYOR

On 28th December, 2024, Sunday

The newly elected 12th Committee, IAB, Chattogram Chapter, made the first courtesy with the Honorable Mayor, Chattogram City Corporation, on december 28th, 2024, sunday. The Mayor and the Committee exchanged views and discussed various issues of the city of Chattogram, and committed to extend cooperation to each other. Later, the Committee gifted the honorable Mayor with the publication of Golpahar Kali Mondir Architectural Design Competition and Newsletters of IAB , Chattogram Chapter.

The Mayor welcomed the proposal, acknowledging the crucial role of architects in crafting a city that is not only visually appealing but also efficient and resilient. Both parties agreed on the necessity of expert-driven policies to improve zoning regulations, transport networks and public amenities.



MEETING CHAIRMAN, CDA

On January 7th, 2025, Tuesday

The elected 12th Committee, IAB, Chattogram Chapter, met Engr. Nurul Karim, Chairman, CDA), on as part of a courtesy call. The chairman, and the Committee Members discussed bi-lateral issues engaging CDA and the IAB, Chattogram Chapter. The Committee expressed gratitude to the honorable Chairman, CDA, as he expressed his utmost interest by extending his cooperation to the Architects of Chattogram. The Chapter Committee presented the Chairman with the publication of Golpahar Kali Mondir Architectural Design Competition and Newsletters of IAB, Chattogram Chapter.

The CDA Chairman welcomed the architects' insights and reaffirmed his commitment to working closely with IAB Chattogram Chapter to develop policies that foster a more efficient, aesthetic & sustainable urban landscape. This meeting set a promising tone for future collaborations.



IMARAT NIRMAN BIDHIMALA 1996 & SPECIAL FOCUS ON FIRE SAFETY A WORKSHOP

On 11th January, 2025, Saturday

A CPD workshop titled "Imarat Nirman Bidhimala 1996 & Special Focus on Fire Safety", was organized by the Institute of Architects (IAB) Chattogram Chapter, held at the seminar hall of the Institute of Engineers Bangladesh (IEB), Chattogram.

This day-long workshop provided an in-depth discussion on the Imarat Nirman Bidhimala 1996. Various topics related to the preparation and review of municipal design plans in accordance with the regulation were highlighted. Experts provided insights into proper documentation, compliance check-lists, and common errors in submitted drawings.

The second phase of the workshop focused on the rules and evaluations related to fire safety management. Discussed topics were fire safety related rules, emphasizing risk assessment, evacuation planning, and emergency response protocols.

The entire session was conducted by a team of specialist architects, including Ar. Chowdhury Saiduzzaman (S-049), Ar. Dewan Shamsul Arif (A-079), Ar. Md. Shahnewaz Abdul-lah (A-239), Ar. Pradut Bashak (B-006), Ar. Md. Abdullah (A-320), and Ar. Kamrul Hasan (H-254).



IAB Chattogram Chapter's 12th committee members along with 50 architects from Chattogram attended the workshop. This day-long program was sponsored by Asian Paints Bangladesh.



08TH
JANUARY 25
AT 6:00 PM

Institute of Architects Bangladesh
12th Committee | Chattogram Chapter



Ar. Maharina Jafrin shared firsthand experience practicing architecture in both Bangladesh and Australia.

She currently works as an Architect at Maverick Homes and Project Designer at Universal Property Group Ltd, NSW.

SEMINAR : ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE IN AUSTRALIA

SCOPES, OPPORTUNITIES & LIMITATIONS

The IAB Chattogram Chapter hosted an insightful seminar titled "Architectural Practice in Australia: Scopes, Opportunities & Limitations" on 08 January 2025 at the Chapter Office. The event featured Ar. Maharina Jafrin, currently practicing in New South Wales, Australia, as the keynote speaker. She shared her professional experiences with Maverick Homes and Universal Property Group Ltd, offering valuable perspectives on working in both Bangladeshi and Australian architectural environments.



Ar. Maharina Jafrin discussed the professional standards and accreditation process set by the Architect Accreditation Council of Australia (ACA) and provided practical advice for architects seeking international career opportunities. She also spoke about her doctoral research on urban open spaces in Chattogram and her involvement with the Australian Urban Design Research Centre (AUDRC).

As a Coordination Committee Member of the IAB Australia Chapter, she emphasized the importance of cross-border collaboration and the global role of IAB members. The seminar concluded with an engaging Q&A session, where attendees explored topics like skill development, regulatory frameworks, and career pathways abroad. The event highlighted the growing interest in international practice and encouraged professional exchange within the global architectural community.

Discussed pathways to professional accreditation under the Architect Accreditation Council of Australia (ACA).

Provided insights into urban design research through her work with the Australian Urban Design Research Centre (AUDRC).

Shared academic contributions, including doctoral research and publications on urban open spaces in Chattogram.

Emphasized the importance of cultural adaptation, networking, and skill alignment for international practice.

Highlighted her role as a Coordination Committee Member of the IAB Australia Chapter, reinforcing global professional ties.

The session concluded with an engaging Q & A session, encouraging young architects to explore global opportunities.





IAB SPORTS CARNIVAL 2025

The IAB Chattogram Chapter proudly hosted the highly anticipated IAB Sports Carnival 2025 from January 20th to 24th, bringing together architects, students, and professionals in an engaging and energetic series of sporting events. Designed as a multi-cultural initiative, the carnival aimed to offer a refreshing break from everyday professional responsibilities, while fostering mental well-being, social unity, and physical vitality within the architectural community.

Organized by the Architects' Committee of IAB Chattogram Chapter, the five-day carnival was held across two venues: the IAB Chattogram Chapter Office at Kazir Dewri and the ATW Sports Arena in the Lake Valley Residential Area, Foy's Lake. These venues were strategically selected to host indoor and outdoor activities, drawing enthusiastic participation from across the architectural spectrum.



WHERE CREATIVITY MEETS COMPETITION:

HIGHLIGHTS

Architects and students united for a five-day celebration of sports and creativity.

Indoor games like chess, ludo, and carrom kicked off the event with strategic flair.

Outdoor tournaments in football, cricket, and badminton energized the community.

The carnival set the stage for an annual tradition of unity, wellness, and fun.



The first phase of the carnival kicked off on January 20th at the IAB Chattogram Chapter Office. The event was inaugurated by Deputy Chairman of the 12th Executive Committee, Ar. Adar Yusuf, in the presence of several key committee members, including Ar. Aniket Chowdhury, Ar. Hossan Murad, Ar. Md. Mainul Hassan, Ar. Md. Saifuddin Chowdhury, and Ar. Shaila Ahmed.

Esteemed guests such as Golam Rabbani Chowdhury, senior architect from CDA, and Ar. Sinthia Shobnom also attended. The venue buzzed with over 60 participants, including volunteers, coordinators, and guests. Representatives from the event’s sponsor, Blue-Touch Lifestyles, also added vibrancy to the inauguration. The indoor segment featured Chess, Ludo, and Carom (Doubles), held over two days. These games encouraged participants to demonstrate their strategic prowess and fostered friendly competition among students, teachers, and architects.

Outdoor Events: Energy and Excitement

Events at ATW Sports Arena featured thrilling matches in soccer, cricket, and badminton, showcasing teamwork and community spirit.



From January 22–24, the ATW Sports Arena hosted high-energy matches in Soccer, Cricket, and Badminton Doubles, drawing enthusiastic participation from architects and students. The finals and award ceremony on January 24, graced by Ar. Ashiq Imran, celebrated teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship. Participants from CUET, Premier University, and IAB members created an electric, inclusive atmosphere.

Ar. Shawkat Hossain was convenor and spearheaded by Ar. Shaila Ahmed with strong volunteer-support, the carnival showcased the spirit of the architectural community. Its success cements it as a budding tradition—blending fitness, networking, and celebration into the cultural fabric of IAB Chattogram.

The five-day event brought together architects and students for a dynamic celebration of sports and unity.

Enthusiastic participation created a vibrant atmosphere filled with energy, strategy, and teamwork.

Games like chess, cricket, football, ludo, carom, and badminton offered something for everyone.

Trophies and medals were awarded in a festive ceremony attended by IAB leaders and special guests.

The event fostered wellness, networking, and camaraderie—laying the foundation for a lasting tradition.



INSTALLATION CEREMONY



The Installation Ceremony of the 12th Committee, Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), Club Ltd, Chittagong. Engr. Nurul Karim, Chairman, Chittagong Development Authority newly elected Committee. As the Special Guest Ar. Dr. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed, President, The Programme was sponsored by "Build Best".

Chattogram Chapter, was held on 1st February, 2025, at the Auditorium of the Chittagong Club Ltd, Chittagong. Engr. Nurul Karim, Chairman, Chittagong Development Authority (CDA) was the Chief Guest of the Installation Ceremony and he also read out the oath to the newly elected Committee. As the Special Guest Ar. Dr. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed, President, 26th Executive Committee, IAB graced the occasion.



IAB CHATTOGRAM CHAPTER OBSERVES INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY 2025

On 21st February 2025, the IAB Chattogram Chapter paid tribute to the martyrs of the historic Language Movement of 1952, joining the nation in observing International Mother Language Day. In a solemn morning ceremony, members gathered at the Central Shaheed Minar in Chattogram, laying floral wreaths to honor those who sacrificed their lives for the right to speak in Bangla.

Dressed in black and white, members stood in silence, reflecting on the spirit of Ekushey. The event concluded with group photographs to commemorate the occasion, capturing the unity and reverence shared among the architectural community. The presence of both senior and young architects highlighted the commitment to preserving cultural values and national identity.

Across Bangladesh, this day is marked by Probhat Feri, cultural programs, and educational initiatives that instill in future generations the importance of language and heritage. For architects, the occasion is a reminder that culture and identity are central to design—just as language shapes communication, architecture shapes how we live and remember.

The IAB Chattogram Chapter extends its deepest respect to the martyrs of 1952 and reaffirms its dedication to protecting the cultural essence of Bangladesh. Through moments like these, architects strengthen their role as stewards of heritage, carrying forward the values of unity, identity, and remembrance in both thought and practice.

IAB Chattogram members paid tribute at the Central Shaheed Minar on 21st February 2025.

Floral wreaths were placed to honor the martyrs of the 1952 Language Movement.

Architects dressed in black and white to show respect and solidarity.

Group photographs captured the moment of unity and remembrance.

The event reinforced architecture's role in preserving cultural identity and heritage.



SEMINAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCE DESIGN

On 25th February, 2025, the seminar titled ‘Environmental Experience Design (EXD) Towards Psychological Wellbeing’ was successfully held. The event’s keynote speaker was Ar. Dr. Sajal Chowdhury, Head of the Department of Architecture at CUET. Although the topic was relatively new in this domain, the speaker's engaging presentation made it a unique and insightful experience for all attendees.

At the beginning of the seminar, the speaker made slight modifications to the seating arrangement in the main hall, creating a sensory impact among the audience, which was directly related to the seminar's theme.



Distinguished members of the 12th Executive Committee of IAB Chattogram Chapter who attended the event included:

- Ar. Md. Asaduzzaman Chowdhury (Secretary)
- Ar. Adar Yusuf (Deputy Chairman)
- Ar. Abdullah Rumman (Treasurer)
- Ar. Aniket Chowdhury (Member – Profession)
- Ar. Hossan Murad (Member – Membership)
- Ar. Shaila Ahmed (Member – Heritage & Culture)
- Ar. Md. Saifuddin Chowdhury (Member – Publication & Publicity)

Additionally, renowned senior architects Ar. Ahmed Jinnur Chowdhury & Ar. Zarina Uddin Hossain attended the seminar.



Story of an Anti cutter

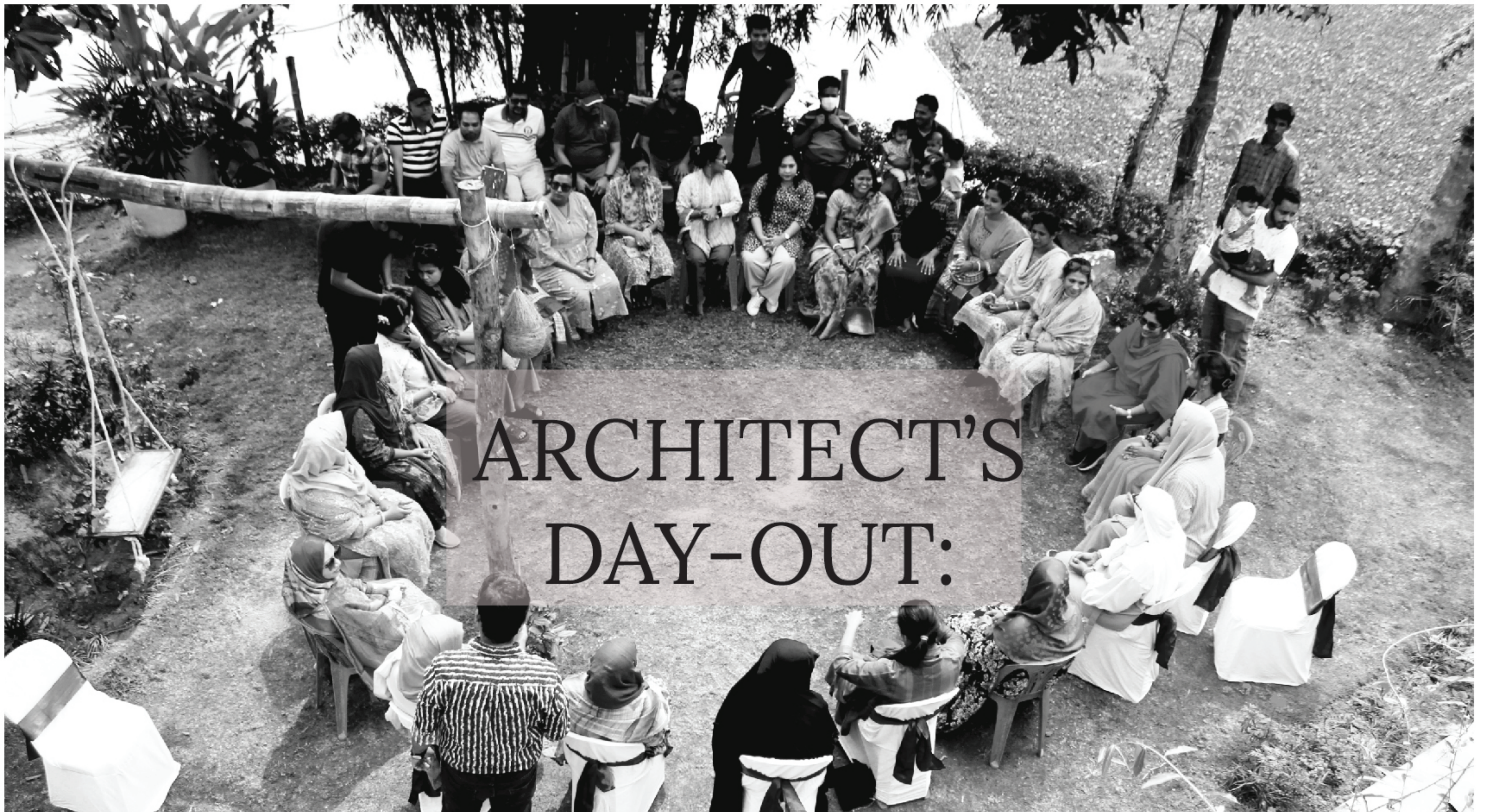
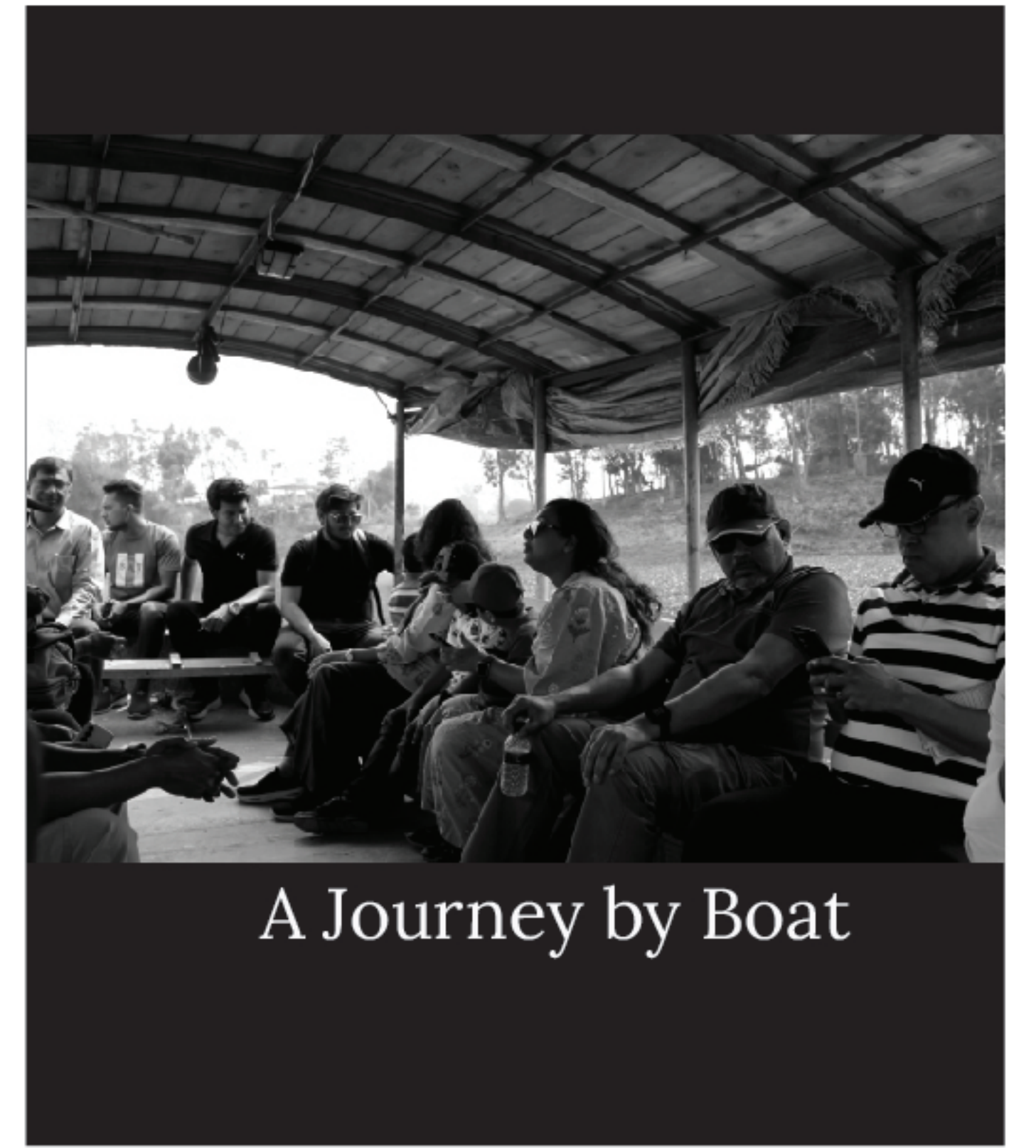
Approximately 55 architects and architecture students, participated in the seminar. Organization were honored with crests and ceremonial scarves.

The event was sponsored by Allied Consortiums. At the conclusion of the seminar, the keynote speaker and representatives of the sponsoring.



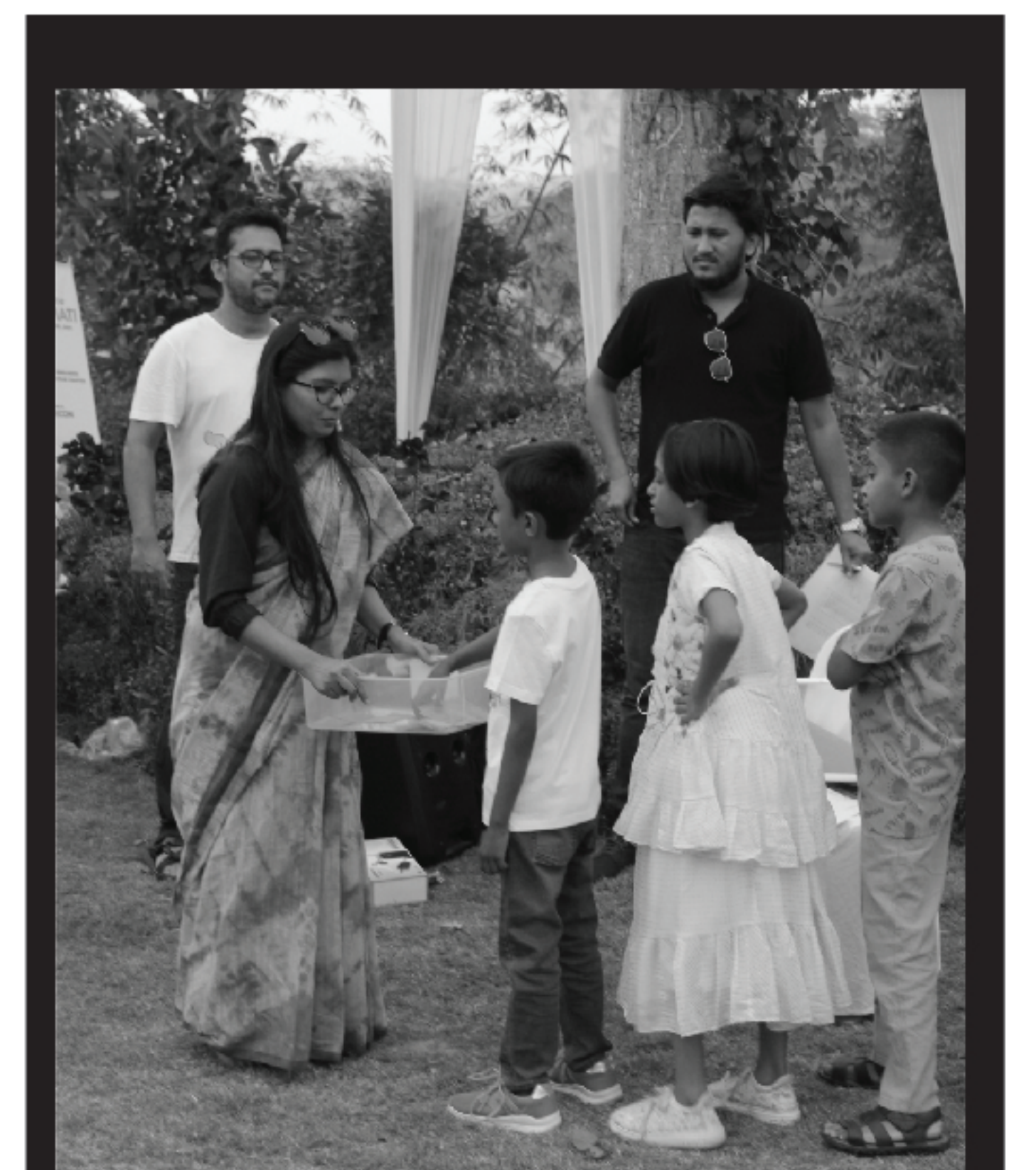
Soft city & Environmental Psychology For Design

On 28th February, Friday, the Architects' Day Out organized by IAB Chattogram Chapter took place at Engineers Hill in Rangamati. The joyous event saw architects from Chattogram participating with their families. The day began with a bus and boat journey, followed by various activities amidst the serene and lush greenery. The event featured an array of delicious food, resting arrangements, fun games such as a chocolate spoon race for children, pillow passing for women, musical chairs for men, as well as a raffle draw and prize distribution. The lively participation of nearly all 95 attendees brought the event to life.



The gathering of architects was graced by notable attendees and 12th Executive Committee of IAB Chattogram Chapter who attended the event included:

- Ar. Adar Yusuf (Deputy Chairman)
- Ar. Md. Asaduzzaman Chowdhury (Secretary)
- Ar. Abdullah Rumman (Treasurer)
- Ar. Aniket Chowdhury (Member – Profession)
- Ar. Hossan Murad (Member – Membership)
- Ar. Shaila Ahmed (Member – Heritage & Culture)
- Ar. Md. Saifuddin Chowdhury (Member – Publication & Publicity) as well as renowned senior Ar. Shahidul Haque among others.



The entire event was coordinated by Ar. Shaila Ahmed, the Heritage and Culture Member of the 12th Committee, along with her team. Ar. Mehedi Iftekhar and his firm, P2P | WECON, provided comprehensive support to IAB Chattogram Chapter for this event.



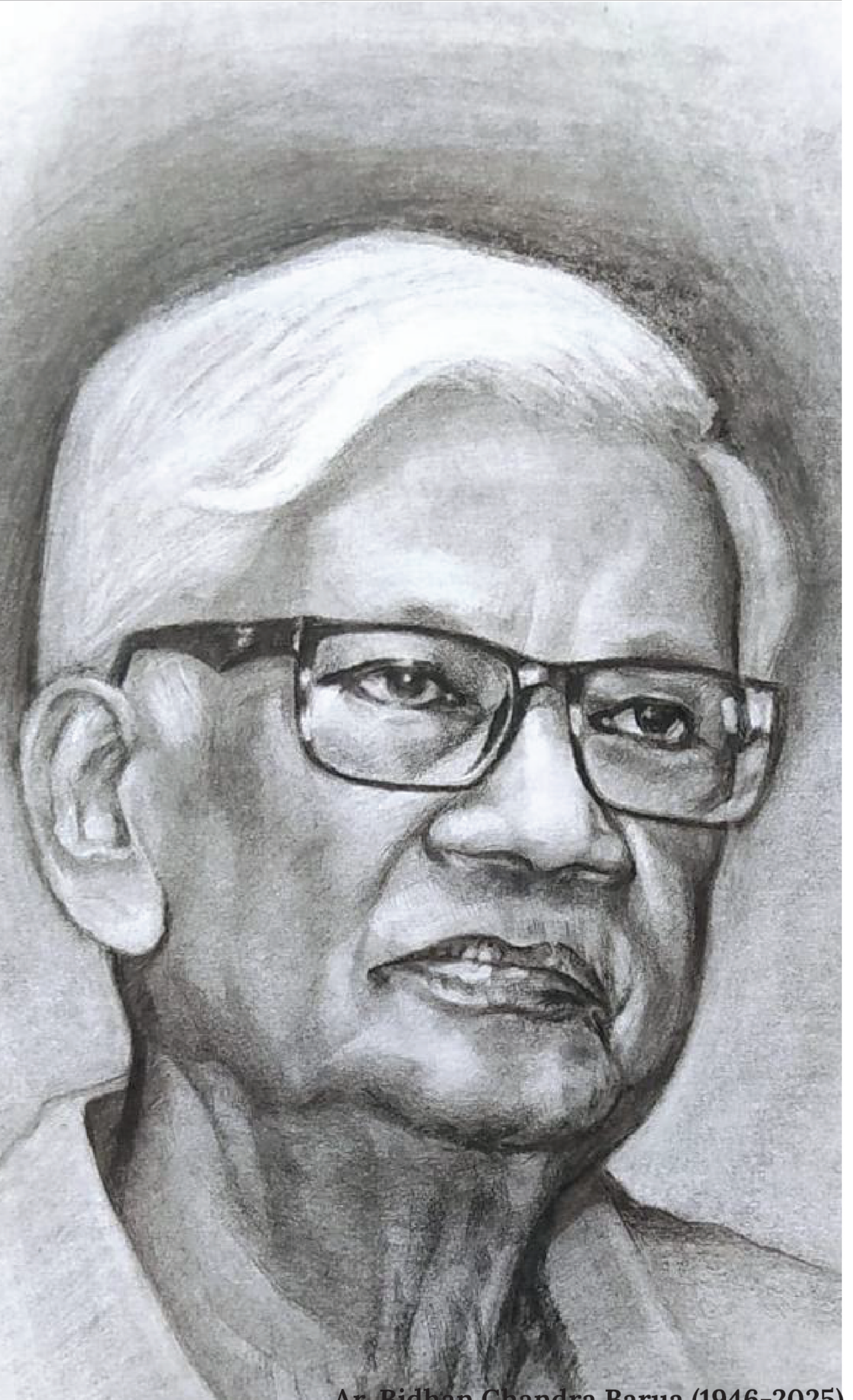
Ar. Bidhan Chandra Barua, FIAB(B-009) left for heavenly abode in the early hours of 6th March, 2025. It was a very sad period for the IAB, Chattogram Chapter as the late Architect was very much attached to the different activities of the chapter from the early growth of the chapter till his sad demise. A long time Architectural practitioner the late Architect was a remarkable character, who was not only a successful Architect but, his contribution to different aspects of the society was very significant.

A TRIBUTE TO

AR. BIDHAN CHANDRA BARUA:

His Life:

Born in January, 1946, in the Village of Koth-erpara, Fatikchari, Chattogram, late Ar. Bidhan Barua received his early education in his village. Later he completed his schooling and College education in the city of Chittagong (now Chattogram). He completed his Bachelor of Architecture (B. Arch.), in that time it was Ahsanullah Engineering College/East Pakistan University of Engineering & Technology (now BUET - Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology). After graduation he practiced in Dhaka for a while before moving to Nigeria, West Africa, where he spent a number of significant years engaged in the profession of Architecture. In the 90s he returned to Bangladesh setting up his practice in Chattogram Over a long period of time. During this part of his life he professionally dealt with the design of industrial, religious, residential structures.



Ar. Bidhan Chandra Barua (1946-2025)

He also participated actively in the formation of the two departments of Architecture in Chattogram at Chattogram University of Engineering & Technology (CUET) and Premier University. At Premier University he taught by extensively setting the standard of Architectural Education. The late Architect was very much responsible socially as he was active and responsive when it mattered. The 12th Committee, IAB, Chapter will always cherish the memories of late Ar. Bidhan Barua and pray for the salvation of his soul.



VIEW EXCHANGE MEETING

On 15th March, 2025, Saturday

A view exchange meeting was organized by IAB Chattogram Chapter to understand the perspectives of architects and to learn about the challenges they face in their professional practice. The primary objective of the session was to create an open platform where architects could share their experiences, express their viewpoints, and highlight the real-world issues they encounter during the course of their work.

During the meeting, participants discussed a range of topics including project execution hurdles, regulatory and compliance issues, client expectations, delays in approvals, lack of coordination among stakeholders, and the impact of rapid urban development on architectural design. Many architects emphasized the need for better collaboration between government bodies, developers, and design professionals to ensure smoother project workflows.

THE LAST MEET

On 5th January 2025, Sunday

A delegation from the IAB Chattogram Chapter visited the residence of veteran Chattogram-based Ar. Bidhan Chandra Barua (B-009) on January 5, 2025, to inquire about his health and overall well-being.

The delegation included members of the 12th Committee of the IAB Chattogram Chapter: Ar. Adar Yusuf (Deputy Chairman), Ar. Md. Asaduzzaman Chowdhury (Secretary), and Ar. Aniket Chowdhury (Member – Profession).

Ar. Bidhan Chandra Barua warmly congratulated the newly elected 12th Committee of the IAB Chattogram Chapter. During the visit, he was presented with a commemorative copy of the design competition publication “Golpahar Mahashmashan Kali Mandir”, published by the IAB Chattogram Chapter.





IFTAR WITH ARCHITECT'S

On 15th March, 2025, Saturday

On Saturday, March 15, the Iftar event organized by the IAB Chattogram Chapter was held at the Chittagong Club. During this modest yet meaningful gathering, two distinguished architects were presented with honorary crests in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the oath-taking Ceremony held on February 1.

Ar. Md. Mizanur Rahman was honored for his overall significant role in the oath-taking event. In addition, Ar. Bijoy Shankar Talukder received an honorary crest for his successful role as the convener of the Children's Art Competition held during the same occasion.

The crests were presented by Ar. Md. Asaduzzaman Chowdhury, the esteemed Secretary of the IAB Chattogram Chapter, in the presence of other members of the 12th Committee. Mr. Ismail Hossain, Managing Director of Swiss (the sponsoring organization), delivered the welcome speech on behalf of the Swiss management team present at the event.



Among those in attendance were members of the 12th Committee of IAB Chattogram Chapter: Deputy Chairman: Ar. Adar Yusuf, Secretary: Ar. Md. Asaduzzaman Chowdhury, Treasurer: Ar. Abdullah Rumman, Member (Profession): Ar. Aniket Chowdhury, Member (Seminars & Education): Ar. Md. Mainul Hassan, Member (Heritage & Culture): Architect Shaila Ahmed, Member (Publications & Publicity): Ar. Md. Saifuddin Chowdhury.

Renowned architects were presents including Ar. Ahmed Zinnur Chowdhury, Ar. Selimur Rahman, Ar. Sohel M. Shakur, Ar. Ashik Imran, and over a hundred architects from Chattogram.

The Iftar event concluded successfully in a warm and cordial atmosphere, strengthening the spirit of fraternity and unity among all participating architects.



BENGALI NEW YEAR

POHELA BOISHAKH:

On the evening of Monday, 14th April, 2025 (1st Boishakh 1432 Bangla Year), the IAB Chattogram Chapter office hosted the New Year's event "Harmony of the New Year: Welcoming 1432" in an intimate setting.

During the event, participants of various programs held in January and February were honored with certificates. Distinguished Ar. Ahmed Zinnur Chowdhury, along with Ar. Fazle Imran Chowdhury (Chairman of IAB Chattogram Chapter), Ar. Md. Asaduzzaman Chowdhury (Secretary), and Ar. Shaila Ahmed (Heritage and Culture Member), distributed certificates to children who participated in a drawing competition on February 1.

The event also featured a delightful cultural segment. Musical performances were delivered by Ar. Priyanka Bhattacharjee, Ar. Bijoy Shankar Talukder, Ar. Md. Asaduzzaman Chowdhury, Ar. Archisman Das, and others. Children's performances, including dances, songs, and poetry recitations, added vibrant energy to the celebration.

The event was graced by the presence of the 12th Executive Committee of IAB Chattogram Chapter included: Ar. Md. Asaduzzaman Chowdhury (Secretary), Ar. Adar Yusuf (Deputy Chairman), Ar. Abdullah Rumman (Treasurer), Ar. Aniket Chowdhury (Member-Profession), Ar. Hossan Murad (Member-Membership), Ar. Md. Mainul Hassan (Member-Seminars and Education), Ar. Shaila Ahmed (Member - Heritage & Culture), Ar. Md. Saifuddin Chowdhury (Member-Publication & Publicity)



Ceremony for Presenting Mementos

Additionally, Ar. Shawkat Hossain Rana was recognized with a memento for his successful coordination of the "IAB Sports Carnival" in January. Ar. Mujahid Beg was also honored for his appointment as a member of the BAFUFE committee. The tokens of appreciation and certificates were presented by senior Ar. Ahmed Zinnur Chowdhury, Chairman Ar. Fazle Imran Chowdhury, Secretary Ar. Md. Asaduzzaman Chowdhury, and other.



Certificate Distribution Ceremony



CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

EXAM PREPARATION & WORKSHOP ON IMARAT NIRMAN BIDHIMALA

On 18th April, 2025, The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) Chattogram Chapter successfully organized a Continuous Professional Development (CPD) course and Examination Preparation workshop on Imarat Nirman Bidhimala, 2008 and 1996 to support Associate Members in their professional development and examination preparation. Held on 18th April 2025 (Friday) at the IAB Chattogram Chapter Office, Apt. #C1 (4th Floor), 13, Shahid Saifuddin Khaled Road, Chattogram, the workshop was conducted in two sessions: Session 01 from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM, led by Ar. Md. Golam Rabbani Chowdhury (C-053), Senior Architect at Chattogram Development Authority, and Session 02 from 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM, led by Ar. Kaushik Das (D-030). With limited seats filled on a first-come, first-serve basis, the workshop saw active participation from Associate Members. The 12th Committee of IAB Chattogram Chapter expressed gratitude to all participants and reiterated the importance of CPD courses in ensuring a smooth and successful membership process.





TWO-DAY HANDS-ON WORKSHOP AUTODESK REVIT ARCHITECTURE

On 25th & 26th of April 2025, The second phase of the ‘BIM Training Series 2025’, titled ‘Two-Day Hands-On Workshop on Autodesk Revit Architecture’, was organized by the 12th Committee of the Chattogram Chapter of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB). Building Information Modeling (BIM) is a modern method for managing information throughout a building’s lifecycle, playing a crucial role in coordination, collaboration, and preventing resource waste. Although there are many misconceptions and challenges in implementing BIM in professional practice, the workshop helped participants gain hands-on knowledge and skills in using this technology.



The workshop's keynote speaker and trainer was Ar. Mohammad Yunus Ali (MIAB: A-281), an expert in Autodesk Revit Architecture and a professional who has applied BIM in major projects such as the JKKNU TSC Building and DTCA Headquarters. He holds a Bachelor of Architecture from State University of Bangladesh and a Master’s in Environmental Science from Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP).

Notable attendees included members of the 12th Committee of the IAB Chattogram Chapter: Ar. Md. Asaduzzaman Chowdhury (Secretary), Ar. Adar Yusuf (Deputy Chairman), Ar. Aniket Chowdhury (Member – Profession), Ar. Shaila Ahmed (Member – Heritage & Culture), Ar. Md. Saifuddin Chowdhury (Member – Promotion & Publication), along with senior architects such as Ar. Sinthia Shobnom, Ar. Ratan Mondal, Ar. Jabid Akram Romel, Ar. Avijit Saha, and Ar. Golam Rabbani.



On the first day of the workshop, he shared his personal experiences with REVIT software, introducing the basics and key tools. On the second day, participants practiced the entire process—from modeling a small building project to creating construction documentation. Each participant worked on their own laptop, receiving direct support from the trainer, which enabled them to become familiar with the software through hands-on experience. The main activities concluded with a Q&A session.

The event was sponsored by
A & H Gallery.

During the closing ceremony, tokens of appreciation in the form of crests and traditional shawls were presented to the trainer and the representatives of the sponsor.



MEMBERSHIP EXAMINATION

On 25th April ,2025, Friday

The IAB Membership Exam refers to the qualifying examination conducted by the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) for granting professional membership to eligible candidates.

The IAB Membership Exam is a professional assessment designed to evaluate the competency, ethical understanding, and practical knowledge of graduate architects seeking membership in the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB). It is a crucial step in becoming a registered and recognized architect in Bangladesh, ensuring that candidates meet the standards set by the national architectural body.

Purpose of the Exam

To assess the readiness of architecture graduates for professional practice.

To evaluate understanding of architectural ethics, construction laws, building codes, and professional responsibilities.

To maintain the quality and integrity of architectural practice in Bangladesh.

Passing the IAB Membership Exam grants architects:

Full membership in the IAB (Associate or Member level depending on qualifications and experience). Eligibility to sign and submit architectural drawings and documents for regulatory approval. Professional recognition and the legal right to practice architecture in Bangladesh.



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Ar. Ahsanul Haque Rubel
from 26th Executive Council
of IAB and Deputy Chairman
Ar. Adar Yusuf from 12th
Committee Chattogram
Chapter were present during
the examination.
The whole process was
coordinated by
Ar. Hossan Murad (Mem-
ber-Membership).

PUBLIC AWARENESS



বাংলাদেশ স্থপতি ইনস্টিটিউট চট্টগ্রাম চ্যাপ্টার

এ্যাপার্টমেন্ট # সি-১ (৫ম তলা), ১৩, এস.এস. খালেদ রোড, চট্টগ্রাম।

বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সম্প্রতি গভীর উদ্বেগের সাথে লক্ষ্য করা যাচ্ছে যে, স্থপতি না হয়েও স্থপতি (আর্কিটেক্ট) পরিচয় দিয়ে নামের আগে স্থপতি (আর্কিটেক্ট) পদবী ব্যবহার করে চট্টগ্রাম মেট্রোপলিটন এবং চট্টগ্রাম উন্নয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষ (চউক) এর আওতাধীন এলাকায় কিছু অসাধু ব্যক্তি স্থাপত্য (আর্কিটেকচার) এবং প্রকৌশল সংক্রান্ত পেশা চর্চায় অবৈধভাবে জড়িত হয়েছে। এটা অত্যন্ত উদ্বেগজনক যে, এসব অবৈধ পেশা চর্চাকারী কখনোই স্থাপত্য (আর্কিটেকচার) এবং প্রকৌশল চর্চার গুণগতমান ও নিরাপত্তার বিষয়টি নিশ্চিত করতে সক্ষম হবে না।

চট্টগ্রাম মহানগর ইমারত (নির্মাণ, উন্নয়ন, সংরক্ষণ ও অপসারণ) বিধিমালা-২০০৮ এর ধারা-২(৯০) ও ধারা ৪১ এবং বাংলাদেশ স্থপতি ইনস্টিটিউট এর গঠনতন্ত্রের ধারা ২.২ অনুযায়ী শুধুমাত্র স্থাপত্য (আর্কিটেকচার) বিদ্যায় স্নাতক এবং বাংলাদেশ স্থপতি ইনস্টিটিউট এর সদস্যরাই পারেন নামের আগে স্থপতি বা আর্কিটেক্ট পদবী ব্যবহার করতে। স্থাপত্য পেশা চর্চার ক্ষেত্রে শুধুমাত্র তারাই যোগ্য।

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