

# **SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE, NEW DELHI, INDIA**

## **About SPA**

The School of Planning and Architecture had a modest beginning in 1941 as a Department of Architecture of Delhi Polytechnic. It was later affiliated to the University of Delhi and integrated with the School of Town and Country Planning which was established in 1955 by the Government of India to provide facilities for rural, urban and regional planning. On integration, the School was renamed as School of Planning and Architecture in 1959.

Recognizing the specialized nature of the fields in which the School had attained eminence, in 1979, the Government of India, through the then Ministry of Education and Culture, conferred on the School of Planning and Architecture the status of "Deemed to be a University". With this new status, the School has broadened its horizon by introducing new academic and extension programmes and promoting research and consultancy activities.

The School is a specialized University, only one of its kinds, which exclusively provides training at various levels, in different aspects of human habitat and environment. The School has taken lead in introducing academic programmes in specialized fields both at Bachelor's and Master's level, some of which are even today not available elsewhere in India. The School, in striving for excellence, has always been in the lead in extending education and research to new frontiers of knowledge. Human habitat and environment being the basic concern of the School, the spectrum of academic programmes is being continuously extended by providing programmes in new fields and emerging areas for which facilities are not available, as yet, anywhere else in the country.

With the opening up of the Indian economy and the onset of globalization, the school has entered into several bilateral collaborations with foreign universities and research organizations in order to pursue specialized areas of researched.

SPA is a futuristic academic institution and has set a number of tasks to be accomplished and objectives to be achieved in the near future. Some of the most significant concerns of SPA are listed below:

- To introduce new academic programmes in emerging areas of research.
- To deepen and strengthen our established links with national and international institutions of repute, and to take fresh initiatives in this direction.
- To continue to participate and contribute in policy formulation and programmes implementation at all levels of government.

