

L. S. RAHEJA SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE 01.04.2024

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Ar. Kedar Pathare, Senior Practicing Architect NKA, Jogeshwari West, Mumbai

Sub.: Appointment as Academic Auditor for Academic Audit for the year 2023-2024 at L.S. Raheja School of Architecture

Dear Sir,

Greeting to you from Bombay Suburban Art & Craft Education Society's L.S. Raheja School of Architecture. It gives us great pleasure in appointing you as Academic Auditor (Academic Expert), for conducting the Academic Audit for the Academic year 2023-2024. This Audit shall be conducted on 5th July 2024, at L.S. Raheja School of Architecture, Conference room, 09:00 am onwards.

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We request you to kindly sign a copy of this letter, as an acceptance of the above mentioned appointment. Looking forward to seeing you during the interviews.

Thanking you,

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Ar. Suresh Mahesh Singh,

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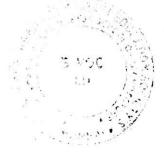
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# ACADEMIC AUDIT REPORT ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

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#### Academic Audit 2023-2024

L.S. Raheja School of Architecture, as an initiative of the IQAC (Internal Quality Assurance Cell), conducted an Academic Audit 2023-2024 after the end of the academic year. This Audit was conducted by a **two member committee**. These two members were appointed by the Institute and are experts from Academics and Industry. This committee conducted a thorough review of all the academic information such as **course objectives and outcomes**, **examinations review**, **academic calendar and planning**, **staff information and co curricular and extracurricular activities**. They interacted with the Principal and the staff for better understanding the overall direction of discourse for each academic year. Through their understanding and analysis of the above mentioned data, they generated a comprehensive report of observations and recommendations for improvement.

#### **Objectives of the Academic Audit**

- To review satisfaction of all statutory compliances, mandated committee representations and note the intake of students for all programs.
- To note the faculty to student ratios and note any faculty upgrades and initiatives for improvement.
- 3. To understand the planned **academic calendar** and study the adherence to the estimated schedule at the beginning of the academic year.
- 4. To study the **annual academic report** for better understanding of course objectives and outcomes and recommend improvisations (if any).
- 5. To note the curricular and extracurricular activities and participation by the Institute.
- 6. To compile all **observations and state recommendations** for improvement (if any).

### Date and Time of Academic Audit A.Y. 2023-2024

5th July 2024, 09:00 am onwards





# Venue of Academic Audit A.Y. 2023-2024

Conference Room, 1st Floor L.S. Raheja School of Architecture, Bandra East, Mumbai

# Academic Audit Committee A.Y. 2023-2024

Sr. No.	Name of Auditor	Designation of Auditor
1	Ar. Suresh Mahesh Singh Principal, Academy of Architecture, Mumbai	Academic Expert
2	Ar. Kedar Pathare Senior Practicing Architect, NKA, Mumbai	Industry Expert

# **Documents attached for reference**

1. Academic Report 2022-2023

Contents of Academic Report 2023-2024		
ntake for all programs and Statutory compliances		
Faculty details		
Mandatory Committees		
Academic Annual Calendar (A.Y. 2023-24)		
Academic Report		
Examinations Report		
Co-curricular Report		
Extra Curricular Report		
QAC Key Initiatives		
Alumni Association		

- 2. Subject Wise Teaching Learning plans 2023-2024
- 3. IQAC Report 2023-24
- 4. Stakeholder Survey Report 2023-2024
- 5. Administrative Audit Report 2023-24
- 6. MahaDBT Report 2023-24
- 7. Gender Audit Report 2023-24







#### **Observations and Recommendations**

- L. S. Raheja School of Architecture has completed all mandatory compliance procedures stipulated by University of Mumbai, Council of Architecture, Directorate of Technical Education and UGC.
- They have 100% admissions (academic year 2023-24), against the allotted seats in both the Bachelor of Architecture and Bachelor of Vocation (Interior Design) program.
- The Institute maintains a required student to staff ratio. Several staff members are pursuing further education and attending multiple teacher training and upgradation programs.
- The formation of all **Statutory committees is as per norms.** The Institute ensures quorum and regular meetings for all the committees.
- The Institute prepares and adheres to a detailed Academic Calendar. **The calendar includes Extracurricular and Academic milestones** achieved during the year.
- The Academic calendar is detailed and outlines course objectives and outcomes for all the years of the program.
- The course objectives have been well incorporated in the detailed teaching-learning plans of each year. Syllabus and its objectives were adhered to in all semester pedagogies.
- Continuous evaluation of assignments submitted is observed. There is fair variation in the
  modes and mediums of assignments. This is observed to allow students with varied skill
  sets to excel in their own learning.
- Defaulter lists are regularly displayed and letters are sent to parents for their information. Parent teacher communication is maintained on a as needed basis for weaker students to encourage them for a better academic performance.
- The integration of assignment and adaptation to **merge learning across courses** for a year is successful and has shown interesting results in the senior classes.
- The Rubric based marking system adapted for the design dissertation courses, was also
  modified and incorporated for all the courses for all years. This allowed all faculties to
  mark with parity and reduce ambiguity of assessment.
- Examinations were conducted in the Institute following all stipulated procedures and norms laid by University of Mumbai. The examination timetable was declared in advance and paper setting and paper corrections were done by staff based on University of Mumbai guidelines.

The results are observed to be declared within 45 days of the examination.







- Co curricular activities are very strongly prioritized by the Institute. The variety of topics
  and events for bridging the gap between academics and practice is highly
  appreciated.
- The Institute is observed to encourage co curricular participation in competition by providing infrastructural support and additional guidance for improving performance.
- The Domestic & International Study Tours conducted have been intentionally developed to be part of the pedagogy.
- The IQAC reports are detailed and map the initiatives taken up for improving and maintaining academic excellence.
- Stakeholder feedback is observed to be favorable and the suggestions are incorporated in running of the Institute.
- The Alumni Association with over 350 members, have conducted several meetings
  throughout the year to have multiple initiatives for the betterment of the students &
  institute. Many of them have been an essential part of the Faculty team and more have
  joined the institute in 2024.
- The institute provides **equal opportunities to all genders** with respect to admissions, academic curriculum, co curricular & extracurricular activities and infrastructure.
- It is recommended for the institute to initiate & implement a Research Cell for professional exposure and development of an extensive database.
- The Institute is also suggested to create a **platform for interrelations** between various colleges by hosting **Inter-College Competition/s**, open to all allied institutions.
- It is recommended that a Faculty Development Program is curated & conducted once
  a year by the college, in order to equip the Faculty with up to date knowledge and
  encourage interactions within the faculty community.

Ar. Suresh Mahesh Singh

Academic Expert/ Principal Academy of Architecture

Ar. Kedar Pathare
Industry Expert
Senior Practicing Architect, NKA

**5th July 2024**Bandra East
Mumbai



