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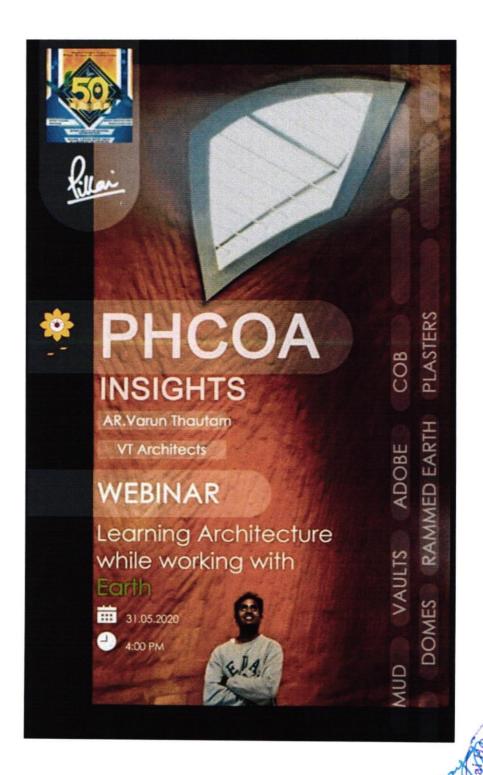
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Academic year: 2019-20	
Organized by	Pillai HOC College of Architecture, Rasayani
Objectives	<ul> <li>To understand the importance of use of vernacular materials and local construction techniques.</li> <li>To encourage students to interact with Architects specialized in various fields by exploring their works</li> </ul>
Name of resource person(s)	Ar. Varun Thautam
Introduction about the resource person	Ar. Varun Thautam is an Architect and a builder, Ecological building and design consultant, a Trainer and a Researcher. He has more than a decade of experience working in USA, Canada, Mexico and India. He has a post professional master's degree in Urban design and housing. His interest areas are bioclimatic architecture, rammed earth, cob, wattle and daub, stone masonry, vaults and domes, natural plasters and finishes with earth and lime. As a researcher and an academician, he has been a full time faculty of Monterrey Institute of technology and higher education in Queretaro, Mexico (2014-2018)
Date and time	31 May 2020 4.00pm onwards
Venue	Online platform - Zoom
Faculty coordinator	Prof. Shuchi Joshi
Supporting staff	-
No. of students present	29
Program approved by	Prof. Suchita Sayaji, Principal, PHCOA
Brief about the activity/event	The Speaker shared his work which revolves mainly around innovations in the process of construction. He explained that he finds ways to give people the possibility to create and build for themselves meaningfully. He elaborated on how to make use of Indigenous materials, techniques and locally appropriate aesthetics. He encouraged the students to bring these techniques in the mainstream rather than patronizing them as alternative.
Remarks	The students were encouraged to use local materials and vernacular construction techniques in construction.

