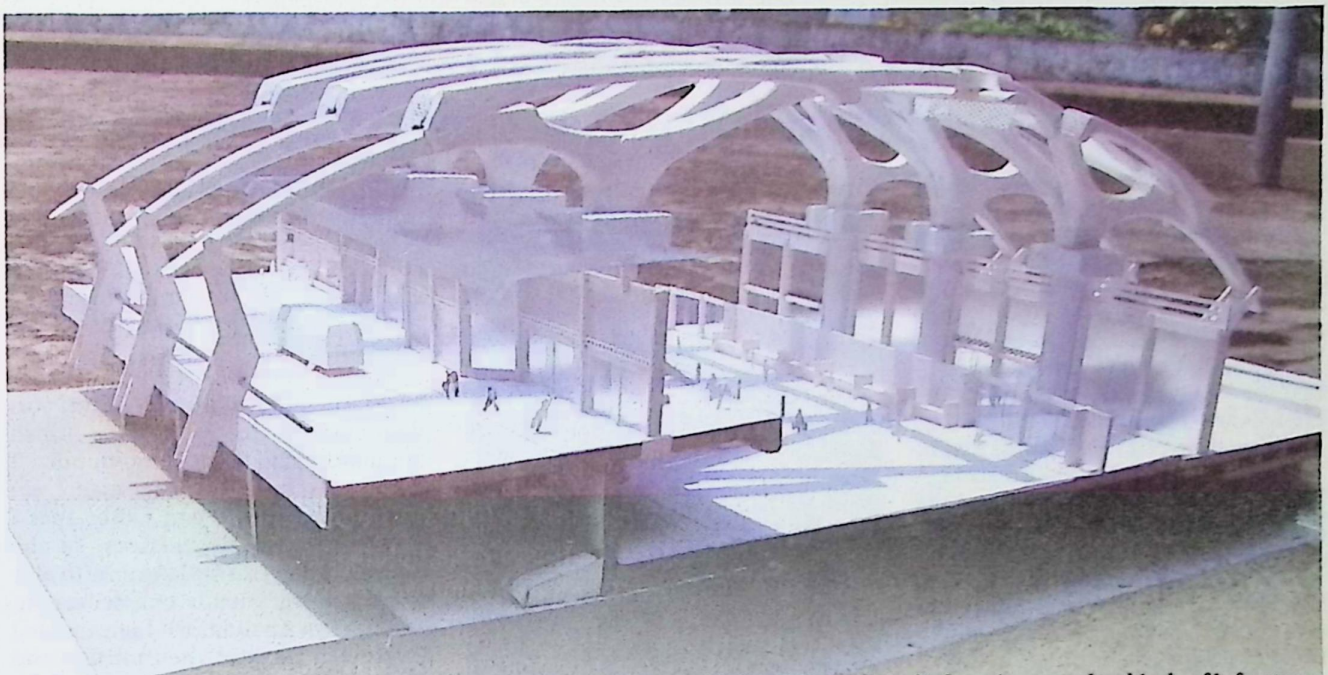


The students are getting experience in the field of fabric architecture, from concept to visualisation, design, engineering, manufacture and installation.

The department also has a unit consisting of teachers and students for the 'minimum cost housing group' that focuses attention on the human settlement problems of poor nations. The programme involves students to engage their hands-on design and problem-solving situations that demand community-based multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural professional skills.

The Department of Architecture is also a seat of culture. It has not only produced hardcore architects, but also architects who have made major contributions in other fields, for which they will be remembered with reverence for times to come. The department activities include many cultural and literary activities on different national days. Every year an annual festival is held together with alumni meet. The students of the department organise all kinds of activities from quiz, poetry competition to photography exhibition.

Department of Urban and Regional Planning (DURP)

The importance of urban and regional planning for a country like Bangladesh can hardly be over emphasised. The Department of Urban and Regional Planning was established in 1962 under the Faculty of Architecture and Planning, offering Master's Degree in Urban Regional Planning. It has started to offer BURP, the undergraduate degree in URP, and also PhD, from 1997. It has granted about 135 graduate degrees and forwarded a progressive and interdisciplinary approach to the theory and practice of planning. The graduates of the department are doing increasingly better in the fields of spatial planning, administration, policy making, Global Positioning System (GIS), research etc., in a diverse range of professional organisations.

A planner develops long-and short-term plans to use land for the growth and revitalization of urban, suburban, and rural communities, while helping local officials make decisions concerning social, economic, and environmental problems. Planners promote the best use of a community's land and resources for residential, commercial, institutional, and recreational purposes. Planners may be involved in various other activities, including making decisions relating to establishing alternative public transportation systems, developing resources, and protecting ecologically sensitive regions. Urban and regional planners address issues such as traffic congestion, air pollution, and the effects of growth and change on a community. They may formulate plans relating to the construction of new school buildings, public housing, or other kinds of infrastructure.

The planners also examine proposed community facilities, such as schools, to be sure that these facilities will meet the changing demands placed upon them over time. They keep abreast of economic and legal issues involved in zoning codes, building codes, and environmental regulations.

The Architecture Department Photographic Society

The Architecture Department Photographic Society (ADPS) is the department's own photographic organisation. The aim of the Society is to promote, improve, share and enjoy photography in Bangladesh offering many extensive services, all specifically designed to improve photography and photographic skills. The purpose of the image is to capture the feeling of walking by the structure, not to delight or decorate. Every year the ADPS has an annual convention and exhibition. The conference runs for a week and has a varied programme of lectures, workshops and tours. The activities of the ADPS also include national competitions, exhibitions, field trips, educational workshops, publications, and access to a highly respected system of photographic distinctions.

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