



Urban Learning Experience (ULE) and Regional Planning Studio

The unique component of the MBA - Urban Management and Governance programme is that the Urban Learning Experience (ULE) where the students are attached with Urban Local Bodies to know the aspects of city governance and obtain hands-on learning experience by assisting the government officials within the on-going urban projects. This year's ULE took place in ULBs of various cities like Angul Municipality, Berhampur Municipal Corporation, Bhadrak Municipality, and Rourkela Municipal Corporation and a few of the projects that the students were engaged in are - designing and organizing the first-ever District Level Sanitation Meet cum Vada Khanna, to mark this event as a Twitter-based crowd funding initiative was also unveiled for providing welfare support of our sanitation workers and identification of Garbage Vulnerable Points and its beautification by designing the space for avoiding dumping of waste was done at Angul, identification and analysis of the implementation of gaps in advasi basti, was carried out at Bhadrak, which also analyzed the status of JAGA mission in Bhadrak. Beautification of Berhampur city and also analysis of the implementation gaps of PMAY within the bastis was done. City beautification, analysis of Infrastructure gaps in several slums of Rourkela, and therefore the way effectively PMAY and JAGA mission go on in Rourkela was administered.

Our students of Master in Urban and Regional Planning have a Regional Planning Studio in each trimester which provides the students exposure to the sheer scale of a region with all its functions, zones, demography, environment, economy, and sorts of transport. It requires multiple design strategies and a sustainable approach to plan cities that would also be resilient. The MURP students recently completed a studio on the Bhubaneswar Capital Regional Plan - Vision 2041 where, a regional planning approach shall be taken up for Bhubaneswar Capital Region for a planned also as balanced growth, which is spread across the surrounding areas of Bhubaneswar and not just concentrated within the Capital City, which strategizes to leverage this advantage while addressing the problems of growing urbanization, increasing commutes, shooting land prices, and environmental degradation.

These special components within the course curriculum equip our students with the competence to tackle urban wicked problems by handling real-life scenarios that make them able to contribute to the urban industry.