

BRACU centre for inclusive architecture

BRAC University's Architecture department officially launched its Centre for Inclusive Architecture and Urbanism (Ci+AU) at its Mohakhali campus in the capital Saturday, 7 July 2018, which will offer rigorous research-based consultancy on urban issues. Founded in 2017, the Ci+AU has already garnered acclaim from the Prison Directorate and won Tk 1 lakh in a design competition on turning Old Dhaka Central Jail into an urban park while keeping intact its national history.

It is currently working on three projects. The first two are on redesigning BRAC's regional offices on the themes of the hut, tree and delta and overhauling the footpath of Bangla Academy.

The third is on enlightening students in Bangladesh's history and culture in BRACU Residential Campus using a "space as knowledge" concept. The department chairperson and the centre's executive director, Professor Adnan Z Morshed, PhD, revealed plans on launching a certificate programme on building capacity of mayors alongside a lecture series on architecture and urbanisation.

It will work on multidisciplinary exploration of conditions, processes, and policies that affect the livability, resilience, and sustainability of the built environment, he said.