

# Site-Specific Workshop at Firoz Shah Kotla Fort



*Design students and faculty with Ms. Vidhya Gopal, Workshop facilitator at Kotla fort*

A site-specific workshop was conducted for 2<sup>nd</sup> year Design students of UPID, Noida at Firoz Shah Kotla fort by Workshop facilitator, Ms. Vidhya Gopal, Architect.

The aim of the workshop was to develop a deeper connect of spaces especially heritage sites among the students. For this, several interesting activities were organised at the site which engaged students at both physical and intellectual levels.

An architect by profession, Ms. Vidhya stressed on devising ways in which heritage sites could attract more visitors and have a wider outreach than being just a tourist spot. For this, the students came up with several interesting and out of box ideas.

The six-hour workshop was termed as deeply invigorating and life changing by the students and clearly helped in forging a deeper connect of heritage sites within the students and inculcating respect and admiration for our diverse heritage.

Course faculty, Mr. Abhishek Srivastava (Asst. Professor), termed the workshop as an important step towards building a Creative self. He also emphasised that the contemporary education system needs to have the essence of inter-disciplinary approach esp. through arts, music, performing arts etc. which was also a key takeaway from the workshop.