

Lecture celebrates Le Corbusier Day

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THE Chandigarh College of Architecture observed the annual Le Corbusier Day today by organising a lecture on, 'Open Space Planning and Cities— A Comparative Analysis of Lutyen's New Delhi and Le Corbusier's Chandigarh,' delivered by Prof Ravinder Bhan, landscape architect and ecological planner.

In an audio-visual talk, he traced the history of open space planning from historical examples like Mughal

Gardens, Fatehpur Sikri and Mandu in India and cities like Venice in Europe. He emphasised that to be meaningful, open space planning must have three major aspects — scale relationship, diversity and articulation of elements and fillers.

He stressed that the open spaces in cities must be planned bearing in mind their maintenance problems. For instance, he said, the current trend to have large expanses of grassy areas is not climatically suitable in the semi-hot and arid climate of north India, which has a hot summer.

Durga Puja begins with cultural shows

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THE five-day Durga Puja festival started today with the invocation of the Goddess. The festivities were marked by cultural programmes. *Agomoni*, a drama depicting the genesis of Durga was the main attraction today. The puja festivities will be carried out at different places in the city. The five-day programme will culminate on October 15 with the 'immersion ceremony procession'.

The various committees holding puja celebrations include, Banga Bhawan in Sector 35, Sree Durga Puja Committee, Sector 31 and Sector 37 Parshuram Bhavan.

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