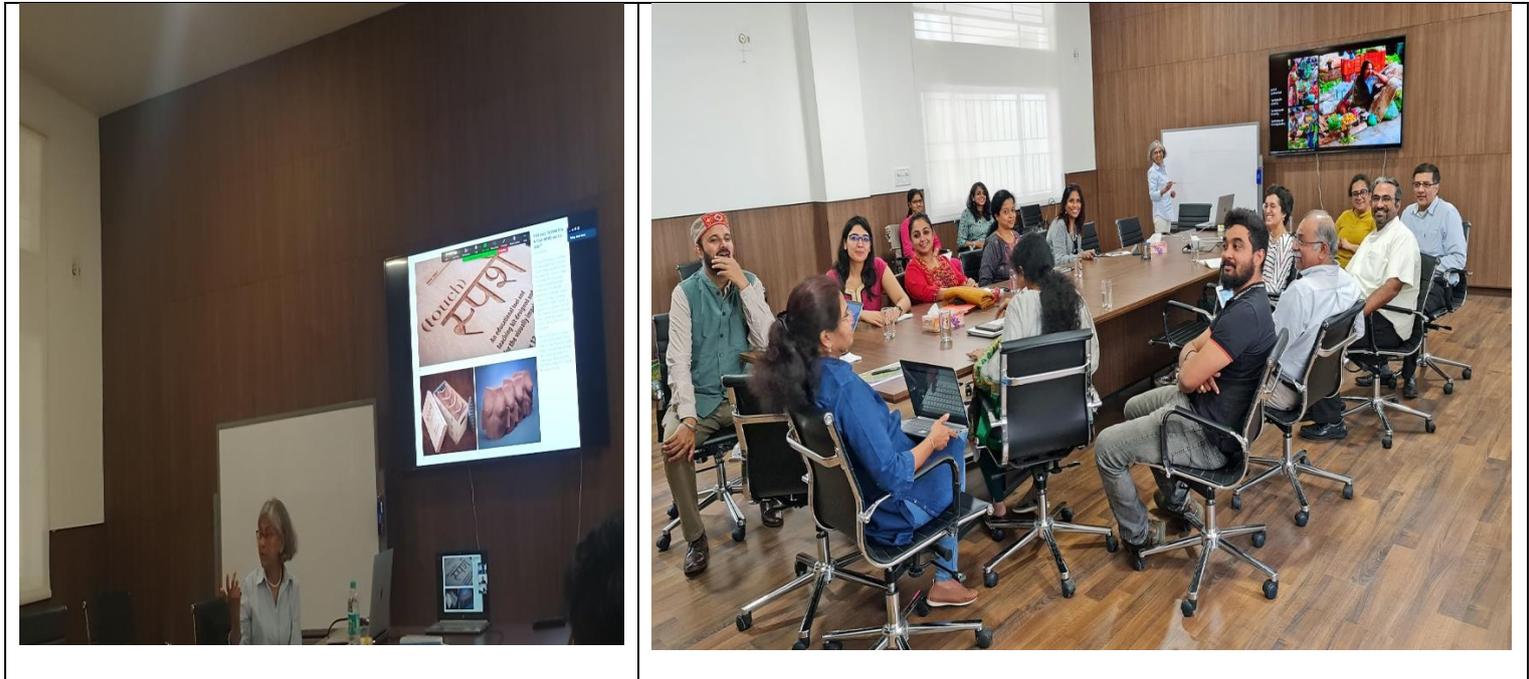


DAY1 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP BY Prof. NEETA VERMA



At the Founding Campus of Vidyashilp University on 11 July 2022, Professor Neeta Verma, Robert P. Sedlack Jr. Associate Professor of Visual Communication Design, Art, Art History, and Design of the University of Notre Dame, U.S., conducted a workshop for faculty on the many processes, discourses and best practices to enable design studies that speaks to the complexities of the contemporary world and facilitates student capabilities for the current day. Prof Verma began with detailing her fascinating life journey that saw her traversing from north to west India and finally America as a design practitioner and design academic. She spoke about the challenges, thrills and pitfalls of setting design studies in a liberal arts and humanities context, and the varying demands for academia and pedagogy for such an education in settings as diverse as contemporary India and America. Ranging from researching on violence and homelessness among urban youth in the U.S., to studying the lives of indigenous communities in the U.S, to courses that bridge temporal, spatial and cultural divides between America and India, Prof Verma touched upon some of the key matters facing design education today and how it must speak to larger social concerns. Some of her workshop highlights included inflections on the ethics of working with marginalized communities, systems thinking, and design processes and pedagogies to build student-centred collaborative learning.