

# **LBC Summer School 11 – 24 May, 2025**

## *On* **Laurie Baker's Approach to Sustainable Habitat Development**

### **Aims and Objectives**

The objective of the Summer School is to create awareness about the need to move towards a 'Sustainable Habitat' based on cost-effective building design and construction technology. The concept of the Summer School is to explore Laurie Baker's approach to habitat development, rooted in the idea of sustainability.

The Summer School aims to equip students, individuals and professionals with additional skills to envision and execute real projects in line with the sustainable habitat approach, through advanced hands-on work, integrated classroom sessions as well as field visits to ongoing and completed projects.

### **Target Group**

- Final year undergraduates of architecture/interior design.
- Architecture/interior design and Civil Engineering Graduate.
- Post-graduate students of other disciplines like architecture, planning, civil engineering, urban and rural studies interested in sustainable habitat.
- Practitioners and Researchers in the field of sustainable habitat and community development, interested in the area of environment and development in general and socioeconomic planning for housing, water and sanitation, and waste management in particular.

### **Duration**

The Summer School will be held during 11 -24 May, 2025 (14 days).

### **Venue**

The main venue for the Summer School will be the Laurie Baker Centre for Habitat Studies, Vilappilsala, Thiruvananthapuram (also known as Trivandrum) in Kerala.

## **Curriculum**

The curriculum will consist of a combination of

- (i) Classroom sessions**
- (ii) Learning- by- Doing; Hands-on sessions**
- (iii) Practical assignments**
- (iv) Field visits**
- (v) Audio-visual sessions**
- (vi) Interactive sessions and feed-back sessions**

In terms of subjects, the curriculum will cover topics that include:

- (i) Sustainable habitat and green economy**
- (ii) Laurie Baker's philosophy and approach to architecture and building construction**
- (iii) Alternative construction techniques and materials, non-conventional energy sources, waste management and recycling**
- (iv) Traditional architecture, heritage conservation and the need for innovation,**

The hands-on experience will be in such areas as:

- (i) Masonry using brick and rubble**
- (ii) Construction with Mud (adobe, cob, wattle & daub etc.)**
- (iii) Use of bamboo as an alternative construction material, (E.g. bamboo surface beam, bamboo beams).**
- (iv) Filler-slab, bamboo-mud screeding and other structural systems.**
- (v) Arches and Domes.**

Field visits will consist of visits to urban housing colonies, institutions and selected buildings designed and constructed by Laurie Baker and COSTFORD.

Practical assignments will be given to groups of participants depending on their background and experience. These assignments are based on the on-going work of COSTFORD/LBC in the area of Green Habitat.

## **Faculty**

The faculty will consist of a team of renowned experts and scholars drawn from such disciplinary backgrounds as environment and development, ecological sciences, architecture, civil engineering, energy, economics and other related areas. Other notable professionals and scholars drawn from various fields are invited to interact with the participants.

## **Boarding and Lodging**

Food and dormitory accommodation will be provided in the LBC campus. During field visits, food will be arranged by the LBC.

## Fees

The course fee is Rs.35,000/- (inclusive of 18% GST). This will cover boarding (Veg and Non-veg food), lodging (non-A/C dormitory) and local transport (non-A/C) for field visits and special events.

The Registration form (google form) should be accompanied with an advance registration fee of a **minimum** Rs.20,000/- (option to pay full amount also exists) either through a bank draft in favour of '**Laurie Baker Centre for Habitat Studies**', payable at **Thiruvananthapuram**, or be transferred online to the below mentioned account through Internet Banking/ NEFT mode. The balance amount shall be paid in similar manner before proceeding to the LBC campus for the Summer School. Please do not forget to include the **Transaction ID** (in the case of online transfer) in the registration form. Kindly avoid cash deposit (through CDM) and check drop as these processes deduct intercity and cash handling charges from our account.

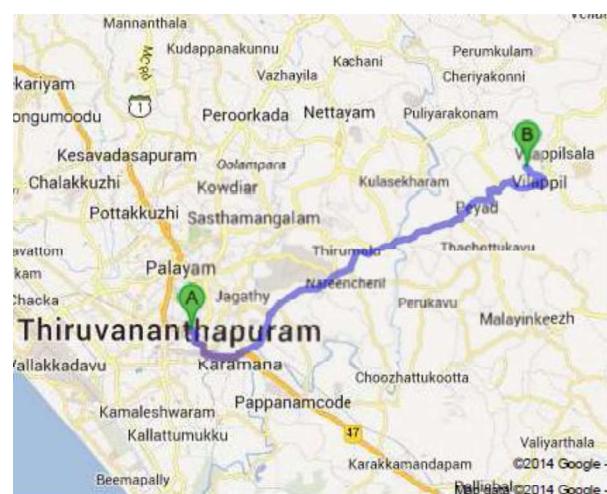
**The advance minimum registration fee is non refundable. However, if the registrant is unable to participate, he/she can nominate another eligible participant.**

### Account Details for Online Transaction

Name of the Bank : State Bank of India  
Branch : Thachottukavu Branch, Peyad, Trivandrum  
Name of the Account : Laurie Baker Centre for Habitat Studies  
Type of Account : Current account  
Account No. : 30862484963  
IFSC code : SBIN0013221

## Location

The LBC campus is located in the Nooliyode village in Vilappilsala Panchayat, 13 kms away from the centre of the city. It is 13 kms away from the Thiruvananthapuram Central Railway Station and 18 kms from the Thiruvananthapuram International Airport.



## Arrival and departure

Participants are expected to arrive on the previous day of the workshop (i.e. on 10th May, 2025). They are expected to depart within 24 hours of the completion of the workshop. Participants who wish to stay back for few more days after the completion of the workshop may do so by paying additional boarding and lodging charges.

Free pick-up and drop will be arranged by the LBC on the previous evening (4.00PM and 8.00PM) of the workshop and departure is scheduled the next day morning (7.00AM and 11.00AM) after the workshop.

## **Registration**

Number of participants is limited and registrations will be done on a first-cum-first-served basis. Persons who are interested to participate are requested to fill-in the registration form (google form) available as a link at <http://www.lauriebakercentre.org> under 'NEWS AND EVENTS'. No registration form can be submitted or processed without the advance registration fee payment of Rs.20, 000.

## **Requirements for processing registration**

After submitting the filled registration (google form), please e-mail to us the following documents at [lauriebakercentre@gmail.com](mailto:lauriebakercentre@gmail.com):

**1. A scanned copy of any valid Identity Proof (College ID / Aadhar Card/ Driving License).**

**Copy of relevant pages of Passport and Visa in case of non-Indian nationals shall be attached.**

**2. A scanned passport size photograph of the participant.**

It is mandatory to carry original Identity proof and one passport size photo while arriving at LBC for the Summer School.

## **Dress Code & Etiquette**

Summer dress is recommended. During site visits and hands-on training full sleeve top, jogging shoes and cricket hat are recommended. Also, Kerala receives summer showers and therefore participants are requested to bring umbrella or raincoats.

Participants are advised to bring laptop as assignment/project work is given during the course period.

Smoking and consumption of alcohol are not permitted in the LBC Campus.

LBC is a Plastic Free campus and use of 'single use' plastic is banned.

## **Contact details**

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