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EDUCATION

2008- 2013

S.R.M. University
Chennai, India
Bachelor Of Architecture

1996- 2008

Bhavans Vidya Mandir (G)
Kochi, India
Major In Computer Science

SKILLS

Software Skills

AutoCAD | SketchUP | Revit | Lumion |
Photoshop | Microsoft Office

Strengths

While working with design oriented firms my work has exposed me to focus on design details and its on-site execution. I have gained experience in Team Building and Team Management and leading the project team from concept to detail design and its execution. My key responsibilities included preparation of working drawings, tender reviews, vendor-contractor liason, Client, supplier, and manufacturer liaison and site supervision, managing and monitoring design and value engineering process to ensure project profitability.

Other strengths include critical thinking and written and oral communication skills.

LANGUAGES

English | Malayalam | Hindi | Tamil

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sep 2016- June 2020

Architect | INSPIRATION | Kochi

Inspiration is a multi disciplinary design and built practice. The firm specialises in eco sensitive design solutions, total water management systems, waste management & energy audit. Some of the projects that I was involved with are:

- Design of a 21 room resort near Tadoba National Park with a focus on locally available materials owing to the sensitivity of site and its surroundings.
- Design and Execution of a Rainforest Lodge in Wayanad built as a self-sustaining, off-the-grid stay.
- Involved in the renovation of a 200 year old Palace in Cochin led by Ar.Meenakshi Jain
- Design and Execution of a Community Housing project for vulnerable Self Employed Women working outside the organised sector. The project was completed using cost-effective means of construction using locally available materials, designed to provide comfort, space, hygiene and safety for each of its inhabitants.
- Design Proposal of a masterplan for a 354-acre campus envisioned as a self-sustaining township with Schools, Colleges, Hospitals, Residences and Commercial infrastructure. The project masterplan was created by incorporating the principles of Sustainable Land Use Planning.

August 2013- September 2016

Architect | KSM Architecture | Chennai

KSM Architecture is a design consultancy whose design philosophy is to come up with site & climate specific design solutions through natural means, along with the use of appropriate technology and vernacular wisdom resulting in a design that is sustainable and Eco-friendly. Some of the projects that I was involved with are:

- Design and execution of a weekend home in the outskirts of Chennai. The house is functionally designed to maximise natural ventilation and lighting and negate the heat factor through passive cooling solutions.
- Design of an international school in Chennai. The design envisions the built form to be part of a child's learning experience by blurring the lines of inside and outside and the addition of playful elements in the school's design.
- Design of a memorial in the foothills of Nilgiris. It was a restoration of the residence of a spiritual figure, and was converted as a monument for discerning visitors. The experience is designed as a circumambulation of the residence with various pause points along the path that gives a glimpse into the private spaces once inhabited by the resident.
- Design of a town house styled apartment in the context of Urban Chennai. The houses were stacked vertically instead of the conventional way of horizontal stacking of units giving the resident of each unit a sense of owning their own individual house..

June 2011- Nov 2011

Intern | SDEG | Bangalore

SDeG was my first major exposure to the practical work environment. It impressed upon me the multi faceted roles an architect plays in society to bring about real and actionable changes. My software, physical model making and drafting skills were greatly enhanced during my stint here. I had the opportunity to contribute to the team by assisting Architects with working drawings, presentations and interior design specifications.

Nov 2010- Dec 2010

Intern | Architects Group | Kochi

ARCHITECT'S GROUP exposed me to an architects office, the different facades of construction and the daily managerial and administrative workings of an architectural firm.