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## CEPT CONFERENCES

CEPT Conference aim to promote knowledge exchange, collaboration, and interdisciplinary research in urban design, planning, and policy and management. By bringing together stakeholders from diverse backgrounds, the conferences facilitate the advancement of sustainable and equitable urban development. The platform provides a forum for unbiased discussions, advances knowledge and new ideas, influences positive change in public policy, exposes students to professionals and policymakers, and offers networking opportunities. We are dedicated to working towards solutions to India's urban challenges through collaboration and collective action.

The conferences are organised by CEPT Research and Development Foundation (CRDF), the research arm of the University, engaged in research projects, advisory assignments and capacity building initiatives aimed at solving critical problems in the built environment and human habitats.

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ABOUT

# UDI CONFERENCE

Urban environment in India is changing rapidly and our cities are witnessing a visible transformation that is improving the quality of life in the cities. Urban planners and designers are increasingly identified as the changemakers who are engaged by cities to provide creative and efficient articulation of urban spaces. The country has, in the last few years, slowly but recognised urban design as a profession, over and above a discipline or a domain of knowledge. Many urban local bodies have created positions for urban designers and many others have started hiring them for design, co-ordination, and implementation of new and existing public spaces.

There is clearly growing awareness that experiential urban design makes positive linkages between a long-term perspective of city's spatial planning and infrastructure development. However, India's cities vary widely in terms of population density, geographical features, and cultural heritage. Thus, implementing urban design projects in India requires a multifaceted approach that addresses the country's diverse conditions. On one hand, engaging with local community becomes critical while on the other, ensuring equitable access to infrastructure presents a challenge. Establishing collaborative governance structures that facilitate coordination and decision-making among the diverse stakeholders becomes essential for effective implementation.

Since the last couple of years, the 'Urban Design in India' conference has created a platform for the professionals to share the unique and varied types of projects. This year's edition hopes to offer the dais to urban design practices from across the country to share the challenges and wins during the project cycle or implementation. The conference would allow sharing of lessons and ideas that would benefit professionals, academicians, and students alike and help strengthen the narrative of urban design in India.

# CONFERENCE AGENDA

8th May 2024

Venue – Balwantrai N. Brahmbhatt Lecture Hall, CEPT University, Ahmedabad

**8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**      **Registration and breakfast**

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**9:45 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.**      Welcome note by Purvi Chhadva

**9:50 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**      Opening Address by Barjor Mehta

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**10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**      **Session 1**

(15 mins)      **Cities Tell Stories**  
Sujata Hingorani

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(15 mins)      **The Joys of Applying Urban Design Theory in Practice**  
Sarfaraz Momin

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(15 mins)      **Urban Design as a tool for strategic outcomes**  
Manushi Jain & Niveda Ramesh

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(15 mins)      **Q&A**

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**11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**      **TEA BREAK**

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**11:40 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**      **Session 2**

(15 mins)      **Curating safe, shaded & socially active spaces in the public realm**  
Prasanna Desai

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(15 mins)      **Urban Oasis: Enhancing Livability through Innovative Public Space Design**  
Shruti Purohit

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(15 mins)      **Rethinking Urban Revitalization**  
Nishant Lall

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(15 mins)      **Place People Practice**  
Nishita Parmar & Kishan Shah

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(15 mins)      **Q&A**

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**1:00 pm – 2:15 pm**      **LUNCH BREAK**

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**2:15 pm – 3:15 pm**

**Session 3**

**Urban expansion - Rajkot Smart City**

(15 mins) Saumil Mewada

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**Behind the Design: Critical Role of the Shobhit Tayal Owner's Consultant in Shaping the IIT Gandhinagar Campus**

(15 mins) Shobhit Tayal

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**Accessible Cities**

(15 mins) Shravan Kumar

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(15 mins) Q&A

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**3:30 pm – 4:00 pm**

**HIGH TEA**

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**2:15 pm – 3:15 pm**

**Session 4**

**Beachfront Development at Daman**

(15 mins) Ankit Mehta

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**Bridging Scales in Urban Design: Challenges and Opportunities in Indian Urban Scenario**

(15 mins) Vishal Shah

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**Mahanadi Waterfront Rejuvenation**

(15 mins) Nithya Ramesh

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(15 mins) Q&A

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**5:15 pm – 5:30 pm**

**CONCLUDING NOTE / VOTE OF THANKS**  
by Purvi Chhadva

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**5:30 pm Onwards**

Exhibition tour guided by the students

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**6:30 pm Onwards**

Exhibition inauguration  
**Maps in History: Urban transformation of Ahmedabad**







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## ABOUT

Oasis Designs Inc. is a master-planning, urban design, architecture, and landscape design consultancy firm based out of Delhi. The firm specialises in creating nature-oriented urban public realms across India and brings in a multidisciplinary approach with sustainable mobility, master-planning. They transform derelict landscapes into usable public common space and ecological design to create unique context-specific destination. Their work, recognised at various forums, has won several awards, including the IIA Architect of the Year awards in 2012 and 2018. With two decades of experience, they continue to redefine open-space standards and look forward to tackling bigger city-level challenges.



### Sujata Hingorani

Co-Founder |

Landscape Architect


With over 20 years of experience, she leads the design team, envisioning sustainable, biophilic public realms across India. Under her leadership, Team OASIS has delivered numerous successful projects, including the Sabarmati Riverfront Park, Ahmedabad, and the eco-restoration of eight lakes for Coimbatore Smart City. Her ongoing work includes projects for Srinagar Smart City and Chennai Mega Streets. Sujata's vision continues to shape India's urban landscapes.



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## ABOUT

StudioPOD specialises in creating vibrant, sustainable, and community-driven urban spaces, collaborating with all stakeholders to deliver design excellence. Based in India, StudioPOD champions urban design and landscape urbanism in the public and private sectors, advocating for the importance of a high-quality public realm. The team is composed of multi-disciplinary professionals with different skill sets, working together on innovative projects of varying scales.



**Sarfaraz Momin**  
Co-Founder | Urban  
Designer

Sarfaraz Momin is a trained urban designer & Architect with 19 years of international work experience. He specialises in balancing urban design and landscape with detailed land use programme development in community based master plans. Additionally he specialises in streetscape design and integration of transit projects with the surrounding areas.

As part of StudioPOD, Sarfaraz leads several large scale urban design and master planning projects for both government and private sectors. He has extensive experience of working on international projects in countries like USA, Russia, UAE, Vietnam, Hong Kong, China, and India.

# THE JOYS OF APPLYING URBAN DESIGN THEORY IN PRACTICE

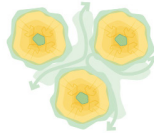
The integration of theory and practical planning, which is widely being considered as an integral part of the design process around the world. This is essential as it seamlessly connects the complex nature of cities and urban development with contextual and historical understanding as well as the necessity of creating sustainable and resilient settlements.

Without a strong theoretical base, practice loses its intellectual rigour and merely becomes a tool for unchecked urban development. At the same time, without a practical approach, theory and academia lose their ability to have any significant impact on society. Theory and practice should be linked in Urban Design such that theory can inform practice and practice can inform theory, to create healthy, equitable and livable cities for everyone.



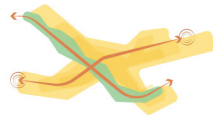
**Green Fingers**

Developed with penetration of surrounding open spaces within the settlement and vice versa



**Cellular City**

Developed as self sustained neighbourhoods, with active nuclei or neighbourhood centres and extends within comfortable commuting distances



**Spine City**

City developed along linear spines running across cities, defined by transit, open spaces, landmarks, commercial districts etc.



Understanding historic development of cities and applying it master planning



Interpreting cultural and historical context in design



Applying Landscape Urbanism theory in design

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## ABOUT

Sponge Collaborative is a multi-disciplinary planning and design firm that adopts a systems approach with focus on ecology & community. We specialise across the verticals of strategic planning, urban design, climate-responsive architecture, landscape architecture, spatial analysis, and sustainable community development. Currently, Sponge Collaborative is engaged in projects across disciplines with various gov't and multilateral agencies to realise integrated planning frameworks, built & open space projects in various cities.



### Manushi Jain

Co-Founder | Director

She is an Architect & Urban Designer. She received her Master's in Architecture and Urban Design from Pratt Institute, NYC. Since 2012 she has actively worked on a wide range of design projects around the world, with expertise in Strategic Urban Design, Environmental Planning & Architecture. She is featured on Forbes magazine's '30 under 30' Young Leaders for 2022.



### Niveda Ramesh

Associate | Urban Design

Niveda, an urban designer and architect, holds a postgraduate degree in Urban Design from CEPT University. With experience across various project scales, climate resilience is central focus of her work. As an associate at Sponge Collaborative, she oversees large-scale projects for CMDA and other ULBs. She received awards for 'Best Capstone Project' and 'Academic Excellence' at CEPT.









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## ABOUT

Prasanna Desai Architects is an Architectural and Urban Design practice that works in public domain to create Healthier and Socially Integrated Cities. The practice emphasis the role of an architect in the public domain. Their efforts have led to numerous success stories of well-designed and implemented streets in India, where these streets have turned into vibrant public spaces for the neighborhood & have helped in resolving conflicts and improving the character & quality of life.



### Prassanna Desai

Architect | Urban  
Designer

Prasanna Desai emphasises the role of an architect in the Public Domain with a peopleparticipatory approach focusing on Equity and Empathy. He is an inspiring teacher and has been active in academics for the last 4 decades. He firmly believes that an Architect who is trained to be a sensitive person also needs to be an aware citizen, thus playing a much more significant role in the development of society and contributing considerably to the betterment of the quality of the built environment in the cities.

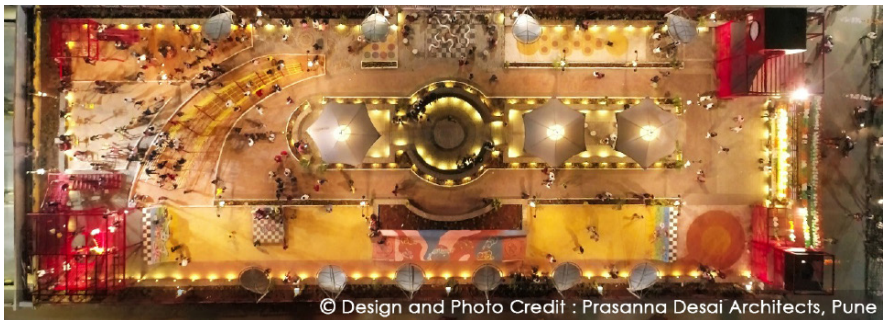
# CURATING SAFE, SHADED & SOCIALLY ACTIVE SPACES IN THE PUBLIC REALM

The 8 km long recreational spine in Pimpri Chinchwad includes multiple public placemaking locations. These include the space around the national flag, a sports zone below the flyover, a 4km long linear garden along with junction development and reorganisation.

The spine culminates with the the 8 to 80 park acting as the nerve centre for all the citizens of all age groups. The 8km long corridor which has varying land use such as Defence establishments, Commercial Shopping, Residential Complexes & a Linear Garden from Rajiv Gandhi Bridge to JRD Tata Flyover and now has seamless Vehicle, Pedestrian and Cycle Connectivity incorporating Universal Accessibility norms bringing the social inclusion.

The project has surely helped in increasing the pedestrian & Cycle footfall thus improving the happiness & health index of the citizens and also enhanced the property values in the neighbourhood.


Also presenting is the urbanscape development in Baramati which demonstrates how small towns are also craving for upgradation of their public realm.



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## ABOUT

Nine Square Architects is committed to design and service without boundaries, reflecting the highest standards of professional practice. Dedicated to all aspects of the creative process, they work without limitations on project type, budget, approach, or outcome. Serving private individuals, commercial, public, and institutional organizations, they consistently exceed client expectations. Their approach builds trust and invites long-term partnerships and collaborations. Their core vision embodies a commitment to the creative process, transcending traditional boundaries and fostering innovative design solutions. Nine Square Architects Pvt. Ltd. is a testament to the transformative power of design.



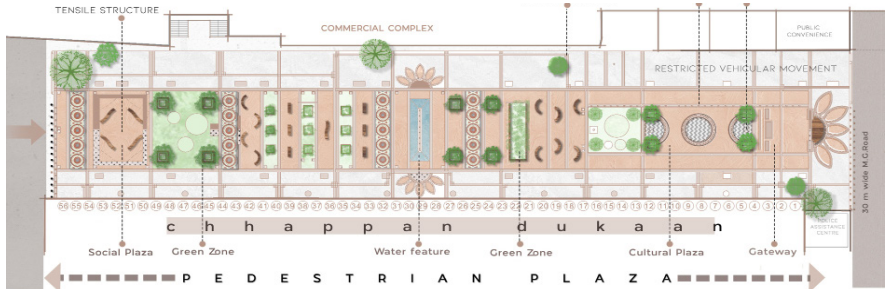
### **Shruti Purohit**

Managing Director |  
Architect and Planner

Shruti has over 25 years of experience, is the Founder, Owner, and Managing Director of Nine Squares Architects, Indore. An architect, urban planner, and interior designer, she has a Masters degree from the School of Planning & Architecture, New Delhi, and a B.Arch. degree from MANIT, Bhopal. She has worked on a wide range of projects and is a recipient of numerous awards, including The WADE Asia 2022 for Urban Design. Her firm, Nine Squares Architects, provides all consultancy services under one roof.

# URBAN OASIS: ENHANCING LIVABILITY THROUGH INNOVATIVE PUBLIC SPACE DESIGN

Chhappan, a food lover's paradise, is Indore's first fully pedestrianized public hub. Iconic entry points, revamped shop facades, added greenery, and a striking geometrical flooring pattern have transformed the area's aesthetic appeal. Completed within 56 days, this project showcases exemplary placemaking. As a pioneering model for people-centric public spaces, it sets a new benchmark for urban development, creating a warm and welcoming destination where citizens feel a deep sense of belonging and pride.



Fully Pedestrianized Plaza with different activity zones



The plaza boasts integrated landscaping and seating areas



Floor plane has been accentuated by geometric flooring patterns



Landmark feature at entry point enhances visual identity with clear segregation of pedestrian zone. Redesigned shop facades significantly boost the area's aesthetic appeal.

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## ABOUT

NilaA Architecture and Urban Design, established in Boston in 2009 and relocated to New Delhi in 2010, specialises in innovative architecture and urban design projects. Led by Nishant Lall, the agency has extensive expertise in international urban renewal and regeneration initiatives. The agency's award-winning projects include the Patna Riverfront Project, Rajaswa Bhawan, and the North Point Master Plan in Cambridge, USA, showcasing their commitment to improving urban spaces.



**Nishant Lall**

Founder

Nishant Lall is an architect and urban design professional with over 18 years of global experience. He has taught at the Boston Architectural Center and is currently a visiting faculty at the School of Planning and Architecture. He has served on several professional groups, including as an Urban Design Advisor for World Bank India and a member of the Executive Council at IUDI India. He has contributed to award-winning projects and published numerous articles, enhancing the field of architecture and urban design.

# RETHINKING URBAN REVITALIZATION

Key projects focusing on “Rethinking Urban Revitalization – Understanding Natural Capital Approach” has been discussed. The Riverfront Urban Initiative is a 6km public spaces project along River Ganga at Patna, India centered around a walking promenade and 4 public facility buildings. The Karol Bagh project focuses on increasing pedestrian circulation through dense areas of the old city via revival of chowks and reclaiming space of the streets from parked cars for pedestrian movement. The Kutch project aims to restore the degraded ecology of the site while catalyzing the desert ecology along with creating a series of community courtyards spaces for users.



Aerial view of Patna Riverfront site with proposed elements.



Pedestrian friendly streets of Karol Bagh



Riverfront revitalization at ITO, Delhi



Traditional Sun and Water festival 'Chatt' celebrated on the Patna riverfront. It is used by thousands daily and 2 million people during Chatt festival in Oct-Nov yearly.

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## ABOUT

Established in 2017, Compartment S4 is a collaborative architecture firm with studios in Ahmedabad, Mumbai, and Bangalore. They are a multidisciplinary practice, offering an array of design services encompassing residential architecture, commercial architecture, urban design, urban planning, interior design, rural and social infrastructure, landscape architecture, as well as research and publication. Co-founded by 8 partners, Compartment S4 operates as a collective committed to delivering user-centric architecture solutions deeply rooted in their immediate surroundings. Through an iterative design process, they aim to achieve sustainability on social, economic, and environmental fronts with the primary focus being, “to create enhanced spatial experiences”. Leveraging their team expertise spanning the entire design and construction spectrum, they are equipped to address the diverse aspects of projects, regardless of their size or type. Their practice is steered by rigorous research and dialogue, striving to create resilient built environments. With a deep sense of purpose, they endeavour to shape spaces that harmonies with both human needs and the natural world. CS4 is a practice with conscience.



**Nishita Parmar**

Co-Founder | Architect

Nishita, an architect and urbanist, primarily works on large-scale, public-facing projects. She strives to balance city and people’s needs, leading to academic explorations of urban issues. Her design solutions, backed by data and analytics, are translated into actionable solutions. With experience in both rural and urban contexts, she graduated from CEPT University, pursued urban studies at IIS, Bengaluru, and gained management knowledge from IIM Bombay. She aspires to guide Compartment S4 towards strategic success.



**Kishan Shah**

Co-Founder | Architect

Kishan, an architect, uses design to create functional aesthetic spaces. His micro to macro approach and expressive visual language shape refined design solutions. His multidisciplinary work enhances sensory user experiences in residences, workspaces, and hospitality projects. Passionate about research, writing, and advocacy, his contributions appear in publications like UnMute and Compartment S4. He co-founded “The Nomad Cafe” in Ahmedabad, merging his passion for film curation and critique. Kishan bridges the gap between theory and practice in the built environment.



## PEOPLE PLACE PRACTICE

Nestled in the heart of Nepean Sea Road in Mumbai, “Nepean Greens” is a versatile community space accessible to all. Formerly a neglected set of steps alongside an abandoned garden, this area underwent a transformation into a stepped plaza, seamlessly merging the two spaces. The result is an expansive public venue featuring spacious platforms, terraces, lush sloping lawns, a continuous ramp, and diverse seating options. Beyond serving as a rest area for people waiting at the bus stop, these spaces cater to various daily activities such as evening gatherings, morning yoga sessions, cardio exercises, and engaging in board games. They are also well-suited for hosting small-scale events like concerts, flea markets, informal exhibitions and reading sessions. Nepean Sea Road, known to be an upscale area, lacked a true sense of neighborhood. Through extensive research and observation, it was evident that the project aimed to reinvigorate the street by creating a lively space that encourages people to engage with the city’s fabric. Commissioned by the BMC, the adaptable design of the plaza serves as an open canvas, facilitating various public activities without the need for additional props or furniture. Additionally, the design seamlessly connects a linear stretch of gardens flanking both sides of the plaza in front of the buildings, providing a walking experience that guides individuals towards the plaza.







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## ABOUT

INI Design Studio is a multi-disciplinary, independently owned Collaborative design practice. Our work encompasses planning, architecture, engineering and design-built services for many sectors that cut across the sustainable built environment. INI team, with its rich international experience and expertise dedicated to excellence in design, has a strong record of successfully delivering sustainable designs for our clients with integrity, team spirit, and best practices, both here in India and internationally. Our concepts integrate architecture, engineering, infrastructure engineering, urban design, regional planning, landscape design, interior design, and environmental design by incorporating cutting-edge innovation for energy efficiency and sustainability into the design of our projects. Having experienced the practice and cultures of developed countries and being aware of the prevalent conditions in developing countries, we see design as a bridge that could bring the two worlds closer and bind people together, helping them move along with the changing times.



### Saumil Mewada

Director | Architecture  
& Urban Planning

Saumil is a registered architect in India, with a Masters in Urban Design from Carnegie Mellon University in the U.S., and has over 20 years of experience. He has worked on various projects providing master planning, urban design, building design, and landscape design services. He has worked with various teams and in varied roles across the US, UAE, and India. With a strong design focus, and an attitude of inventive problem solving, Saumil strives to create and contribute towards developing design solutions that help build better communities.

He believes in a collaborative work environment and that ideas are borne out of creative dialogue between the client and the design team. Saumil is sensitive towards the culture and context of a local region, and believes that design should reflect culture, time, and place. This open and flexible approach has allowed Saumil to contribute to many notable projects.

## URBAN EXPANSION - RAJKOT SMART CITY

The project involves development of a Green Field Area covering approximately 930 acres of land with an estimated project cost of Rs 2100 cr. The project is envisaged to have world class, Smart physical infrastructure with utilities that are environment friendly, sustainable, functionally smart and technology driven. The design emphasizes on developing walkable localities and promoting a multi-modal transport network. Providing an enabling design for a cohesive NMT network is one of the salient features of the project. Preserving and developing open spaces such as parks, lake front and other recreational spaces for a vibrant public domain and also to maintain the eco-balance is another key feature of the design. The plan focuses on developing mixed land use to enhance the efficiency of land use and create a pool of compatible activities close to one another.



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## ABOUT

Design & Planning Counsel (DPC) is Ahmedabad based Planning & Urban Design firm engaged in consultancy & research on Designing Cities, Public Spaces & large development projects. Over the last two decades, DPC has won an International and a number of National awards. The firm brings together its expertise in integrating multiple facets of design and development, while recommending holistic solutions for high quality and vibrant built environment. Our clients include Government Organisations, NGOs, Private Sector Companies & Real Estate Developers.



Shobhit is an Urban Planner & an Architect with over 25 years of experience. He specialises in Master Planning & Urban Design and has completed numerous prestigious projects across India. He believes in improving people's lives and the environment through practice, research and knowledge dissemination.

### Shobhit Tayal

Co-Founder | Planner



# ASURE DESIGN STUDIO (INDIAN ENTITY OF SPACE GROUP)

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## ABOUT

At ADS (Asure Design Studio), our ethos centers around the principle of “Life at Centre,” integrating urban design principles with advanced technology to reduce carbon footprints and enhance liveability. We lead in integrating artificial intelligence into real-time construction through Building Information Modelling (BIM), advancing towards 4D to 6D levels. Our projects, spanning over 40 million square feet across India, include high-density commercial offices and innovative residential developments. Committed to shaping inclusive and resilient urban spaces, we pioneer future cities that embrace biodiversity and cultural diversity in symbiosis.



**Shrvan kumar  
Nagabandi**  
CEO

An Architect and Urban Designer, has shaped vibrant, sustainable urban spaces for 15 years with the SPACE Group in South Korea. As CEO of Asure Design Studio (an Indian entity of SPACE Group) for the past decade, he's blended his experiences with the complexities of the Indian architectural milieu. His team has completed projects across 40 million square feet, ranging from high-density commercial offices to innovative residential developments. He's an Architecture graduate from CEPT University specialising in Urban Design.



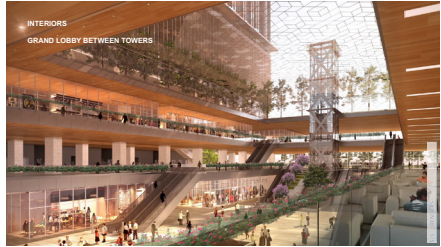
# ACCESSIBLE CITIES

## “LIFE HUB”, IT CAMPUS, HYDERABAD \_ PROJECT 01

NEOPOLIS, a visionary project in Telangana's Kokapet, aims to decentralize the Financial district. “Life HUB” by MyHome Group, spanning 69 acres, offers 26 million SFT of off ice space and 1 million SFT of mixed-use facilities. It prioritizes user experience and life safety, setting precedents in landscape, security, and innovative design. Breaking stereotypes, it emphasizes joy and love, with unique work environments like a bird sanctuary. Supporting facilities include food courts, games, and banquets. “Life at center” drives the development, redefining workspaces and focusing on human experience, making LIFE HUB a paradigm shift in urban design.



Southwest view of Tower\_01, Phase\_01, showcasing its 2.2 Million SFT space, standing tall at 159.5 meters with 7 basements.



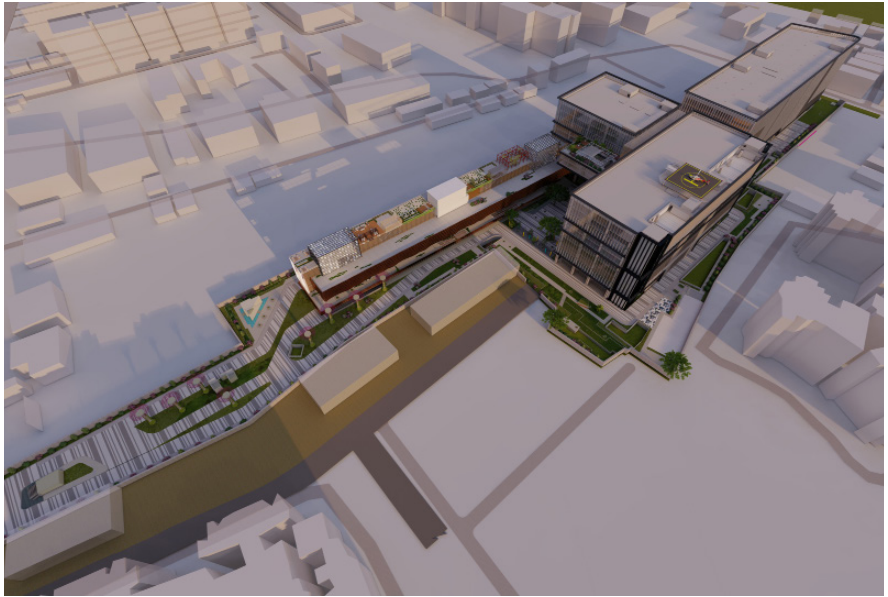
Grand central lobby spanning 6700 Sq.Mts, with 3-level access, accommodating pedestrian traffic of 44,000 people across 2 towers.



Central Park: 3 large squares, 1.5 Acres each, designed on 2 levels. Vehicular-free, emphasizing biodiversity. Nature at its heart, inviting exploration and tranquility.



“Three bustling bus terminals with 120 bays, accommodating 1250 buses 24/7. Located in Basement 1, with 6 entrances and 4 exits leading to the site periphery.”



An aerial shot captures the campus's expansive layout, showcasing the Terminal building at the entrance and a central axis guiding towards the Grand Central Plaza.



Grand Central plaza, a celebration space, features the iconic floating Shahi Plaza, elevated 36 meters from ground level, fostering multi-level landscape experiences.

## SHAHI UNIT\_7, IT CAMPUS, BANGALORE \_ PROJECT 02

Shahi IT Park, Bangalore, is a pioneering project by Shahi Exports, prioritizing sustainability and human-centric design. Spanning 12 acres with 2.2 million SFT of space, it aims to accommodate 22,000 direct employees. Embracing multimodal traffic design, safety, diversity in programs, and a vehicular-free campus, it sets new standards. With 100% landscape area and amenity-rich spaces, it fosters wellness and community. Experiential architecture and environmental sustainability drive its design, ensuring human well-being and environmental stewardship. By prioritizing economy, it aims for financial viability while creating a sustainable, vibrant future workplace. Shahi IT Park redefines workspaces, focusing on experience, sustainability, and community.



Digital plaza, with 12-meter high transition space connecting T1 and T2, fostering socialization and inspiration for employees.

Elevated landscape with > 100% site area, enhancing campus vibrancy and accessibility.



Lobby: A vibrant nexus merging culture, nature, and social essence. Redefining workspaces for spiritual uplift and joy through color and contrast.





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## ABOUT

HCP is a multi-disciplinary design practice that provides professional services in architectural design, interior design, engineering, urban design, urban planning, communications, project management, and construction management. Their design philosophy and collaborative approach allows them to offer an expansive array of non-traditional design services and ensure specialised technical knowledge application, in turn, building credibility for the long term.



**Ankit Mehta**  
Associate

With a solid foundation in architecture from IPSA, Rajkot, and an advanced specialisation in Urban Design from CEPT University. His journey began with an internship at Kulbhushan Jain Architects, which paved the way for a pivotal role at HCP since 2014. His notable contributions include the transformative Sabarmati Riverfront development and the vital Conservation and Rejuvenation project of the Subernrekha River in Ranchi, showcasing a commitment to sustainable and impactful urban design.

# BEACHFRONT DEVELOPMENT AT DAMAN

Daman is a seaside town in the Indian Union territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu. Over the past few years, urban stress and erratic tidal conditions have taken a toll on the town's 5-km long seafront, causing issues of pollution, unorganized parking, poor street design and dilapidation of existing public spaces. The Daman Seafront Development Project creates a quality public realm for the town's tourists and residents, while protecting from high tide conditions. The project integrates the seafront with comprehensively designed streets at Chhapli Sheri Beach, Jampore Beach, and Devka Beach. It also uplifts existing public spaces such as Devka Garden and Moti Daman Fort.



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## ABOUT

AANGAN Architects is a design collaboration committed to creating sensible and responsive built environments, established in 2001. The firm's name, 'AANGAN', is a Hindi term for the transitional forecourt of a traditional Indian house, symbolising a pause or phase of transition. This metaphorically represents their design philosophy, promoting innovative and alternative thinking, and sustainable practices from the conceptual stage. Currently, AANGAN Architects handles projects related to Residential and Institutional Architecture, Interior Architecture, Urban Design, and Landscape. The team is actively involved in academics and collaborates with like-minded firms, contributing to the betterment of living environments. They also have a wide consultant base for structural engineering, Landscape Design, Services and Infrastructure design, and arts and project management.



### Vishal Shah

Partner | Architecture &  
Urban Planning

An architect and urban planner with over two decades of experience in practice and academics, strikes a balance between practice and preaching. His design methodology, rooted in research, bridges tradition and change. As an advocate for design accessible to the masses, he has spearheaded urban design and place-making projects. He collaborated on the International Urban Co-operation (IUC) program for Urban Water Management between Surat and Rotterdam. His firm, Aangan Collaborative LLP, has received accolades for innovative projects, including the JK Architect of The Year Award 2019 and ARCASIA Award 2017 for Socially Responsible Architecture. Vishal's global involvement extends to climate change initiatives and knowledge exchange programs.





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## ABOUT

Jana Urban Space aims to improve the quality of life in Indian cities by working towards sustainable urban development. It has been involved in various projects related to urban planning, infrastructure, and policy-making. They work with various stakeholders, including governments, private sector organizations, and citizens, to create more livable and equitable cities.



**Nithya Ramesh**  
Director | Urban  
Designer

Nithya leads transformative projects of great public value to improve India's cities. She spearheaded the execution of the first set of Tender SURE roads in Bengaluru, conceptualized and developed Tender SURE roads in different cities in India, waterfront development projects, and social infrastructure projects. Apart from managing design and drawing delivery, she handles client, government liaison, and community participation. Nithya engages with various organizations within the urban development sphere, reflecting the ethos of her organization.

## MAHANADI WATERFRONT REJUVENATION

The Mahanadi Waterfront Development project aims to rejuvenate 426 acres of reclaimed land in the Mahanadi river in Cuttack. The project combines vibrant public space development with ecological development of the waterfront area – enhancing the riparian ecosystem, strategic edge engineering to prevent urban flooding, and developing a sponge landscape for storm water management. The proposal presents a framework for sustainable development providing the city of Cuttack with the much needed green open space and public space as a respite from the congested inner city area



Masterplan of the biodiversity park



Heritage village



Forest pavillion



Promenade

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