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Professional Summary

Urban Designer and Architect with project experience in residential master planning, cluster housing, and civic spaces across India, including high-rise and community-focused developments. Recent master's work at UCL Bartlett involved participatory research and design with social movements in São Paulo, producing community engagement tools and mapping practices around housing rights and spatial justice.

Education

The Bartlett Development Planning Unit, University College London

London, UK

MSc: Building and Urban design in development

2024-2025

- Conducted qualitative research and case studies on homelessness, urban informality, housing adequacy and intersectional discrimination, informing inclusive design and advocacy.
- Led community engagement and participatory research with MTST (Homeless Workers' Movement) and MSTC (City Centre Homeless People's Movement) in São Paulo, conducting mapping, knowledge sharing and advocacy workshops to empower residents facing housing insecurity.
- Produced practice-driven theory linking field insights to global theory and concrete recommendations for inclusive housing and social policy. Developed educational interventions (flashcards, digital platforms) to build housing rights literacy, foster collective action and inform social policy.

Manipal School of Architecture & Planning, Manipal Academy of Higher Education

Manipal, India

B.Arch: Bachelor of Architecture

2018 -2023

Work Experience

Eastside Community Heritage

London, UK

Archive Volunteer & Oral Archive Transcriber

Aug 2025 - Present

- Cataloguing and digitalising unique oral history recordings, photographs and documents for local history preservation and public exhibitions.
- Transcribing oral history interviews and highlighting key themes for lived experiences, education and community engagement. Supporting community workshops and reminiscence sessions by preparing materials for outreach and engagement.

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Chennai, India

Volunteer Urban Researcher

Jul 2025 - present

- Developing and facilitating a participatory urban planning card game to engage residents in housing justice, reflecting a client-centred approach to advice and empowerment.
- Maintaining detailed records, meeting deadlines and presenting our discussions.

Samar Ramchandra Associates

Hyderabad, India

Junior Architect

Jul 2023 – Jun 2024

- Negotiated architectural plans, spatial design and supervised implementation with third-party contractors, engineers and suppliers, ensuring collaborative site coordination and achievement of project objectives through effective teamwork.
- Produced and maintained detailed project scheduling and documentation, including formal reviews, written reports and correspondence while demonstrating strong written communication for clients.
- Managed four residential sites, overseeing project records and supporting continuity for quality advice, accurate information retrieval and statistical monitoring.
- Assisted in training and mentoring 10 interns, designing and presenting skill-based training to foster a constructive learning environment.
- Delivered responsive customer service by liaising with clients, addressing their spatial needs and prioritising sensitivity and understanding in residential design.

Intern Architect

Jan 2023 - May 2023

- Assessed the business viability and policy-making feasibility for a community-focused project, applying analytical skills, research and structured record keeping.
- Initiated the launch of a social innovation blog for broader public engagement and sectoral dialogue

Rhythm of Space Design Studio

Bangalore, India

Intern Architect

Jul 2022 - Nov 2022

- Developed housing typologies for government-subsidised projects for the economically weaker sections, engaging in team-based design and documentation.

Skills & Interests

Skills: Concept development, collaborative design, participatory research, community engagement, visual presentations, Microsoft Office, Adobe Suite, mapping, qualitative research, project documentation, client liaison, training and mentoring.

Interests: Inclusive and context-driven urban solutions, housing justice, spatial justice, social policy, educational interventions, and community empowerment.