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# **Objective:**

Seeking a challenging and satisfying opportunity to contribute as an architect & urban designer and be a part of innovations, design decorum and technologies of tomorrow.

#### **Education:**

## Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York, USA

May 2012

Master of Science in Architecture and Urban Design –with Excellence in Academics Award

GPA: 3.8

Center of Environmental Planning and Technology (CEPT), Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India

**July 2009** 

Bachelor of Architecture First Class

# **Professional Experiences:**

### Intern: Edgar Demello Architects, Bangalore, India

**May-December 2005** 

• I was given the responsibility of working drawings, architectural details, developing physical models, presentation to clients and communications with contractors and consultants.

# Self Employed, Ahmedabad, India

2007-2009

- Ventured on my own and took up a project to design and construct a medium size dwelling. This project polished my people's skills, leadership traits, taught me the legalities of the trade and put to test all that I learned in school.
- Designed Interiors for a professional computer training center.

### **Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York**

2012

Worked on curating, designing and installing a successful graduate student exhibition.

### **Computer Proficiency:**

AutoCAD, Rhinoceros, V-ray, Maya, Mudbox, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, 3D Max

### Relevant Course work and Workshops: personal and acquired skills:

- **Nationalism and Architecture** (Research Thesis) understanding the connection between Architecture and Nationalism.
- **Digital Fabrication Projects:** design development and fabrication an economical zero waste, CNC double curvature mold based on a Mudbox stimulated model & laser cutting and construction of large scale model for exhibition space deign.
- **Design of Urban Open spaces**: study of existing urban open spaces in a city and then design a project practically with interpretations from the study.
- **Urban Design theory**: reading literature and understanding of historical aspects of Urban design, it birth and evolution.
- **Exhibition space design**: Understanding a system of triangulating forms and conceptualizing and creating a sculptural exhibition forms from it.
- **Enthusiastic towards various team projects** and design challenges, expertise in managing various stages of project development from concept to construction.
- Studio Practice (conceptualizing, sketching, **technical and working drawing, detailing**, presentation techniques- by hand and on computer, Model making).
- Understanding of the Indian vernacular Architecture and Planning through (R.S.P.) Related Study Program.
- Participated in an International Forum called *ISVS-International Study of Vernacular Architecture in South East Asia*. I had the opportunity to visit and study various villages around Ahmedabad.