

# Akshat Chadha

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## SUMMARY

Architect by profession and an aspiring Urban Designer. A highly ambitious designer, motivated and enthusiastic learner. My strength as an employee lies in my openness to acquire new skills, an ability for research and graphical communication. I aspire to dedicate my professional life to the goal of creating better and improving public life of Indian cities.

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## EXPERIENCE

### HCP Design, Planning and Management Pvt. Ltd.

Project Architect and Internship Program Co-ordinator (2 years; May, 2017 to May, 2019)

**Project Architect:** IIM Ahmedabad - Sports Complex; Statue of Unity, Kevadia; IIT, Tirupati. Concept Design, Master Plans, Passing/Tender Drawings, Working Drawing, Landscape Design and 3d Visualisation.

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## INTERNSHIP

### Madurai Smart City project & Local Planning Authority, Madurai

Intern (06 Weeks; June 2020 to July 2020)

The internship was focussed on Research and Field study, Urban mobility, Vargas restoration, Riverfront development and Heritage Preservation and Enhancement. Also learning on how to prepare green field development, TP scheme for thaluk in Madurai.

### HCP Design, Planning and Management Pvt. Ltd.

Intern (05 Months; Jan, 2017 to May, 2017)

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Intern (May, 2015; May, 2016)

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## EDUCATION

### Master of Urban Design (2019- 2021) \* Currently Pursuing

CEPT University | Sem I G. P. A. – 3.00 / 5.00 | Sem II G. P. A – 3.80 / 5.00 | Sem III G. P. A – 4.00 / 5.00

### Bachelor of Architecture (2012-2017)

Manipal University Jaipur | C. G. P. A. – 9.34 / 10.00

### CBSE Board – 12th (2012)

Pragati Public School | Percentage – 6.40 / 10.00

### CBSE Board – 10th (2010)

Pragati Public School | Percentage – 7.40 / 10.00

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## SOFTWARE SKILLS

Adobe Photoshop | Adobe InDesign | Adobe Illustrator | Adobe premiere | AutoCAD | Sketchup | GIS | Microsoft office.

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## AREA OF INTEREST

Local Area Planning | Street Design | Waterfront Developments | Public Space - Place Making | Redevelopment Projects | Tactical Urbanism | Policy Making | Research Projects.

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## PRIME ACADEMIC PROJECTS

### 1. Compact City (Master Plan Studio, 2020) (click for Portfolio)

Integrated greenfield development project on the outskirts of Ahmedabad that intends to create city where compact neighbourhood are walkable, safe and are vibrant in living environment.

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## 2. **Place Making & Public Spaces (Elements of Urban Design, 2020)** (click for Portfolio)

The exercises were intended on involves perceiving and representation of the key elements of urban design. While the latter projects involved design problems in everyday public places with effective communication and representation of drawings.

## 3. **Understanding the City Studio (Foundation Studio, 2019)** (click for Portfolio)

Understanding of a city and equips with conceptual, methodological, analytical, and communication skills necessary for becoming a professional urbanist.

## 4. **Elective and Summer-Winter Courses**

a. Street Design (2020)

b. Coastal Development, Vulnerability & Resilience: Sri Lanka and India (2020)

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## CONFERENCES ATTENDED (Recent)

- Walkable Neighbourhood – Malleswaram | Sensing Local | 2021
- UN Habitat Urban thinker campus 5.0 on Reimagining Urban Planning and Development Perspectives on Policy, Practice and Pedagogy | NIUA & CEPT
- Youth Sabha on 'Safe and equitable access to public spaces | MDP20 | DDA & NIUA
- Virtual Global Observance of World Cities Day | UN Habitat'20
- Prof. Jan Gehl titled "Cities for People" | CEPT Prameya'20
- Ar. Prasanna Desai titled 'Are Indian Streets Locally Global' | CEPT Prameya'19
- Pedestrians First - Makes Cities Walkable | ITDP'20

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## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- **President Scholarship** | Master in Urban Design | 2019 -21
- **Head of Design** | CEPT Prameya | Design Team | 2019 - 20
- **Social Media** (Instagram) outreach handler for MUD | 2020 -21
- **Work Published** on various **Social Platform** like Act of Mapping, Urban Design Lab
- **Work Published** on **Cept University Catalog** Spring - Monsoon | 2020 - 21
- **Streets for People challenge competition** | 2021 | \*Currently ongoing
- **FP Admission Volunteer** | 2021 | \*Currently ongoing
- **Research Volunteer** | Third Way of Building Asian Cities - UNICITI | 2021
- **Student Volunteer** | FP Convocation | 2020 – 21
- **Mentorship at Think Design** | 2020
- **Ahmedabad Common** | Architectural Tour | 2019
- **NASA Best Thesis Award** | Campus for Visually Impaired | 2018
- **Zero Energy Building** | Sustainable Design | IIT Mumbai | 2017
- **Earthquake Resistance Design** | Residential Neighbourhood | IIT Kanpur | 2016

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## PUBLICATIONS

- **Cities for Children** | 2020 | [FP Newsletter](#) (click to view)
- **Sustainable Livability of Future Cities** | 2020 | [Medium](#)
- **Planning a Political Exercise** | 2020 | [Medium](#)

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## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Cogent Leadership | Persuasive Communication | Emphatic Listening | Team Building and Management | Project Coordination | Graphical Representation

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## PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of Birth: 02<sup>nd</sup> May 1994

Languages: English | Hindi

Nationality: INDIAN

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## DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the above-mentioned details in this resume are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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**PLACE:** Ahmedabad, Gujarat