

Vishal PJ

Architect | Landscape Architect | Researcher | Aspiring botanist

Self-aware and free spirited individual striving towards bringing stories from the grassroots to the forefront and in mainstream discourses through research, design and writing. Communal growth and spirit has been the crux of most of my academic and professional work. After 4 years of working with communities at the grassroots level both in Academia and Profession, I still believe that I have a lot to learn about working with the communities both urban and rural, and I currently seek any opportunity that allows me to explore, learn and thrive to bring my goal of 'bringing grassroots to the forefront' in any capacity.

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📍 Bangalore, India

SCHOOL EDUCATION

Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)

(Class 1-7)

Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE)

English, Kannada, Physics, Chemistry, Math, Biology, Indian and International History, Geography
(Class 8-10)

State Board of Secondary Education (Karnataka, India)

Majored in Physics, Chemistry, Math and Biology
(Class 11-12)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Bachlors in Architecture (2015-2020)

(Vishveshwaraiah Technological University, RV college Of Architecture, Bangalore)

Key Semesters that influenced me towards community and ecology driven designs

Semester III - Design project placed in an economically weaker locality around KR market in Bangalore, India. Worked towards empowerment of unemployed women to provide dignified livelihood.

Semester IV - Housing design project placed in Mysore, India designing for the economically weaker, oppressed caste community understanding nuances of social stratification, empowerment and priviledge.

Semester X - Designing a model farm in the town of Chickballapur run by a Co-operative society of marginalised women farmers of the arid region.

Masters in Landscape Architecture (2022-2024)

Faculty of Architecture, Center for Environmental Planning and Technology, Ahmedabad

Key Semesters that influenced me towards community and ecology driven designs

Semester II - Site visits, study and designing for the Kani - An indegenous community living in the Agasthyamalai Wildlife Sanctuary in Kerala, india

Semester III - An attempt towards marginalised community driven and nature base solutions approach towards redevelopment of the Chandola Lake in Ahmedabad, India.

Semester IV - Developing a toolkit for ecological reastoration projects that take the bottom-up approach to design interventions.

Bachelors in Science (Distance Education) - Botany (2024-2026)

Indira Gandhi National Open University

Majoring in - Botany, Geology, Environmental science, Elective - Communication skills

Pursuing the wholesome understanding of the building blocks of ecology and the corner stone of a flourishing community - the plant kingdom, in order to curate better solutions to 'De-Marginalise' the oppressed communities and ecologies. I aim at pursuing many more such courses to equip myself with skillsets required to bring the marginalised lands and people to the

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English	●●●●●●●●
Kannada	●●●●●●●●
Hindi	●●●●●●●●
Telugu	●●●●○○○○
Tamil	●●●●○○○○
Gujarati	●●○○○○○○
Bahasa Indonesia	●○○○○○○○

SKILLS

Hand drawing in Charcoal, Watercolour and pencil,
3D modelling,
Photoshop, Illustrator, Indesign,
Sketchup,
Microsoft Office, Zoho, Jira

BEYOND ACADEMIA AND PROFESSION

- Facutly of Architecture, CEPT University, Elected Student council President
- Managed stalls for AutoVRse and Bain conference and TEDx Panjim
- Creative head for RV College of Architecture annual exhibition - Dimensions 12

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

July to August 2018 (2 months)

Community Volunteer AIESEC - Semarang, Indonesia

Part of the efforts to reorganise the waste management system of a middle class residential neighbourhood. We conducted surveys with the individual households to understand their needs, consulted with the local governing bodies to understand their limitations and proposed partial design solutions.

June - December 2019 (7 months)

Architectural Intern at Hitanshu Jishtu Architect - Shimla, India

Designing and execution of roofs with slate tiles in the temperate zone of India

December 2019 - January 2020 (2 months)

Architectural Intern at Aadya Design Studio - Bangalore, India

Designing and execution of interior design with eco friendly materials for a residential apartment

August 2020 - March 2022 (1 year 8 months)

Architect and community co-ordinator at Nivasa NGO

Design and execution of Anganwadis for the children of Rural poor. Design and execution of self-buildable-dismantelable houses for the rural poor.

Design and imparting workshops to the construction workers at large construction sites

Design of construction workers living quarters at large construction sites

Government Liasoning and co-ordination

Assistance in Policy research

March 2022 - June 2022 (4 months)

Operations Associate at AutoVRse

- Office management

- Talent Hiring

- Client and Designer intermediate

- Raising and keeping record of invoices

PUBLISHED RESEARCH

Title: Exclusionary Redevelopment: The Atrocities on the Natives

A Case Study of the Impacts of Displacement of the Kani Community of the Agasthyamalai Wildlife Sanctuary due to the Peppara Dam built on the Karamana River

Presented at Indian Society of Landscape Architects (ISOLA) Bhopal Conference 2024

Title: Assessing the role of people - resources relationships in redevelopment projects around urban waters

Developing a framework of evaluation for community driven, nature based solutions approach redevelopment projects of Urban waters in India thus highlighting its importance

Presented at Indian Society of Landscape Architects (ISOLA) Bhopal Conference 2024

UNPUBLISHED ONGOING RESEARCH

Queering Institutional Campuses: A case of CEPT University

Developing a toolkit for designing of minority friendly institutional campus and an assesment framework to guage minority friendliness on such campuses. The study derives inspiration from intersectional queer theories.