EKTA

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RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Urban challenges, Housing for Informal sector, Gender role in Planning, Design and Planning for disabilities, efficient space utilization, Importance of interactive spaces in today's fast world, Smart Cities and Urbanism, Disaster Resilience

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Assistant Professor in Department of Planning- School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada
Oct 2018 - Current
- ❑ Teaching theoretical subjects, regular Studio exercises along with other key administrative roles as assigned.

Research Associate: Tata Institute of Social Sciences (Jamsetji Tata School of Disaster Studies) Mumbai
Jan 2018- Mar 2018
- ❑ Research work on infrastructure and disaster; Preparation of course content on Executive program in Disaster management in association with International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC)

Assistant Professor in Department of Planning- School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada
Jan 2017 – Dec 2017
- ❑ Taught theoretical subjects including housing, informal sector, rural planning etc. Managed and coordinated studios, field studies. Took up various administrative roles as assigned.

Architect Consultant- Inscript Architects, New Delhi
April - Dec 2016
- ❑ Designing, preparation of working drawing for residential projects and coordinating work on the ground.

Researcher, 5th State Finance Commission, Patna
Sep 2015 - March 2016
- ❑ Researcher- Customization of Govt. Of India scheme – "Housing for All" for urban Bihar.

Architect- Design Team Consultants Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi
July 2012 – July 2013
- ❑ Designing, preparation of working drawing and coordinating work on site. Projects I was dealing consisted of residences, apartment and office and industrial project based in India and abroad.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION:

Master of Planning, School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi (2013-15)
Major: Master of Planning with specialization in Housing
- Thesis: Housing Options for Cycle Rickshaw Pullers in Delhi; Guide: Ms. Ruchita Gupta
Bachelor in Architecture, School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi (2007-2012)
- Thesis: Design Thesis, Ashram for Elderly and Orphans, Haridwar, Uttarakhand

INTERNSHIP/PROJECTS:

Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation/DFID, New Delhi   **June - July 2014 (6 Weeks)**
- Worked on progress reports of JNNURM & RAY schemes in different states of India.
Space Design Consultants (Dr. Vinod Gupta), New Delhi   **June - Nov 2010 (6 month)**
- Designing, preparation of working drawing, presentation drawing and conceptual development residence, university, office and a self-sustained city.

TECHNICAL AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS:

Technical:
- Autodesk AutoCAD, Adobe Photoshop, Google Sketch-up, SPSS, MS Office
Communication:
- English and Hindi

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Won 1st Prize in Poster Design competition on Gender Sensitive Planning conducted by GIZ (2015)
- Won 2nd prize in Affordable Housing Design Ideas conducted by GIZ (2015)
- Housing project got selected in D3 Housing for Tomorrow Design Competition 2012, for exhibition to be shown at the college of architecture gallery of Mississippi State University

WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE/TRAININGS:

- Participated in Green Design competition held during September 2009 in Green Building Congress 2009
- Was invited as a guest for conference "Towards Healthy Air for Patna" at Asian Development Research Institute, Patna organized by Centre for Environment and Energy Development(CEED)
- Attended training Workshop on 'Business Continuity Management' organized by Jamshetji Tata School of Disaster Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.
- Attended conclave of ministers on "Urban Governance & Housing for All: Opportunities & Challenges" 2014 during training at MOHUPA

MEMBERSHIPS AND EXTRA CURRICULARS:

- Member of Institute of Town Planners; Membership No- 2017-235
- Qualified GATE 2018 (Architecture and Planning (AR)
- Initiated society – "Muskan" in college (SPA, New Delhi) which used to go to various slums and spend time with them in festival time and distribute blankets, food items etc.