



## MASTER'S PROGRAMME (M ARCH) IN URBAN DESIGN

FOURTH BATCH STARTING FROM AUG/ SEPT 2009

(Approved by Council of Architecture, New Delhi and Affiliated to Visvesvaraya Technological University)

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**Preamble:** The School of Architecture, RVCE has, in the last 16 years, developed into an internationally recognized center for architectural education. The School's core strengths of academic rigor focus on teaching-learning, specialization of faculty, hand picking of teaching talent and involvement of leading architects in design teaching, have been endorsed by professionals and academicians alike.

The School was picked by the Council of Architecture, New Delhi as one of the four Schools of Architecture to showcase the academic strengths of Indian Architectural education to the visiting delegation of the Govt. of Singapore in April 2006. The School had a four year MOU with the School of Architecture, University of Applied Sciences, Muenster, Germany & University of Moratuwa, Colombo for student and faculty exchanges from 2005 to 2008.

The School leveraged its academic strengths to introduce the post graduate programme in architecture (M Arch) with specialization in Urban Design from the year 2006. The first batch passed out in the year 2008 and all the post-graduates are well placed

### Core Faculty:

**Prof. Sudheendra Yalavigi** B Arch (Bangalore), PG Diploma in Urban & Regional Planning (CEPT Ahmedabad), MArch (Pennsylvania State University)

**Ms. Anitha Suseelan** B Arch (Trivandrum), PG Diploma in Urban Design (CEPT Ahmedabad)

**Dr. K S Anantha Krishna** B Arch (Bangalore), MTCP (Madras), Doctoral Fellow of IIM-B (Director of the School)

### Adjunct Faculty

**Ms. Brinda Sastry** Dip. Arch (CEPT Ahmedabad), MArch, Urban Design (University of Oregon)

**Ms. Champaka Rajgopal** Dip. Arch (CEPT Ahmedabad), MArch, Urban Design (University of California, Berkeley)

**Anup Naik** B Arch (Bangalore), M Arch, Urban Design (NewDelhi)

**Vagish Naganur** Dip.Arch (CEPT Ahmedabad), MArch, Landscape Architecture (CEPT Ahmedabad)

**Guru Prasanna** B Arch (NIT, Tiruchy), M Arch, Urban Design (University of New South Wales, Australia)

**M N Sreehari** BE (Civil), M Tech (Transportation)

**Pankaj Modi** B Arch (Bangalore), M Tech Conservation (NewDelhi)

### Advisors

**Prof P V K Rameshwar** Chairman, Graduate Programme, CEPT University, Ahmedabad

**Prof Utpal Sharma** Director, School of planning, CEPT University, Ahmedabad

**Prof K T Ravindran** Dean, School of planning and Architecture, New Delhi

**Objectives:** To train the architects to understand the multidimensional issues which govern the growth and decay of urban physical fabric.  
To sensitize students to the urban contextual influence on an individual architectural project and vice versa.  
To train students to document and research contextual issues which guide the design of urban environment.  
To enable students to practice the profession of urban design and assume various roles in private and public sectors charged with urban development.

The course has three components, theory, procedure and prescription. Theory encompasses the current theoretical positions on urban design as well as architecture. It would also look at the historical precedents of built environment in India and across the world. The procedure will address the issues of the methods in documentation, interpretation and analysis of physical environment. Prescription would be learnt through problem solving activities of studio. The studio cycle spread over three semesters is aimed at building language, tools, skills and strategies to design large scale urban design projects in varied conditions.

Constant didactic relation with the theory, history and contemporary processes would be the core strength of the course and will set it apart from similar courses elsewhere.

### Major Achievements of the School

Nationally & Internationally acclaimed for excellence in architecture education.

BArch Thesis project rated among the top 10 in the country by COA for 3 consecutive years 2006, 2007 and 2008.

B Arch Thesis project awarded commendation certificate (April '08) by *Urban Design Research Institute, Mumbai*.

Students won the Southern Interface (Mar '08) of Archumen Quiz Competition conducted by *Ethos*.

Best paper Award for Faculty & Student at Golden Jubilee Celebrations (Mar '08) of SAP, Chennai.

Birla White Yuva Rathna award for best student design (2008).

Fourth year B Arch students won the II prize in the national level Design Competition organized by the software major *Infosys* (2003).

The School has organized numerous National & International Workshops, Quality Improvement Programmes & Continuing Education Programmes on Architecture.

The School is a recognized Research Centre of Visvesvaraya Technological University and offers PhD program in Architecture.

Outstanding faculty, both Academicians and Practitioners with impeccable credentials.

Academic rigor, excellent placement and delightful ambience.

**R V College of Engineering**, of which the School of Architecture is an integral part, is a premier institution imparting quality technical education. It has been rated among the top ten private engineering colleges in the country. It is currently headed by Dr S C Sharma, who is an internationally acclaimed researcher and educationist. The College is managed by the Rashtreeya Sikshana Samiti Trust, which is running a chain of institutions ranging from Nursery to Professional. It is headed by Dr M K Panduranga Setty, a visionary leader in various spheres including industry, business, Rotary Movement, Societal Development and Education.

The core academic content of the course will be the studio which would be an expansion of architectural studio model with its approach of 'ground up' rather than the master plan approach of 'top down'.

The interdisciplinary nature of urban design will be highlighted with the necessary course work, but the critical pedagogical tool would still be design

**Admission procedure:** Candidates having B Arch Degree from a recognized University with 50% aggregate marks are eligible. They have to write PG CET conducted by the VTU in the month of June/July 2009. The notification for the test will be issued in the month of April/May 2009 (www.vtu.ac.in for details). Candidates with a GATE score need not write the PG CET but have to respond to the notification by VTU. If seats are vacant after PG CET & counseling by VTU, eligible candidates can contact the School directly for admission.

