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Bakul Chandra - Mentor & Design Strategist

Could you briefly take us through your journey since its inception?

Bakul Chandra, an alumnus of SPA New Delhi, is skilled in Strategic Consulting and Design Strategy Development apart from Project Visualization, Master Planning & Design Integration.

Bakul Chandra, having co-founded two very successful Architectural Design Firms (with Prof. MS Satsangi) namely: Satsangi Chandra Design Consultants in 1999 & SCDC Associates in 2006, formed SCDC Associates Private Limited along with Dushyant Kumar in 2009. He co-founded Renascent Consultants along with Dushyant Kumar, Parul Agarwal & Varun Agarwal in 2012. They appreciate the dynamics in design and technology which combined with their futuristic solution-oriented approach and deep domain knowledge results in distinctive built environments. Taking a cue from their legacy projects, all four co-founders have established Renascent Consultants as a well-known design consultancy firm which has successfully delivered over 1000 projects under various design verticals ranging from Healthcare, Medical Education & Healthcare Planning – Technical Consultancy, University Educational Campuses & Institutes, Industrial Buildings & Complexes, Residential

Townships/ Housing & Residences and Hospitality & Commercial Architecture, in over 50 cities in India and abroad.

Renascent Consultants' primary focus is on creating designs sensitive to the site and emphasizing a harmonious relationship with nature. They aim to create vibrant and warm spaces, which are socially responsive where people thrive and activities flourish. They deeply collaborate with their clients, working closely from developing the project brief to the execution of the final design.

How do you approach balancing aesthetics and functionality in your designs?

It has been a very interesting journey so far with challenges being a part of the evolution process. The design environment has been highly dynamic, marked by significant technological developments and ever-changing client aesthetics. The internet and increased travel opportunities have also played a role in broadening minds and exposing designers to new horizons, materials, and opportunities.

Balancing aesthetics and functionality in architectural design is crucial for creating spaces that are not only



visually pleasing but also serve their intended purpose efficiently. This involves a thoughtful and holistic approach. Successful designs find a synergy between aesthetics and functionality, enhancing the overall experience for occupants. Our design philosophy fits perfectly with the current and future requirements and is based on functionality, efficiency, flexibility, sustainability and aesthetics which fits perfectly with the current and future requirements.

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What, according to you are the challenges confronting the growth of architectural in our country?

Several challenges confront the growth of architectural design in India:

- Rapid urbanization leading to increased demand for infrastructure and, putting pressure

on architects to design sustainable and efficient structures. Balancing the need for development with environmental sustainability also poses a challenge, requiring architects to integrate eco-friendly solutions.

- Complex and often inconsistent regulatory processes can hinder the timely approval of architectural projects, impacting the pace of growth.
- Constraints in terms of materials, skilled labour, and funding can limit the execution of innovative and high-quality architectural designs.
- Traditional design preferences or resistance to modern or unconventional designs are often a challenge for architects seeking to push boundaries. Conversely, global design trends pose challenges for local architects in maintaining a balance between international influences and local cultural contexts.
- Gaps in Architectural Education and skill development is affecting the overall quality and innovation in design.

Addressing these challenges requires collaborative efforts from architects, policymakers, and stakeholders to create an environment conducive to the sustainable and innovative growth of architectural design in India.

Which is your favorite Indian iconic contemporary building made in Independent India?

I consider IIM Ahmedabad's buildings as iconic due to their innovative design by renowned architect Louis Kahn. The exposed brickwork, strategic use of light, and geometric patterns contribute to a visually striking and functional architectural masterpiece. He blended modern style with Indian Architecture and extensively used local vernacular materials and limited the use of concrete



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