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My areas of interest are architectural history, theory & criticism. I am also interested in production, study and evaluation of architectural and urban space of different scales; presently working on sacred architecture and landscapes of Kashmir. I have also been a Chevening Scholar at LSE from 2015-16, where I studied City Design and Social Science.

EDUCATION

2015-16 MSc CITY DESIGN AND SOCIAL SCIENCE | LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE
2012-14 MASTER IN URBAN PLANNING | SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE, NEW DELHI
2007-12 BACHELOR IN ARCHITECTURE | MALAVIYA NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, JAIPUR

WORK

November 2020 till present ASSISTANT PROFESSOR & I/C HEAD: Department of Architecture, School of Architecture & Planning, IUST – Awantipora. (J&K).

June 2017 – November 2020 ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ARCHITECTURE: SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE – KASHMIR
I have been involved in the establishment of the School of Architecture (a first in Kashmir Valley) with J&K Govt. Higher Education Department.

October 2016 – May 2017 CONSULTANT ARCHITECT & DESIGNER: L-CRYSTALS, SRINAGAR
Solutions for stone as a construction material: Design, product design, urbanization of stone, rediscovering the historical role of stone in Kashmir’s cityscape

April 2015– September 2015 CONSULTANT ARCHITECT: MIMAR ARCHITECTS, SRINAGAR
Pratap Park-Landscape design and management: Under Godfrey Phillips & Help Foundation CSR

June 2014 – March 2015 URBAN PLANNER: INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, NEW DELHI
Urbanization: Bihar 2031: funded by State Finance Commission Role: Analysis of Municipal finances of the urban local bodies of the state, quantitative analysis of investment trends in the urban sector, impact assessment of previous urban development schemes like JNNURM, study of institutional framework for state wide urban development.

May 2013 – July 2013 URBAN PLANNER: TOWN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, KASHMIR
Master plan/Sustainable Tourism- Pahalgam (Kashmir): Transportation and Tourism surveys, Evaluation of existing Environmental Impact Assessment for Pahalgam

January 2011 – May 2011 ARCHITECT: S K DAS ARCHITECTS AND URBANISTS, NEW DELHI
Housing and commercial: Drafting of basic drawings, Presentation drawings – including Photoshop renderings

PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 Spectacle, State of Exception and Right to the City: Mumbai Docklands Redevelopment; JKHED
- 2016 The Urban Context of Creative Economies: From Global Discourse to Local Hackney; LSE Cities Program Publication
- 2015 Urbanization Matters: Bihar Urbanization Report 2031; Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi

OTHER ROLES & ACTIVITIES

- April-June 2019 Dossier Preparation: Nomination of Srinagar In Unesco Creative Cities Network
- December 2018 Invited as external juror for various studio courses like Graphic Design, Computer Aided Design, etc at National Institute for Fashion Technology, Srinagar
- July 2018 Invited for ILEM International Summer School on Urban Crisis in Muslim Societies in Istanbul
- June 2018 Delivered a lecture on Islamic Art and Architecture in 10-day Summer School at Department of Islamic Studies, Islamic University of Science and Technology, Kashmir
- 2012 Worked as Head of Literary Society at National Institute of Technology, Jaipur,

AWARDS

- 2015 Chevening Scholar at London School of Economics, funded by UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office

LANGUAGES

English (IELTS Score 8.5), Urdu, Persian, Arabic, Kashmiri

COMPUTER SKILLS

MS Office, Autocad, Revit, Google Sketchup, Adobe Photoshop, ArcGIS

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND NETWORKS

Chevening Alumni Network

Council of Architecture – India (CA/2013/62149)