

Office Profile
BPS Architects

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Office Philosophy

The office aims to produce sound architectural works reflecting culture and climate of a place. At the same time, it is a desire to disseminate information towards a better-built environment using cultural context and appropriate technology.

Issues of ecologically balanced architecture; concerns for water and resources conservation and environmental degradation are at the core of any new design in today's context. The office will try to address these issues with innovation and in the given contextual frame.

It is our concern to build contemporary designs that are appropriate; relevant and exhibit a regional language suiting project demands.

Infrastructure

The office is well equipped with tools and computers necessary to design and execute variety of architectural and design projects and is complemented by competent staff, expert consultants and support- infrastructure. The office has tie-ups with architects in other towns on project-to-project basis.

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Office Background

The office was established in 1999 in Ahmedabad. From 1999 to 2003, various projects ranging from design of small houses to institution projects were carried out. During this time, the partners were also working under senior architects to gain wider insights of the profession. From September 2003 to April 2005, both the partners went abroad for post-graduate studies. The office is now operational from Rajkot since May 2005. Currently, the office is handling a vast range of projects; architectural and urban design ranging from large scale urban infrastructure projects to interior design of a residence.

Awards and Recognition

- **Architecture+Design & CERA Awards. Special Mention. Young Enthused Architect Category. 2014.** For the Project Country Retreat, Village Raj Samadhiyala, Dist Rajkot and *Sanjeevani*-Biodiversity Conservation Resource Area in 10 Post-Basic Schools of Gujarat.
- **JK White Cement Architect of the Year Award. 22nd Cycle. Winner of the Architect of the Year Award in Green Architecture Category. 2011.** For the Project: Country Retreat, Village Rajsamadhiyala, Dist Rajkot.
- **A+D Spectrum Architecture Foundation Award. Commendation Trophy. Young Enthused Architect Category. 2010.** For the Project Residential Studio, Rajkot and Aapni Shala – Halvad, Surendranagar, Gujarat.
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- **JK White Cement Architect of the Year Award. 18th Cycle. Winner of the Young Architect of the Year Award. 2008.** For the Project: Residential Studio, Rajkot.
- **A+D Spectrum Architecture Foundation Award. Special Mention, Young Enthused Architect Category. 2005.** For the Project: Anandshala, South Gujarat and Resource and Training Centre, Bilpudi.
- **Short listed for design of Extension to VIKSAT, Nehru Foundation for Development (NFD), Ahmedabad. 2005**

Project Profile, Completed

Urban Design

Design and intervention at a city-scale; involving multi disciplinary participation; and addressing social; economic and architectural issues

- Design of roads for Indore Municipal Corporation. Consultants for redesign of roads for IMC. In collaboration with Embarq. January 2012.
- Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS), Rajkot. RMC. Task and responsibilities include Assistance in collecting local data; Assistance in preparation of bid documents and BOQ; Design development of local site specific details; Pavement details; Design of Foot Over Bridge and Bus shelters; Design of Terminal and Depot building; Design of Toilet Blocks; Design of Street Furniture and Site inspection up to the completion of the project. All civil work except bus shelter and depot completed. December 2007-August 2011.
- Integrated Village Development Plan, Village Ravki, Ta.Lodhika, Dist. Rajkot. Proposal made for Mr. Yesheen Vibhakar, Rajkot. January 2008.
- Randarda-Lalpari Lake Development. A report prepared jointly with Rajkot Municipal Corporation for submission to the NLCP under the Central Government Grants. June 2007.

Institutions

Design of buildings with complex architectural requirements at institutional scale

- “Anand Shala”, Supportive Environment Development Program, Project of 157 primary schools in Ta. Halvad, Dharampur, Kankshala, Mandvi & Kavanth, Gujarat, Funded by Reach To Teach, UK. Centre for Environment Education, Ahmedabad, India. January 2014.
- Meditation Centre for VVP Trust, Vajdi Virda, Rajkot. January 2012-June 2014.
- “Anand Shala”, Infrastructure development project of a primary school at Village Thada, Tehsil Tijara, Dist Alwar, Rajasthan. CSR Activity funded and executed by Ashiana Housing Limited, New Delhi. In partnership with Centre for Environment Education, Ahmedabad, India. September 2011-March 2013.
- “Anand Shala”, Infrastructure development project of 11 primary schools in Ta. Waghodia, Dist. Vadodara, Gujarat, Funded by Suzlon. Centre for Environment Education, Ahmedabad, India. August 2008-December 2011.
- Biodiversity Conservation Resource Area. ‘Sanjeevani’ A school based Medicinal Plant Education and Conservation Initiative. PBSs in ten villages in Saurashtra and South Gujarat. CEE Ahmedabad. September 2010.
- Library and Extension to DCF Offices, Haddo, Port Blair. Project commissioned by APCCF, Andaman and Nicobar Forest Department, A & N Government. Design submitted for execution. April 2010.
- “Anand Shala”, Infrastructure development project of 19 primary schools in Farfoud Cluster, Arang Block, Dist. Raipur, Chhattisgarh, Funded by Water Aid. Centre for Environment Education, Ahmedabad, India. Execution of 3 schools completed. September 2009.
- Satsang Hall at Gondal. Privately funded. Unbuilt. October 2008.
- Primary School Up-gradation at Village Rajpur, Dist. Gandhinagar. January 2008.
- Aapni Shala Project—Primary School Up-gradation project under SNEHAL Program of CARE India (NGO) in 18 villages in Halvad Taluka, Dist. Surendranagar. CEE, Ahmedabad. December 2007.
- Micro Enterprise Resource Centre at Village Raisangpur, Ta. Halvad, Dist Surendranagar. CEE, Ahmedabad. September 2007
- Hospital at Mundargi, Dist. Gadag, Karnataka for the Mrudagiri Agricultural and Rural Development Centre, Kalakeri and Suzlon Infrastructure Ltd. April 2007.
- Tourist Facility at Blackbuck National Park, Velavadar, Bhavnagar. Competition Entry. March 2007.
- Stockholm Public Library, Stockholm, Sweden. International Architectural Competition Entry. June 2006

- Proposal for a *Satsang* Hall cum House for Swamini Shubhanand Saraswati at Junagadh. May 2006.
- Extension to VIKSAT, CEE, Ahmedabad. Short listed competition entry. 2005
- Memorial Complex for the Bhopal Gas Tragedy Victims, UCIL, Bhopal. Competition Entry. 2005
- The external play area of the Crèche at Centre for Environment Education, 2003.
- Model School Project—“*Anand Shala*”, Infrastructure development project of 30 primary schools in the tribal belt of southeast Gujarat, Funded by UNICEF, DPEP, Gujarat and Centre for Environment Education, Ahmedabad, India.2002-2003.
- Resource and Training Centre, Bilpudi, Ta. Dharampur, Valsad, South Gujarat, India, Funded by Centre for Environment Education, Ahmedabad, India. 2002.
- Post earthquake reconstruction, Primary School Design – Sir J High School at Lakhtar, District Surendranagar, Gujarat, India, funded by Prime Minister’s Relief Fund.2002.

Residences

Private residential development in an urban context

- Renovation and External Landscaping of residence of Shri Nischal Sanghvi. September 2014 – November 2014.
- Proposal for Residence for Mr. Dharmendra Gadhvi, Village Varvala, Dwarka, Dist Jamnagar. December 2011-May 2012.
- Country retreat for Shri Prataprai Bos at Village Raj Samadhiyala, Dist Rajkot. January 2009-November 2011.
- Complete alteration of residence for Smt Dipti Shukla and Shri Jayesh Shukla at Rajkot. September 2010-February 2011.
- Residence for Shri Parthesh Pandya and Smt Binduba Zala at Village Rajpur, Dist Gandhinagar. November 2010.
- Residence for Dr. Shri Amit Sitapara at Rajkot. March 2009-May 2010.
- Renovation of residence of Shri Mahavir Bos. August 2008 – March 2010.
- Proposal for Residence for Shri Raju Shah, Gondal. June 2009.
- Infrastructure improvement in residence of Smt Hansikaben Arvindbhai Maniar. August 2008.
- Alteration and extension for House of Shri Irfan Tabani, Old city, Rajkot. May 2007.
- Proposal for House for Shri Vishnubhai Thaker at Gondal. June 2007.
- 2, Collegewadi, Rajkot-360 001 INDIA. Residence-cum-studio for self. July 2005-August 2007.
- Renovation of residence of Mr. T R Pancholi. 2002.
- House for a public servant in Lucknow. 1999. Proposal.

Industrial Buildings

- Port warehouse and silos for dry goods. Shantilal & Co. Gandhidham. Design completed. June 2008-December 2009.

Interior Design

Interior architectural design for commercial establishment and residential premises

- Interior design for a sample apartment unit for Patria Projects, Rajkot. November 2012-June 2013.
- Interior design for an apartment for Dr Shamik and Tejal Shah, Ahmedabad. April 2012-June 2013.
- Interior design for residence of Smt Hansikaben Arvindbhai Maniar. April 2011.
- Interior design for an office of a chartered accountant. 2010.
- Interior design for a house of a professional couple. 2003.
- Interior design for a retail office for Hitachi Air conditioners, Ahmedabad, India. 2003.
- Interior design for an apartment of a single aged lady. 2001.

Exhibition Design

Design of pavilion for various governmental and non-governmental organisations to host temporary exhibitions.

- *Prakrut 2015*. Organic Food Festival. January 2015.
- Exhibition layouts for various venues in the city of Rajkot for the State Level 26th January (Republic Day of India) Celebrations at Rajkot. The project was commissioned by the District Collectorate, Rajkot. January 2006.

Tableau/Mobile Unit Design

Design and execution of mobile exhibition units for display purposes under varied conditions and situations.

- Design of a Mobile Education Unit for Nannibala Charitable Trust, Ratnal, Dist Kutch. In collaboration with CEE, Centre for Environment Education, Ahmedabad. April 2007- September 2007.
- Design and execution of a tableau depicting the tourism prospects of Rajkot District for the State Level 26th January (Republic Day of India) Celebrations at Rajkot, Gujarat. The tableau was exhibited at the International Kite Festival, Ahmedabad. The project was commissioned by the District Collectorate, Rajkot. January 2006.

Product Design

Design of articles/objects for various needs; modification to existing objects/things to suit newer needs.

- Outdoor Garden Bench and Table. Bawal (Ganda Bawal tree;**Prosopis juliflora**). November 2013.
- Coffee table. Padouk and Teak. November 2012.
- Re-design of scaffolding for GEDA windmill. 2009-2010.
- Design of a standalone display panel-cum-storage rack. Designed for the RMC Stall at India Urban Space 2007, Mumbai. Rajkot Municipal Corporation. September 2007.
- Design of a proto-type Bus-stop for Rajkot Municipal Corporation. April 2007.
- Jewellery Box 1. February 2006.

Restoration and Conservation of Buildings

- Primary School No. 20. Owned by Nagar Prathmik Shikshan Samiti. Managed by Rotary Club of Rajkot Metro. May 2008.

Heritage Conservation, Documentation & Research

- Rajkot City Conservation Plan. A Detailed Project Report under JnNURM for heritage conservation of Rajkot City. RMC. March 2008.
- Initiation of Heritage Walks for Rajkot city. Two programs launched successfully. Project commissioned by Rajkot Municipal Corporation. 2006.
- Documentation and Restoration of Darbar Gopaldas Haveli, Vaso, Dist Kheda. November 2005.

Policy Documents and Reports

- Disability Audit—Accessibility Report-cum-study of some important Public Buildings of Rajkot. Project report for Rajkot Municipal Corporation under the Commonwealth Local Government Good Practices Scheme (GPS) UK, 2004-2007. January 2008.

Venue Design

- Temporary structures for the 4th International Conference on Environmental Education to be held at Centre for Environment Education, Ahmedabad. The design includes exhibition stalls; shelters for plenary session; dining facilities; meeting and working session facilities; temporary toilet facilities, etc. In association with Neelkanth Chhaya Architect, Ahmedabad. November 2007.

Project Profile, On-going

Urban Design

- Port Blair City Park—An Urban Eco-Garden for the Citizens and Visitors. Centre for Environment Education, Ahmedabad. Project commissioned by Andaman and Nicobar Forest Department, A & N Government. April 2010.

Institutions

- “*Anand Shala*”, Child Friendly Elements in Schools, Infrastructure Development project of 50 Govt Primary schools and 1 KGBV in Ta. Chhota Udepur, Dist. Chhota Udepur, Gujarat, Funded by UNICEF. Centre for Environment Education, Ahmedabad, India. January 2015.
- “*Swapnil Shala*”, Infrastructure development project of a primary school at Village Ghatal, Tehsil Tijara, Dist Alwar, Rajasthan. CSR Activity funded and executed by Ashiana Housing Limited, New Delhi. In partnership with Centre for Environment Education, Ahmedabad, India. November 2014.
- Alteration of a Jain Upshraya. Rajkot. January 2014.
- Aquarium-cum-Ocean Conservation Education Park—*Matsyodyan*. Jagannath Puri, Odisha. May 2013.
- Site Planning & Development for a proposed Residential Township, Raiya, Rajkot. February 2012.

Industrial Buildings

- Site Planning & Services Development for a proposed Industrial Park, Shapar, Rajkot. May 2014.

Residences

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- Residence for Shri Nishit Dave at Rajkot. December 2013.
- Residence for Shri Jagdish and Kamlesh Dave at Gondal. June 2007
- Residence for Shri Paresh Patel at Gondal. May 2007.

Interior Design

- Interior design for an apartment for Dr Kartik and Hetal Modha, Rajkot. August 2014.
- Interior design for a sample apartment terrace unit for Patria Projects, Rajkot. April 2013
- Interior design for a corporate office for Fiesta Design, Rajkot. June 2012

Product Design

- Product design of a temporary, foldable and mobile shelter for migrant tribal farm worker in South Gujarat, India. January 2006.

Heritage Conservation, Documentation & Research

- Compilation of house forms of Rajkot. A study in dwelling typology.
- Documentation of wooden building elements of Rajkot city. 2005-ongoing.
- Documentation of furniture and building elements. 2011-ongoing.

Associated Firms and Individuals

BPS Architects are associated with various professionals on project-to-project basis as well as on long term basis with following firms.

- Neelkanth Chhaya Architect, Ahmedabad.
- Vinod Makhesana Architect, Rajkot
- Bimal and Vandana Shah, Structural Engineers, Baroda
- V.R. Shah, Structural Engineers, Ahmedabad.
- Ankur Bhogayat, Structural Engineer, Rajkot
- Hi-Tech Engineers, Contracting Engineers, Ahmedabad
- Kunwarji & Sons, Engineers and Contractors, Rajkot.
- Allen Shaw, Communication Designer, Rajkot.
- Nandish Shah, Antech Consultants and Engineers, Electrical Engineers, Ahmedabad
- Mukesh Shah, Air-conditioning Consultant, Ahmedabad
- Jayant Lakhani, Structural Engineers, Rajkot
- Navin Umrania, Consulting Civil Engineer, Rajkot
- Ajay Katuri, Architect Planner, Ahmedabad.
- Mihir Maniar, Civil Engineer and Real Estate Developer, Rajkot
- Manish Doshi, Structural Engineers, Rajkot
- Sandeep Gandhi Architects, Delhi
- Ashiana Housing Limited, Bhiwadi