# Ar. D.S.RAMAKRISHNA RAO



### **EDUCATION:**

### Master of Architecture.

Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, USA (1982 — 1983)

### Bachelor of Architecture,

Chandigarh College of Architecture, Chandigarh, India (1973—1978)

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

Architect with over 40 years of experience in the Sultanate of Oman, United States of America and India. Handled a variety of Projects ranging from Institutional Campuses, Industrial Complexes, Residential Township and Single Family Villas, in the following countries:

- Sultanate of Oman.
- India
- United States Of America
- Dubai
- Tanzania

## 1984 - Till Date: Director

Principal Architect & Interior Designer

Desirazu Associates (India)

Architectural Wall Systems (Muscat, Oman)

## 2016- Till Date: Dean and Design Chair

Mysore School Of Architecture Mysore, India.

### 1982 - 1984: Architect

Pierce Goodwin Alexander, Dallas, Texas, USA

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

2016 - Till Date: Dean and Design Chair

Mysore School of Architecture

Mysore, India.

### **Subjects Taken:**

- Professional Practice
- Design Studio for final year B. Arch students

### 2016 - Till Date: Professor in charge of Research Cell, MSA

- "Listing of the Heritage city of Mysore" for the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)
- "The Srirangapatna World Heritage Site Documentation and Development Project" in collaboration with the University of Liverpool, UK.

### 2012 - 2016: Visiting Professor

University School of Design, University of Mysore Mysore, India

### **Subjects Taken:**

- Urban Conservation (Master of Architecture Program)
- Projects:

 $My sore\ area\ conservation\ studies.$ 

Sayaji Rao road development.

Study of selected heritage buildings.

#### 2002 - 2010: Visiting Professor,

Department of Built and Natural Environment, Caledonian College of Engineering,

**Subjects Taken:** (Final year of 4 year Built & Natural Environmental Engineering Course)

- Contract Administration
- Value & Risk Appraisal
- Taught Building performance with specific reference to "Built Environment "at various levels

# Presented Papers & Participated in seminars in the College:

- Project Management & Contract Administration.
- Arbitration in Construction Projects.
- Risk Management & Risk response in Construction Projects.

### 1986 - 2000: Visiting Professor,

Master of Architecture Degree Programme, School of Architecture and Planning, Anna University, Chennai, India.

#### **Subjects Taken:**

- Basics of Environmental Science
- Analysis of Natural System
- Planning and Design for Multi-use Systems
- Energy Management in Buildings
- Use of Non-conventional Energy
- Design Problems related to Environmental Planning & Design

Taught 'Environmental Planning & Design at the Post-graduate level with specific emphasis on:

- Eco-conservation of Water Bodies
- Waste Management
- Creating Environmental Awareness

Taught Historic Preservation & Conservation at the Post-graduate level with specific emphasis on:

- Urban Conservation Techniques
- Conservation Documentation

### **1982 - 1983: Teaching Assistant,**

Department of Architecture, Ohio State University, Ohio, USA

**Subject Assisted:** Visual Appreciation of Architecture (2<sup>nd</sup> year Architectural Design course)

- Preparing lecture notes, audio-visual aids, examination papers and quiz for design studio.
- Coordinating with other staff members for course improvement and participating in University teaching workshops.

### TECHNICAL PAPERS PRESENTED AT NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS & CONFERENCES:

### > International Seminars & Conferences:

## 1. Ministry of Defence, Sultanate of Oman

**Event:** A two week course on Campus Planning **Topic of Presentation: Campus Planning** 

Date: October 2017

## 2. Ministry of Defence, Sultanate of Oman

**Event:** A two week course on Hospital Planning **Topic of Presentation: Hospital Planning** 

Date: September 2017

## 3. Ministry of Defence, Sultanate of Oman

**Event:** A two week course on Contracts

**Topic of Presentation: Contracts** 

**Details:** Conducted a two-week workshop for ministry of Defence of Engineering Services of

Sultanate of Oman on Contracts for officers and soldiers.

**Date:** May 2017

### 4. History of Indian Architecture

**Event: Iranian Architectural Awards, Tehran** 

Topic of Presentation: History of Indian Architecture

**Date:** July 2016

#### 5. Oman International Exhibition Centre

**Topic of Presentation:** Materials for Green Building

**Date:** 2012

#### 6. Oman International Exhibition Centre

**Event:** Big Show 2011

**Topic of Presentation:** Green building

**Details:** Delivered a talk on 'Green Buildings' encompassing subtopics like Norms, Green materials,

Systems and examples of live projects.

Date: 21stMarch, 2011

### 7. Ministry of Defence, Sultanate of Oman

**Event:** A Short Term Course on Preparation of Scope of Works

**Topic of Presentation:** Preparation of Scope of Works

**Details:** The presentation explained the 'Preparation of Scope of Works", elaborating on steps like *International Guidelines to SOW, How to prepare a scope of work*, checklist *to be followed, live projects* etc.

**Date:** 18thOct, 2010

### **8. Ministry of Defence**, Sultanate of Oman

Topic of Presentation: Civil Engineers create the infrastructure of Modern Civilization

**Date: 2010** 

## 9. Caledonian College of Engineering, Sultanate of Oman

Event: National Conference on Design and Construction Practices in Hot & Arid Regions

**Topic of Presentation**: Sustainable Architecture – A Conflict between Tradition and Modern Design.

**Details:** The paper addressed the modern emerging trend against a background of traditional living patterns in hot and arid regions with the prime focus on the combination of both to achieve a sustainable architecture.

Date: 22ndMarch, 2004

10. Master of Architecture thesis – Development Study & "Master plan for Bukha (Musandam Region –

Sultanate of Oman) based on Environmental & Socio-Economic Criteria.

**Date**: April, 1983

**11.** Architect as a Realtor – A financial report on Apartment Complex Development, Columbus, Ohio.

**Details**: As a part of the 'Financial Management of Design' Course.

**Date:** Jan, 1983

## **12. Distribution of Urban Population** in Columbia, Ohio

**Date:** Nov, 1982

## 13. Bachelor of Architecture Thesis

**Details**: Housing for Industrial Workers, Parwanoo, Himachal Pradesh.

## **National Seminars & Conferences:**

## 1. Expert Lecture

Event: The Lord Institute of Engineering and Technology, Hyderabad

**Topic of Presentation: Learning & Teaching Pedagogies** 

Date: 30th August 2019

### 2. Societal Liabilities

Event: JSS Polytechnic for Women, Mysuru

**Event:** GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women, Mysuru **Topic of Presentation: Our responsible towards Societal Liabilities** 

Date: 9th August 2019

#### 3. Green Architecture

**Event:** NATCON IIA – Odisha Chapter, Bhubaneswar

Topic of Presentation: Green Architecture: New Sustainable Development

Date: December 2017

## 4. Happiness through Architecture

Event: 19th Arcasia Forum, Jaipur

**Topic of Presentation: Vibrant indoors** 

**Date:** May 2017

## 5. Operations and Lifecycle Analysis of Buildings

Event: 19th Arcasia Forum, Jaipur

Topic of Presentation: Life cycle and Operations of Buildings

Date: August 2015

### 6. McGANS Ooty School of Architecture

**Topics:** New Community Marvels for Today and tomorrow

: Influence of Urban Infrastructure

: Venturing Trends in Residential Development

**Date**: 2014

# 7. Green Buildings Congress 2013 (CII / IGBC)

**Event:** International Conference & exhibition on green buildings

**Topic:** Future Trends in Green Interiors

**Date:** 24th Sep, 2013

#### 8. Green Buildings

Institution of Engineers, Mysore.

**Date:** May, 2013

#### 9. IIA National Convention

**Topic of Presentation:** Regeneration the New Mantra

**Date: 2013** 

### 10. Indian Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ISHRAE)

**Event:** National Seminar on "The Art of Air-conditioning Design – Architects' and Interior Designers' Perspectives' "

**Details:** Inaugural address on "The Art of Air-conditioning Design "from an architect's stand point briefing on areas like Indoor air quality, Choice of interiors, energy conservation etc.

**Date:** 19th Jan, 2002

### 11. Periyar Maniammai College of Technology for Women,

Department of Architects, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, India

**Event:** Short Term Training Programme(STTP) of two weeks duration for teachers of Architecture and Engineering on" Energy Efficiency and Environmental Ecology of Buildings"

**Topic of Presentation:** Eco – Conservation

**Details:** Inaugural address on" Energy Efficiency and Environmental Ecology of Buildings" with specific

reference to the rising necessity for Eco-conservation

**Date:** 16th July, 2001

#### 12. The Indian Institute Of Architects, Tamil Nadu, India

**Event:** National Seminar on Housing – Education and Profession

**Topic of Presentation:** Housing Overview

**Details:** The objective of the talk was to establish a new housing strategy which will encompass

everything from "Formal Housing Education" to "Hands on Professional Training".

**Date:** 20th Jan, 2001

#### 13. Hindustan College Of Engineering, Padur, Tamil Nadu, India

**Event:** Inauguration of "The Architecture Students Association of Hindustan College Of Engineering"

**Topic of Presentation:** Architecture and Environment

**Details:** Inaugural address on" Architecture and Environment", stressing on the need for Energy efficient

architecture and its effects on the environment

**Date:** 18th Dec. 2000

### 14. Confederation of Indian Industry

South Regional Headquarters, Tamil Nadu, India

**Event:** Conference on Housing Construction & Finance

**Topic of Presentation:** Ethos of Housing Finance and the role of the Architect

**Details:** The presentation explained the various housing finances like *Traditional housing finance, General housing finance, Private housing finance*, the role of banks and various other housing finance bodies etc.

**Date:** 29th Sept. 2000

#### 15. Max Muller Bhavan

German Cultural Centre, Tamil Nadu, India

**Event:** 2 day seminar on "Housing the Urban Poor "in collaboration with The German Returnees Association, Indian Institute of Technology (Chennai)&Indian Institute of Architects(IIA) (Tamil Nadu Chapter).

**Topic of Presentation: Planning** 

**Details:** As Chairman (IIA) delivered a talk which emphasized on areas like lowering living standards, socio-economic criteria, rural employment, various housing schemes involving trained planners & architects etc.

**Date:** 28th Sept, 2000

## 16. Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams Development Organization

Event: National Seminar on Waste Management of Tirumala, Andhra Pradesh, India

**Topic of Presentation:** Garbage Disposal System

**Details:** Represented M/s Desirazu Associates and proposed an effective system to manage the garbage waste of Tirumala hill area based on: Collection, Separation, Utilization, Education & Co- ordination.

**Date:** 17th June, 1999

### 17. Central Public Works Department

Regional Training Institute, Tamil Nadu, India

Event: 3 day Refresher Course on "Quality Assurance in Construction for Trouble Free Maintenance"

**Topic of Presentation:** Architectural Planning Parameters For Maintenance Free Buildings.

**Details:** The lecture was designed to brief civil engineers on the appropriate parameters and necessary

quality assurance steps required for Architectural planning for maintenance free buildings.

Date: 9th Feb, 1999

### 18. Indian Institute of Technology

Geotechnical Division, Department of Civil Engineering, Tamil Nadu, India

**Event:** Short term course on 'Foundation for Industrial Structures'

**Topic of Presentation:** Planning for Foundation for Industrial Structures

**Details:** The paper emphasized on Architect's role in planning Specialized Industrial Structures and its

Conservation.

Date: 7th June, 1995

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL & ECO PROJECT EXPERIENCE:**

### 1. Promoter Director of M/s Titan Agro Boards & Products Pvt Ltd

A Company which promoted a complete new range of Particle boards and Ceiling tiles made from KENAF (Jute Sticks), a totally eco-friendly agro-waste.

#### 2. Architect / Interior Designer - Musandam Development Committee

Entrusted with the development of Musandam region keeping in view the conservation of the natural features of the Musandam region.

#### 3. Architect / Interior Designer - Regional Development Committee

Involved in the Town Planning & Development assistance works.

- 4. **Architect** for Inland Aqua Hatchery Projects in various locations in India.
- 5. **Architect** for River front, Office / Shopping & Residential development at Chennai along the Cooum River, after conducting an "Environmental Impact Assessment" study jointly with Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute Of Technology, Chennai, India.

- 6. **Architect / Interior Designer** for Eco Resorts in the following locations in India:
  - Hotel Holiday Resort on the Bay of Bengal, Puri, Orissa.
  - Hotel Abhay Days Inn ( Part of Days Inn Chain of Hotels & Motels )in the desert town of Jodhpur, Rajasthan, India.
  - Multi-function community activity center along the back waters of Kerala.
  - Orange valley eco-resort at Nelliampathy, Kerala.
- 7. **Architect** for Neighborhood housing development at the following locations in India:
- Hosur New Town Authority, Tamil Nadu, India
  - This project required the integration of two fresh water lakes with a manmade canal, and park land development on either side, to provide a lung space for intense housing development. All major roads are flanked by landscape/ tree- lined separators from the residential development.
- State Industries promotion Council housing for industrial workers at Ranipet, Tamil Nadu, India
  - o The project is developed on a concept of a courtyard / tot lot of cluster dwelling units.
- Multi-family high rise housing development along the coastal suburbs of Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
  - Housing development linked by tot lots and parks to form a cohesive green space.
- 8. **Architect/ Interior Designer** for School Development for Vivekananda Educational Society in various locations of India.
  - Residential School Development at Chennai for integrated education development including farming/nature care and horticulture development.
- 9. Farm Management School for "Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems".
- 10. Interior Designer for pioneering use of eco friendly materials for a variety of projects ranging from offices to residential development like:
  - Seasoned treated Rubber Wood.
  - Iute Boards
  - Stone / Metal furniture.

#### **AWARDS**

- M/s Architectural Wall Systems is the winner of **Oman Green awards 2012**Project: "Caledonian College of Engineering Campus 3", Sultanate of Oman
- Best Teacher Award

Indian Institute of Architects
Triune-2013

- M/s Desirazu Associates is the winner of Mysuru **UltraTech Awards 2017** Project: "Sankalp Central Park – Phase 2", Mysore, India

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP:**

- Fellow of Indian Institute of Architects (IIA)
- **Associate Member** of Indian Institute of Interior Designers
- **Member** Environmental Society of Oman
- Life Member Indian Red Cross
- **Life Member -** Nilgiris Library
- Past Chairman Indian Institute of Architects, State Chapter, TN, India (From 2000 2002)
- Past Chairman Indian Institute of Interior Designers, City Chapter, Chennai, India

#### **EX-OFFICIO POSITIONS HELD:**

### Professional -

- **Governing Council -** Mysore School of Architecture.
- Governing Council JSS Polytechnic for Women and JSS Polytechnic for Differently Abled.
- Member of Panel for indigenous technical talent selection process Department of Higher **Education**, Government of Oman.
- Member of Panel for upgrading technical skills (Wood Working) and education for Vocational **Training Institute** Ministry Of Manpower, Government of Oman.
- **Member of Programme Advisory Board -** Department of Built & Natural Environment, Caledonian College of Engineering, Sultanate of Oman.
- **Member of Examination Committee -** Centre for Entrance Examinations, Anna University, Tamil Nadu, India (Jan 2002).
- **Member of the Staff Selection Committee -** School of Architecture and Planning, Anna University, Tamil Nadu, India- *(Aug 1992, Feb 1998).*
- Question Paper setter and Examiner for M.Arch. Sem. Exams. School of Architecture and Planning, Anna University, Tamil Nadu, India- (May 1992).
- Member of Advisory committee MEASI Academy of Architecture, Tamil Nadu, India- (1999-2000)

#### Student -

- Vice President National Association of Student Architects, India (1976 1977)
- President Student Association, Chandigarh College of Architecture (1977 1978)

#### **PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

- Date of birth: 26/11/1954
- Married, with 2 sons
- Interests include travel, photography, sports and reading.

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