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## THE GRAND ALUMNI MEET 2024



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*Our Vision-*

***“To be a world class University for Social Transformation through Dynamic Education”***

#### **MISSION OF BV (DU) UNIVERSITY**

- Provide quality technical education with state-of-the-art equipment, qualified faculty and adequate infrastructure to meet the needs of the profession and society.
- Foster an environment conducive to innovation, research, and entrepreneurial leadership.
- Adhere to and promote professional ethics, transparency and accountability for social, economic and environmental conditions.

#### **VISION OF BV DU COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE PUNE**

**“Committed To Inculcating Sensitivity Towards Sustainable Built Environment Through Architectural Education”**

#### **MISSION OF BV DU COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE PUNE**

The institution shall strive:

- To instill knowledge, skills, values, and ethics to produce socially responsible, environmentally conscious, and economically aware architectural professionals.
- To encourage innovation and research for a sustainable built environment.

The institutions of Bharati Vidyapeeth (BV) were accorded Deemed University status in 1996 for their academic excellence. The Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University) is renowned for its academic excellence and offers innovative programs in emerging areas. It currently boasts 29 constituent institutions, including three research institutes dedicated solely to research. This multi-campus and multi disciplinary university caters to both urban and rural students and has achieved significant success in research. It also boasts world-class infrastructure and facilities, has launched numerous innovative academic programs, and has best-in-class teaching-learning processes. The university has also established national and international collaborations.

#### **Alumni Association of Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University ) College of Architecture ,Pune**

BV(DU)COA,Pune has been imparting architectural education since 1994, with over 1300 alumni graduating in the last 30 years. The alumni association intends to unite all the graduates from BV(DU)COA,Pune. The aim of the alumni association is to strengthen ties between alumni and Alma Mater, providing opportunities for cooperation and communication.

## Message From the Principal's desk.



**Prof. Dr. Kavita Murugkar**  
Principal  
BV(DU)COA, Pune

Dear all,

A Warm Greeting to Our Esteemed Alumni!

I hope this note finds you well and thriving in your endeavors. It gives me immense pleasure to extend a heartfelt thank you to each one of you who graced our first-ever Alumni Meet with your presence, whether in person or remotely. Your participation contributed to making it a resounding success, marking a milestone in our journey as an institute.

As we celebrate 30 glorious years of our alma mater, I am delighted to share with you the joyous moments and memories that were cherished during the meet. It was truly a testament to the enduring bond we share as members of this esteemed community.

I am excited to announce the release of our Alumni Coffee Table Book - Columns, meticulously crafted to capture the essence of our shared experiences and achievements. I encourage you all to delve into its pages, reliving the cherished memories and stories, and kindly share your invaluable feedback.

Looking ahead, I invite each of you to join hands in furthering our institute's mission of excellence. Your continued support and active engagement in college initiatives will play a pivotal role in shaping the future of our alma mater. Together, let us embark on this journey towards greater heights of success and accomplishment.

Warmly,  
Prof. Dr. Kavita Murugkar  
Principal

## BVDUCOA In a Glimpse Achievements:



**Dr. Kavita Murugkar,**  
Principal  
felicitated on IIID platform for  
contribution to Design Education.



**Prof. Mukta Latkar-Talwalkar ,**  
Vice Principal  
received the IIA S.J. Contracts Award for  
Excellence in Teaching.



Football boys team won first prize in  
"Shear Force Tournament"  
with cash prize of 21 thousand.



The Alumni Meet at **Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to Be) College of Architecture** celebrated 30 years of success, bringing together former students, faculty, and friends for a memorable reunion. Held on **January 27th and 28th 2024**, the event featured engaging discussions about future plans, networking opportunities, and a showcase of green technology in architecture. Alumni enjoyed fun games and activities, reminiscing about their time at the institute. The event highlighted the enduring bond among alumni and the institution's commitment to excellence in the field of architecture.



**Ar. Christopher Benninger**  
lighting the lamp



**Felicitation of**  
**Ar. Vikas Achalkar**



**Felicitation of**  
**Ar. Mahesh Nampurkar**



**Felicitation of**  
**Ar. Ramprasad Akkiseti**

# THE GRAND ALUMNI MEET 2024

## The Inauguration Ceremony :

The inauguration of the first-ever alumni meet at BVDU College of Architecture, Pune was a momentous occasion filled with warmth, nostalgia, and a sense of pride.

With the gracious presence of esteemed guests like **Ar. Christopher Benninger** - Founder & Principal Architect of CCBA designs, **Ar. Ramprasad Akkiseti** - co-founder and managing director of CCBA designs, and **Ar. Mahesh Nampurkar** - Partner of 'Suman Shilp' and **Ar. Vikas Achalkar** - Chairperson IIA Pune Chapter, the event was elevated to a platform of insightful discussions, reflections, and celebrations of architectural excellence.

The ceremony commenced with a tribute to the visionary founder chancellor,

**Dr. Patangraoji Kadam**, whose legacy continues to inspire and guide the institute. As the event unfolded, dignitaries were honored, and the unveiling of the alumni coffee table book served as a testament to the remarkable journeys and contributions of the alumni community. The felicitation of alumni achievers and former professors further underscored the institute's commitment to excellence and innovation.

The Event was Sponsored by K Nest manufacturers, Planedge construction management company, Ceratec, and Square One.



## Alumni Works Exhibition :

Alumni showcased their professional work, with aim to inspire students and extending practice. This platform allowed for the presentation of diverse projects, fostering inspiration and knowledge exchange. More than 30 Projects by alumni from Undergraduate and postgraduate department were displayed during the Alumni meet.



## Past meets Present :

An interactive session was arranged, bringing together students of the institute and its esteemed alumni. Engaging discussions unfolded, delving into the intricacies of architecture in practice, exploration of contemporary trends, and the myriad challenges encountered within the industry.

The session was really engaging and helped students grasp different aspects of the architecture profession and the right steps and things to avoid as they navigate their journey as architecture students.



## Way forward BV(DU)CA :

An Interactive talk was organised to introduce to the Alumni of the institute about the present status of the University and its Vision and Mission and discuss with them about their opinions and experiences from the professional field which could be incorporated into the Curriculum, Teaching Learning aspects and Evaluation Criterias to make the present system more strong and holistic for the graduating students.



Alumni provided valuable suggestions, including emphasizing software skill development, promoting sketching for design development, encouraging architectural criticism, and cautiously introducing AI learning and digital tools. Suggestions for teaching and learning included integrating hands-on workshops for new technologies, incorporating new skill sets for changing market trends, stressing knowledge of laws and regulations in design development, and fostering critical thinking and interdisciplinary learning.



## The Pecha Kucha Talks :

An initiative to bridge the gap between the students, alumni and the institute. It helped the current students to get motivated and exposed to the present technology and the overall market scenario through the projects of the alumni.



**Ar.Nishita Bhatia**

**Ar.Manasi Saxena**



**Ar.Surbhi Ostwal**



**Ar.Yash Shah and Ar.Anuja Sawarkar**



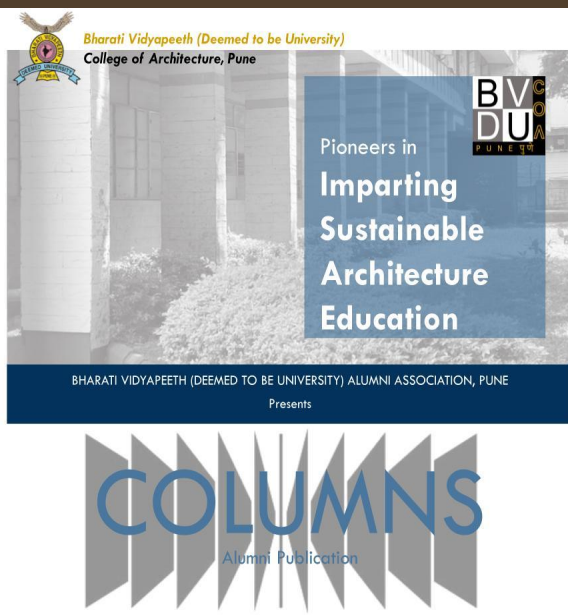
**Ar.Suraj Bhunje**



**Ar.Akhil Shajan**



**Ar.Prakhar Ranjan**



## Coffee Table Book Launch :

The inaugural release of the alumni publication, "COLUMNS," a coffee table book, was officially launched during The Grand Alumni Meet. This edition is showcasing the remarkable journeys and contributions of alumni who have ventured into diverse fields, making a positive impact on society. Whether it be groundbreaking research, entrepreneurial endeavors, or community service, our alumni continue to exemplify the values instilled during their time at the institute.

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## Playful Times :

The sports segment of the alumni meet was a highlight, featuring engaging activities that brought together both past and present members of the college community. One of the main attractions was the tug of war, where alumni and current students formed spirited teams. Adding to the excitement was the cricket match, a beloved sport that brought alumni and students together in friendly competition.



**Alumni Cricket Team**



**Tug of war**



# Reflections on the Alumni Meet

The Alumni Meet organised by BVP was a fantastic event, we all got to meet our old & new friends & faculty. It was ~~organized~~ for ~~random~~ we always thought of.

Thanks for all the arrangements

Regards,  
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Well executed, hoping to have more Alumni Meets. I hope college could reach out to Alumni members, to help them understand the function of Alumni meet. Hoping to see you all soon.

Ar. Akhil Shogan

Susha Jain

Beautifully presented. Good efforts. Kudos!

Ashish Varadkar, Graafree Energy.  
Wonderful to see the creations by the Alumni. Inspiring. Waste management solution could be another challenge volunteers may want to take up!!

It was a very well organized event and felt very happy after meeting few of my juniors & seniors and of course our teaching faculty. As Principal Ma'am said it would be lovely and great if we get to arrange such events occasionally. All the best to the super juniors of mine ☺

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UDAYAN JAIN.

Very well presented exhibit!!! Hats off  
For job!!!!

Great initiative by BVP CoA. Met teachers, friends and relived the memories. Nostalgic.

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GREAT WORK BY THE COLLEGE. THANKS FOR THE INVITE

ADHITH CHAKRADE

Great initiative by management & student, all presentations are good.

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Very good organization & management of old memories. Alumni & student good work.

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Very well organized & great initiative by BVP. Had great time catching up with friends after 15 years. Should organize once every 5 years.

Mathur Chandan  
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- "Very beautifully organized event by the whole team. Can see a lot of effort that has been put to make us feel comfortable. Exhibition is a good way to showcase peers works too. Thank you for the wonderful time."

- Sahana Prakash

Kethi Dack

Great efforts ☺

1. Excellent Effort!!  
Keep it up!!

Ar. Mahesh Ramani  
Pune

29/01/2024

A Nostalgic & beautiful journey. Thank you for organizing this.

- Wishita

A wonderful effort by the students! Highly commendable! (But don't bunk classes over this!)

Shakti



# Alumni Achievers



## Ar.Neha Vyas

Received IGBC Certification Award by IGBC on 4th November 2023 at Chennai and awarded as Contributor for Green Footprint 7th July 2023 by IGBC.



## Ar.Yash Shah & Ar. Anuja Sawarkar

Received awards organized by iDesign excellence awards, Nagpur, Maharashtra for Flat and apartments interiors (under 1500 sq ft) and Product Design for Customized Dining table and bench.



## Ar.Rahul Shrikhande

Received national award for exemplary performance passive architecture design, at 15th GRIHA Summit at New Delhi on 24th November 2023 for Project Hindu Hriday Samrat Balasaheb Thackeray memorial at Badlapur.



## Ar.Dipali Randhe

Received IIA S.J. Contracts Award for Excellence in Teaching.



## Ar.Tanmay Khare

Featured in the Commercial Design Anniversary Special Edition, "Pathfinders: Minds Behind the Best Workspaces in India."



# Alumni Spotlight

## Ar.Sudeep Deshpande

Batch : 1998-2003

Sudeep is an architect, sculptor, and painter. He holds a bachelor's degree in Architecture, which he received in 2003. With 20 years of experience in the field of art and design, he settled in Bahrain, a country in the Persian Gulf, 14 years ago.

Passionate and driven architect with managerial experience leading a staff of 20, and overseeing the construction and planning process. His expertise is in preparing blueprints and presentations for clients.

He was recently interviewed, last year by a magazine in Hollywood, and His Story was published in USA. Bahrain International T.V interviewed him in year 2021 & 2022.



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## BORN TO BE CREATIVE

Sudeep Deshpande, Raised in a Family of Artists, Is Now Astounding the World

Artist Sudeep Deshpande, originally from Nasik, Maharashtra State, India, was brought up in a family of Artists.

"We are a family of four. My Father, Dr. Sudhir Deshpande, was a self-taught sculptor and painter.

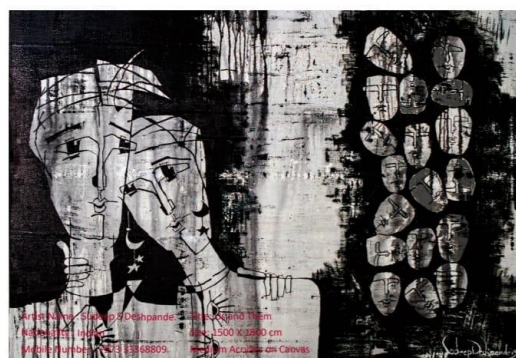
My mother, Mrs. Chitra Deshpande, is a musician as a profession. She teaches classical Indian music. My younger sister, Sukhada Khandekar, is an Indian classical dancer and a theater actress and artist," he explains. "My father brought me a toy with magnets as a birthday gift when I turned five. This was a toy that was similar to Legos or clay, because you could use it to create different shapes or compositions. And I created a composition of two birds bending down to drink water. I named it Thirst. It was a small metal sculpture."

Sudeep is now an architect, sculptor, and painter. He holds a bachelor's degree in Architecture, which he received in 2003.

With 17 years of experience in the field of art and design, he arrived in Bahrain, a country in the Persian Gulf, 12 years ago.

"One of my design school professors, whom I look up to and who has been one of my inspirations, Ms. Anjali Kumthekar, informed me of upcoming job opportunities for architects. That's what brought me to this beautiful place," he says.

Sudeep's art is truly unique and is currently garnering interest from collectors around the world.



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# Alumni Spotlight

## Ar. Nidhi Parekh

Batch: 1997- 2002



Vaastavya - a partnership firm - started in Pune in 2006. Principal Architects, Ar. Nilay Parekh and Ar. Nidhi Parekh respectively graduated from Institute of Environmental Design, vvn, Gujarat and Bharati Vidyapeeth, Pune.

They have worked on the diverse typology of the projects like architecture and interior design of residential apartments, housing societies, commercial complexes, office complexes, hospitals, resorts, religious buildings, bungalows, farm houses, hotels etc all. Our office is in Pune, Vapi and Kinshasa (RDC, Africa), however, they have been working in cities like Mumbai, Lonavla, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Vapi, Navsari, Gulbarga etc in India as well as outside India, in Dubai and RDC in Africa. the firm has successfully executed a number of projects. some noteworthy projects are grand horizon - Pune, Swapnakamal apartments - Mumbai, Le prestige complex - Kinshasa, la tradition apartments.

Architect Nilay and Nidhi Parekh from Studio VAASTAVYA, characterise a home with the true meaning of life imitating art and vice a versa. Such is the case with the 4,900 square foot home that boasts its own terrace and an independent full floor footprint. The journey of this project began when the clients - Rashmi and Pavan Kumat, became aware of Parekh's distinctive style, approached them to transform their spacious abode.



Avant-garde, quirky, quintessentially American/European, retro, fusion - the possibilities seemed endless.

After the rounds of discussion between the architects and the clients, a decision was made: simplicity, honesty, and beauty would be the guiding principles of the design. They would let art imitate life and vice versa.



Caress the innocence of Europe in this pristine Pune home

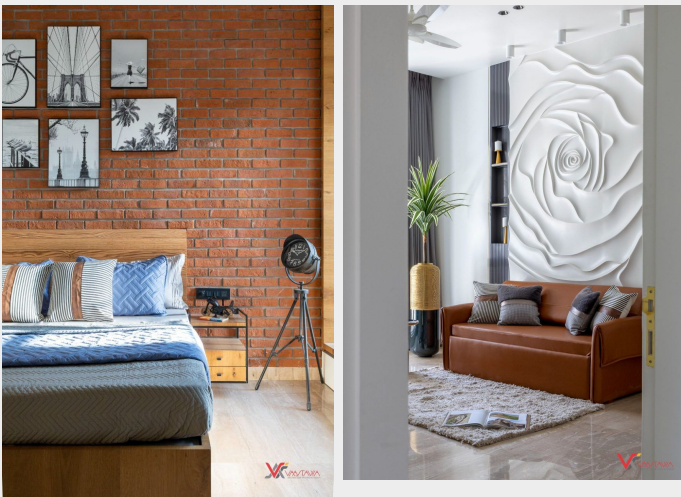


# Ar.Nidhi Parekh

Batch : 1997- 2002

Encased in elegance

The result is an interior that mirrors its occupants – stylish, clutter-free, trendy, meticulously planned, yet always on the move. Says Nilay, “When we started this project, the clients were working from home. This is a large house with a pool that was replaced with a garden. The clients are busy and they travel often, so maintenance would have been a problem. We did a deep study of their lifestyle, their hobbies, how they spend leisure time, what they bring back as souvenirs from their travels, do they have pets, etc.”



One might wonder how to avoid overkill in such a spacious home. Nidhi explains, “The clients – Rashmi and Pavan, themselves are well aware of home trends, fashion, etc. They wanted elegant and plush furniture, and we made sure the home fully echoes this. If one goes room by room, each is different with its own distinct theme, but the common areas – living and dining – share a common design language.”

Project has been featured in 2 magazines in September 2023



## Alumni Spotlight



Delving deeper, we find that the interior is a tapestry of various styles, seamlessly woven together. Each element, from the flooring to the walls, the ceiling, the lighting, and the furniture, forms a layer that complements the previous one. Like a well-curated fashion ensemble, each piece harmonizes with the next. Take, for instance, the common areas. The vaulted ceiling in the long passage complements the light fixtures, while the wall panelling harmonizes with the framed photos. The onion pink furniture effortlessly syncs with the marble, mirrors, veneer panelling on the wall, and the glossy marble flooring. In the lobby and terrace, the result is an elegant ambiance that needs no artifacts to assert its place.

Name of the project: Aurum

Location: Magarpatta Kharadi Road, Pune

Area: 4,900 sq ft

Type: Residential Interior Design

Design firm: Vaastavya

Lead designer: Nilay and Nidhi Parekh

Photography: Vivekajeet Purohit



## From the Editor's Desk

In this special edition of our eMagazine, we're excited to highlight the recent Alumni Meet at Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University) College of Architecture. It was a joyous reunion where former students, teachers, and friends came together to celebrate our institute's 30-year journey. Held on January 27th and 28th, the event was packed with friendly chats, new connections, and pride in our alumni's accomplishments. We also showcased Sustainable technology and materials in architecture, showing our commitment to a greener future through Green Tech Fest 1.0 Symposium and exhibition. Looking back, it's clear how much we've achieved together, and we're grateful to everyone who made the Alumni Meet a success. We look forward to the exciting journey ahead and to the stories and experiences we will share in the editions to come. Thank you for being a part of our alumni family and here's to the start of a remarkable journey!



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## Event Glimpses



## Share your Entries !!

We invite you to share your achievements, success stories, and journey in the field of architecture for our upcoming editions of the E-Newsletter. Simply scan the QR Code to register yourself and submit your entries. We look forward to hearing from you!

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