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**Qualification:**

B.Arch from School of Architecture, CEPT Ahmedabad with Gold Medal in 2002

As a student at CEPT, one of the pioneer institutions of Architectural education in India, received tutelage from several renowned Architects and was instrumental in shaping the perspective on Architecture and the built environment.

1998-99: Trained under Ar. T M Cyriac in Trivandrum, Kerala. Was the site in-charge for Extension phase of the renowned Kerala Kalamandalam University and gained hands-on experience of working on site with craftsmen and materials.

1999-2000: President of CEPT Students Council. Conceived several innovative programmes with enthusiastic participation from the student body such as Ritwik Ghatak retrospective film festival, Kumar Gandharva Music festival and the critically acclaimed CEPT Arts Festival involving several upcoming and established artists from Ahmedabad, Baroda and Mumbai

2000-02: Undergraduate Thesis on the Built form of Benares guided by Prof Neelkanth Chhaya

2004: Part of the prestigious Kurula Varkey Design Forum Jury which was lead by Ar Channa Daswatte from Srilanka.

**Work Experience:**

2000-2002: Worked with Ar. Kiran Pandya and Ar. PVK Rameshwar in Ahmedabad. Worked on small -medium scale residences during this period with focus on preparation of working drawings.

2002-2003: Worked as Junior Architect at C-Earth, Cochin. Worked on the conceptualization and execution of Phase 01 of Ashwini Nursing College at Nadathara, Thrissur.

2003-2005: Freelance work based in Cochin. Completed three residences and phase 2 of Kakkanad Co-operative Hospital, Cochin.

2006: Co-founded **Mangrove Architecture Alliance** with Ar. Kunjan Garg.

Mangrove was awarded the Young Designer Award by the Indian Architect and Builder in 2014.

Mangrove won the IIA Kerala State Gold Leaf Award in Residential Architecture in 2014.

Mangrove has curated and facilitated content for The IIA Design Talks [2011-13], the IIA Young Architects' Festival [2014] and have conceptualized the Living Monsoon program for the IIA Cochin Centre spanning the years 2015-17.

2011: Co-founded **RGB Architecture Studio** with Ar. Kunjan Garg and Ar. Niranjan Das Sharma.

The firm has been involved in developing an architectural practice rooted in its context, and responsive to its contemporary conditions. The firm has won several awards and accolades for its context-sensitive designs.

2019: Visiting Faculty at AVANI Institute of Design, Calicut, Kerala teaching Architectural Design; Co-curator of World Architecture Festival CONNECT Series, Cochin; RGB is an invited participant at the upcoming All India Architecture Exhibition called TII Architecture involving 20 other renowned firms of the country.