

Surbhi Ribadiya

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Detail-oriented Architect and Sustainability Professional with over 4 years of experience in architectural design, project management, and academic instruction. Expert in integrating climate-responsive design and sustainable practices into the built environment. Proven track record in leading residential and commercial projects from concept to execution while fostering the next generation of designers through university-level teaching.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- **Design & Sustainability:** Systems Thinking, Circular Economy, Climate-Responsive Design, Sustainable Material Selection, Environmental Science, Urban Design, Conservation Publication.
- **Technical Skills:** AutoCAD (2D/3D), SketchUp, Rhinoceros, V-Ray, Lumion, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign.
- **Manual Skills:** Hand Drafting, Model Making, Wood Carpentry, Weaving, Clay/Ceramics.
- **Professional:** Project Management, Team Collaboration, Curriculum Development, Client Relations.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sustainability & Brand Strategist (SCAD Collab) | Mahomet Area Chamber of Commerce | June 2025 – Aug 2025

- **Strategic Rebranding:** Spearheaded a comprehensive visual and verbal rebranding initiative to establish a distinct identity for MACC, successfully decoupling its brand image from the Village of Mahomet municipal identity.
- **Brand Cohesion:** Developed a rigorous 50+ page Brand Guideline manual, ensuring uniformity across all digital and physical touchpoints to foster professional credibility.

Co-founder / Architect and Designer | Setu Design Studio | Jan 2022 – Aug 2024

- **End-to-End Project Ownership:** Directed the full lifecycle for several architectural and interior projects, overseeing multi-vendor resource allocation and maintaining a 100% referral-based business model.
- **Sustainability Integration:** Implemented resource-efficient design frameworks, climate responsive design strategies for residences, balancing stakeholder requirements with environmental impact goals.

Teaching Associate | CEPT University | Jan 2021 – Aug 2024

- **Curriculum Leadership:** Instructed mandatory courses in the Faculty of Architecture, including Environment Science, Structures, and Project Management, translating complex technical theories into actionable design workflows.
- **Sustainability Mentorship:** Mentored 150+ students on climate-responsive design and sustainable practices, emphasizing structural load capacities and material efficiency for the built environment.

Faculty, Interior Designing | INIFD, Gurukul | Aug 2023 – Aug 2024

- **Educational Strategy:** Delivered a specialized interior design curriculum in association with the International Institute of Design (IID), focusing on spatial optimization and human-centric design.
- **Interdisciplinary Training:** Facilitated design studios that bridged the gap between aesthetic interior concepts and practical architectural execution.

Architect and Designer | Arya Architects | Aug 2021 – Aug 2022

- **Project Leadership:** Served as Lead Architect for a major residential housing scheme, managing design development and technical documentation from concept to completion.
- **Heritage & Conservation:** Contributed research and design expertise to a high-profile conservation publication, documenting sustainable historical building methods for modern application.
- **Collaborative Design:** Integrated with multi-disciplinary teams to execute large-scale commercial and residential developments, ensuring alignment with local building codes and client vision.

EDUCATION

M.A. in Design for Sustainability | Sep 2024 – Present *Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), Savannah, GA*

Bachelors of Architecture | Aug 2015 – Jan 2021 *CEPT University, Ahmedabad, India*

Student Exchange Program | Mar 2019 – Jun 2019 *Academy of Fine Arts and Design, Bratislava, Slovakia*

RELEVANT PROJECTS & WORKSHOPS

- **Sustainable Construction:** Participated in Earth Construction (Hunnarshala, Bhuj) and Brick Masonry/Arch Construction workshops.
- **Urban Design:** International Urban Design and Wood Workshop in Banska Stiavnica, Slovakia.
- **Documentation:** Conducted heritage documentation for Gwalior Fort and village settlement studies in Goa.

AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS

- **Design for Sustainability Department Endowed Scholarship:** Savannah College of Art and Design, GA.
- **Educator's Scholarship:** Savannah College of Art and Design, GA.
- **Licensed Architect:** Council of Architecture, India.