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PROFESSION

Architecture, Interior Design, Urban & Regional Planning

CURRENT OCCUPATION

Partner - ESSTEAM, Surat / Proprietor - OBL/QUE, Surat / Visiting Lecturer, Department of Architecture, SCET, Surat / Core Team Member - Urban Initiatives, Surat

DATE OF BIRTH

4th October 1976

NATIONALITY

Indian

KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Ms. Saloni Shah is an Urban and Regional Planner with a background in Architecture, having experience and inclination in the fields of **urban planning, architecture, and interior design**. After having worked on varied projects in Ahmedabad and Surat, India, as well as Zurich and Lausanne, Switzerland, she has based herself in Surat, Gujarat (India), where her Architect-Urban Designer husband and she have set up their own firm **S. Team Design Services (now ESSTEAM)** which provides design services in various fields ranging from graphic design to interior design, architecture, urban design and planning. Their firm has over the years received several awards in the fields of architecture as well as interior design.

She is currently also heading a 6 year young design firm called OBL/QUE®, which is an art company rendering expertise in the field of arts, graphics and product design.

She has had an impressive academic record at both undergraduate as well as post-graduate level, being amongst the top 10% of the class, which provided her with the opportunity to go as an exchange student to ETH University Zurich, 1998. She has also gained valuable experience having worked with eminent architects and firms such as **Charles Correa Consultants**, Mumbai (1997), **Schnebli Amman Menz (S.A.M.) Architects**, Zurich, Switzerland (1998), and Mr. Bimal Patel, **Environmental Planning Collaborative**, Ahmedabad (2000 - 2001).

She is also keenly interested in design education, and teaches as a visiting faculty at the Department of Architecture, Sarvajanic College of Engineering and Technology, Surat. Her principal areas of interest include **Art History, Urban Governance and Its Changing Role in the context of Globalization, Local Economic Development, Urban Management and Finance, Urban Design and its role in Urban Planning**.

She is keenly interested in art forms such as painting and Indian Classical Dance, and had won the Silver Medal at the International Childrens' Art Competition organized by the Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan in 1988. She has also been awarded the Visharad (M.A.) in Bharatnatyam, 1993.

She has had exposure to varied cultures, architecture and people through extensive travels in various parts of Western Europe, North America and Mexico touching deep corners of Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, France, Spain, Italy, USA, Mexico and Sri Lanka.

EDUCATION

- **Masters in Urban and Regional Planning**, School of Planning, Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology (CEPT), Ahmedabad, 2003
- **Graduate Diploma in Architecture** (equivalent to degree) – School of Architecture, Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology (CEPT), Ahmedabad, 2001
- Study at **Eidgenossische Technische Hochschule (ETH) University, Zurich, Switzerland**, Mar-Jul 1998 (Under Prof. Adrian Meyer and Prof. Ruggero Tropeano) as part of an official inter-institutional exchange program.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Among the top 10% in the class throughout both Undergraduate as well as Post-Graduate Studies at CEPT, Ahmedabad
- Awards received during Post-graduate studies at C.E.P.T., Ahmedabad:
- Gold medal for Best Overall Performance in First Year, 2001-02
- GATE scholar, ranked 18th in India with 97.29%, 2001
- Secured second highest grades in the design studio conducted at ETH, Zurich, Switzerland in the project 'Three Buildings: An Urban Place', in 1998.
- Awards received during Architecture studies at C.E.P.T., Ahmedabad:
- Best Consistent Performance, 1995-96
- Best Performance in Technology Subjects, 1996-97
- Secured 77.57% in H.S.C. Exam (Gujarat Board) from St. Xavier's High School, Surat, 1993-94.
- Ranked 5th in Surat Centre in S.S.C.Exam (Gujarat Board) with 87.57% from Lourdes Convent High School, 1991-92.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & REGISTRATIONS

- Member, Council of Architecture - CA/2001/28597
- Associate Life Member, Indian Institute of Architects - A 14821
- Associate Life Member, Indian Institute of Interior Designers - ALM 1727
- Associate Member, Institute of Town Planners, India - 2004/116

EMPLOYMENT RECORD

Since April 2013	Partner – ESSTEAM, Surat
Since September 2007	Proprietor, OBL/QUE, Surat
Since June, 2007	Visiting Faculty, Dept. of Architecture, (SCET), Surat
Jan 2005 – June 2007	Lecturer, Dept. of Architecture, Sarvajanik College of Engineering and Technology (SCET), Surat
Since Sept 2004	Core Team Member, Urban Initiatives, Surat
July 2004 – Dec 2004	Visiting Faculty, Dept. of Architecture, (SCET), Surat
Since August 2002	Senior Architect, S. Team Design Services, Surat and Ahmedabad
May 2001 - Aug 2001	Architect, Environmental Planning Collaborative, Ahmedabad
Jul 2000 - Oct 2000	Architect, Environmental Planning Collaborative, Ahmedabad
Dec 1998 - Apr 1999	Junior Architect, Surya Kakani and Associates, Ahmedabad
Jun 1998 - Sep 1998	Junior Architect, Schnaebli, Amman, Menz (S.A.M.) Architects, Zurich, Switzerland
May 1997 - Oct 1997	Junior Architect, Charles Correa Consultants, Mumbai