

#### Newsletter Issue 06 - September 2022

#### From Our Desk

# **BK&A On Our Unique Approach**

We approach each and every project with a dynamic design methodology that we creatively tailor to the brief and context. Each project is thereby developed through its own unique process that takes into account sustainability, cost-effectiveness while incorporating and adapting vernacular architectural practices to a contemporary setting. This process considers our vast design experience, various parameters imposed by the context and its ecology, our responsibility to the environment, and the specific requirements of our clients.

We value co-creating spaces with our clients, consultants and inhabitants. We enjoy this dialectical and dialogue-based process and it's our combined vision that creates truly creative and unique spaces that are tailored for the user and the environment.

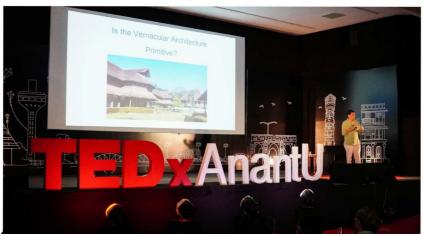
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### **Recent Highlights**

#### **TEDxAnantU 2022**

Dr. Benny Kuriakose was one of the speakers at TEDxAnantU 2022, an independent event licensed under TED, hosted by Anant National University in Ahmedabad on 27 August 2022. The event, with the theme "Reach Out Restore Rejuvenate," was initiated inorder to bring together experts, practitioners, and motivated people to exchange concepts that will assist adolescents in adapting to the constantly changing environment. In the presentation, he addressed the impacts of blindly following the western architecture and highlighted vernacular architecture as the path to sustainability.







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#### **Meet Our Designs**

## **Thanikachalam House**

Thanikachalam House, positioned on the Chennai ECR Road in the heart of a vast, gorgeous garden near the sea, is designed by Benny Kuriakose and Associates in 2003 taking inspiration from Laurie Baker's ideology. At first glance, the Thanikachalam house is structurally grand, but it evokes simplicity and warmth. Invoking the grandeur of indigenous architecture the recycled wooden doors and windows, slanted tiled roofs, brick jalis, carved stone pillars and Athangudi tiled verandahs add visual elegance to the Thanikachalam house.







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# **Latest Blogs to Explore**



## Invoking the Grandeur of the Heritage -Thazhathangadi Juma Masjid

The blog is a journey through the history and the architectural features of our heritage Thazhathangadi Juma Masjid.



## Conservation of Kottappuram Market to its Old Glory

The blog discusses the evolution of the Kottappuram market, along with an insight into conservation of Kottappuram Market done to retain its old glory.



# Points to be Remembered in Painting

This blog explores the importance of painting in construction as well as about the types of paints such as cement and enamel paints.

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#### What's New?

# **Home & Design Trends Cover Story**

Home & Design Trends, A Times of India Publication features Benny Kuriakose as the cover story in its August special issue titled Building Conservation. The concept of sustainable architecture is explored in this issue through the perspective of Dr. Benny Kuriakose, the architectural designer and conservation consultant who has become one of India's most outspoken green crusaders. The article also goes back in time to discover how he entered this green environment in addition to discussing design methodology. He also explains the need and importance of sustainable architecture nowadays with due importance.

The project images involved in the article and the cover photo of the magazine were captured by our team architectural photographer T. P Naseef.



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