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From Our Desk

BK&A on Transplantation of Buildings

Our main intent behind the transplantation of a building is to reuse and recycle. Reusing an existing structure is the most energy-efficient and sustainable technique. We believe in reusing the whole building instead of reusing parts of it. Considering the Dakshinachitra Heritage Museum in Chennai, most of the transplanted buildings were on the verge of demolition as the owners were unable to maintain the age-old structures. We approached the project meticulously and documented the buildings in detail. Even small details like cornices are traced into a template, which is rebuilt on the new site. The roof purlins and wooden panels are numbered so it will be easier to assemble. The measurements must be highly accurate as each part should be joined back together without unnecessary reinforcement. Moreover, an approximation would make the construction process less sustainable. The demolition begins after the complete documentation of the structure. The process of structural relocation is a great step towards reviving not only the lost heritage but also the craftsmanship that is slowly dying in the country.

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Recent Highlights

BKA initiated Q&A session on Instagram Live

Benny Kuriakose and Associates initiated a live Q&A on Instagram based on the topic "Home Design and Construction". It was hosted on the 15th of October 2022, Saturday at 7:30 P. M. The main intent of the session was to spark a conversation among the general public regarding the right practises of design and construction of houses. Along with personal queries on home design, the audience was enthusiastic and asked a wide variety of relevant questions on sustainability, vernacular architecture, etc. The talk concluded in an hour and a half, leaving behind a lot of unanswered questions. For this reason, BKA is preparing to host another Instagram Live soon.

Meet Our Design

Sankalp Learning Centre & Special Needs School



The Sankalp Learning Centre and Special Needs School in Kollapancheri, Chennai, was designed with the goal of creating an inclusive educational centre with the profound goal to cater the needs of children with Special Learning Disorder (SLD) and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The design revolves around providing a space that causes minimal disturbances and considering the needs of the children. Natural colours were used instead of the visually stimulating primary colours. The courtyards extending into the classrooms that were a sensory outlet area are a very significant addition to the design. Verandas act as a buffer zone between high-stimulus activities like general classroom and low-stimulus activities like music, art, crafts, etc. Sharp edges were avoided, and smooth pathways demarcate the playgrounds, which helps them to orient themselves. Elements like water, sand, and different textures involve the sensory stimulation of touch. Thus, a playground, sandpit, ponds, tyre park, and sensory garden are provided. Although the approach to the design is not very complicated, the impact it creates is a very powerful one. The children showed significant improvement after spending a few days in the welcoming spaces of the school.

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The Rebirth of the Kottapuram Fort (Cranganore Fort).

The Kottappuram Fort is located in the Methala Village in Kodungallur, facing the Periyar River and near the Kottappuram Market.



Huilekere House: A Rendition of Coorg Ainmane

This blog is a visual depiction of the journey to the Huilekere House, through the eyes of Naseef T. P. Huilekere house is an inspiration of the traditional Coorg Ainmanes.

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What's New?

Talk by Dr. Benny Kuriakose at Hindustan University

Dr. Benny Kuriakose addressed the valedictory ceremony for Aximaz 2022 at Hindustan University. Aximaz is a vibrant yearly event that consists of talks, workshops, and cultural programs. The theme for Aximaz 2022 was "Coherence in Design", which witnessed talks by numerous eminent architects, film-makers, and photographers. The attention of the architects within the audience was drawn to the speech of Dr. Benny Kuriakose as he presented insightful observations on adaptability to current trends. The event took place at Rajiv Gandhi Salai (OMR) in Padur, Kelambakkam, Tamil Nadu.





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