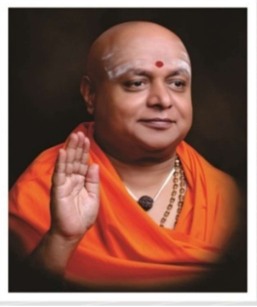
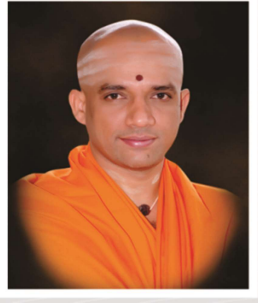


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## **From Dean's Desk**

*Architecture is a way of Life, expressed through built environment.....*

SJB School of Architecture and Planning [SJBSAP], is approved by Council of Architecture (COA), India and affiliated to Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, India. The institution was established in 2013 under the auspices of Sri Adichunchanagiri Shikshana Trust, part of a thousand year old monastery running over 500 educational institutions.

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In continuation of its pursuit of excellence, SJB SAP is coming out with its first Annual Journal of Architecture, Interior Design, Urban Design and Planning- STHALA, meaning space/ place in Kannada. This journal aspires to provide a scholarly platform for practicing architects, academicians, researchers, students and scholars of architecture and related fields, to publish their research papers, projects, case studies and book reviews.

Architectural academia has been customarily linked to the scheme of cognitive research. To convey knowledge, a person needs to attain one. The process of attaining knowledge is continuous and provocative. Academic journals in architecture inspire active reading and provoke deep thinking. They provide a wealth of knowledge. Academic scholarly journals are one of the major tools to promote the most up-to-date academic trends and helps in seeking valuable primary sources for future reference.

Integrating knowledge generated through research and practice with teaching is an essential area that needs prompt attention focussing on student learning activities. There is a growing requirement on the prominence of dialogical and dialectical processes between student-teacher interactions. Meaningful insights can be gained by weaving research and practice into teaching as a knowledge transfer process. Thus, a key aspect is to explore the integration to augment interaction and interactive platform to create the crucial research-teaching practice linkage, through "STHALA".

I feel immensely proud to present the debut edition 'STHALA- A journal of Architecture, Interior design, Urban design and Planning', that is an endeavour to critically reflect the comprehensive approach towards addressing the concerns of built environment through the lens of architecture. I congratulate all authors for their immense involvement for writing their research papers for "STHALA". The journal is published in English. The journal provides free and open access to all its contents on our website.

I congratulate the editorial board members for their endowment to publish the debut edition of “STHALA” - Journal of Architecture, Interior Design, Urban Design and Planning’, of SJBSAP. I also take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to Management of Sri Adichunchanagiri Shikshana Trust for the encouragement and unstinted support as ever.

I would be failing in my duty if I fail to acknowledge the huge contribution by Prof. Smitha MB in this beautiful journey. As on the day of publication, she continues to be a well-wisher of the institution and the journal, while she continues with her new assignment with Indian Institute of Human Settlements (IIHS), Bengaluru.

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*“If I had to teach architecture....I would strive to inculcate in my pupils a keen sense of control--unbiased judgment and of the “how” and the “why.” I would encourage them to cultivate this sense till their dying day. But I would want them to base it on an objective series of facts. Facts are fluid and changeable especially nowadays, so I would teach them to distrust formulas and impress on them that everything is relative.”*

*- Le Corbusier*

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“STHALA” is an annual ‘ Journal of architecture, Interior design, Urban design and Planning’, creating an academic and practice exchange platform for practicing architects, academicians, researchers, students and scholars of architecture and related fields. Scholarly Journals are extremely important to create a knowledge forum for critical writings for young as well as established academicians, scholars and practitioners from all the areas of architectural research, including research-by-design, urbanism, practice-related research, sustainability, technology, pedagogy, visual culture and artistic practices. STHALA acts like a catalyst to ignite the thinking process and provides a think-tank stage for architectural professionals.

We feel a great sense of pride to present the debut edition of “STHALA”, a journal publication of SJB School of Architecture and Planning, Bengaluru. This voices the architectural design influences via textual matter strongly conveyed through appealing visuals and illustrations. The journal also seeks views from scholars in other fields of humanities as valuable indicators towards its contextual understandings.

We wholeheartedly congratulate and acknowledge the tremendous efforts rendered by each and every author, for actively taking part in writing research and scholarly papers for our debut edition of “STHALA”.

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