

## **From Dean's Desk**

*We don't have to engage in grand, heroic actions to participate in the process of change. Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people can transform the world.*

- **Howard Zinn**

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. In the first 5 years, it has evolved into a 3 program School with B.Arch, M.Arch (Construction Project Management) and University recognized Research Centre. SJB SAP is known to harbour global ambitions having successfully participated in several joint studios in countries ranging from USA, Australia, Spain, Canada and UK and tours of works of masters like Frank Lloyd Wright and Tadao Ando, earning peer respect and laurels for its various innovative approaches to teaching.

In continuation of its pursuit of excellence in its decennial year of celebration (2013-2023), SJBSAP is proud to come out with its Volume-3 of the annual Journal of Architecture, Interior Design, Urban Design and Planning - STHALA, meaning space/place in Kannada, In the year 2021 having ISSN (online) # 2582-9491. 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, design approaches, case studies, and book reviews.

Architectural academia has been customarily linked to the scheme of cognitive research, to convey knowledge, a person needs to fill it. The process of attaining knowledge is continuous and thought-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 help in seeking valuable primary sources for future reference. Meaningful insights can be gained by weaving research and practice into teaching as part of the 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".

Integrating knowledge generated through Participatory approaches in Architecture & design will have a greater project outcome, considering the user's point of view, needs, their experience and motivational aspects. Design outcome needs to be more with "User-centric" with an element of empathy than the "Designer- Centric". There is a growing requirement on the prominence of participatory design approach in every aspect of the Architectural profession and Teaching-Learning processes.

I feel immensely proud to present **the third volume of ‘STHALA- A Journal of Architecture, Interior Design, Urban Design, and Planning’**, which is an endeavour to critically reflect the comprehensive approach towards addressing the “Participatory Design approach in Architecture” through the research papers received from a competent team of authors. I congratulate all authors for their immense involvement in writing their research papers for publishing in “STHALA”. The journal is published in English.

We are absolutely delighted to announce a ‘SPECIAL FEATURE’ in this Journal written by our graduating student Ar. Harshith Shastry’s thesis project, which has won the prestigious “Council of Architecture Awards for Excellence in Architectural Thesis 2022 & JK AYA Best Architecture Student of the Year Award 2022, addressing societal concerns.

This Journal provides free and open access to all its contents on the SJBSAP website (<https://sjbsap.edu.in/sthala-volume-3/>)

I once again congratulate the editorial board members for their endowment to publish the third volume of “STHALA” - Journal of Architecture, interior design, urban design, and Planning, of SJBSAP. We would like to thank the external reviewers Ar. Bhagyalaxmi Madapur and Ar. Vaishnavi Shankar for their thoughtful comments and efforts towards improving our manuscripts.

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