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# Editor's Note

## WELCOME TO THE VIBRANT WORLD OF INDIAN DESIGN EDUCATION!

India has been a melting pot of creativity, culture, and innovation, giving rise to some of the most recognized design schools in the country. These institutions have consistently produced talented designers who have made a mark both nationally and internationally. In this edition, we will explore some of India's most renowned design schools that continue to lead the way in shaping the future of design.

In 2023, India's design education landscape showcases a diverse range of institutions, each with its own philosophy, teaching methods, and state-of-the-art facilities. From industrial design and visual communication to fashion and interior design, these schools cater to a broad spectrum of design disciplines, ensuring students have ample opportunities to explore and hone their passion.

The faculty at these design schools comprises seasoned professionals and experienced educators who are actively engaged in the industry, ensuring that students are exposed to the latest trends, technologies, and best practices. Moreover, collaborations with renowned design firms and organizations provide students with invaluable industry exposure and real-world projects that prepare them for their future careers.

As we delve into CIOLook INDIA's exclusive version of **'India's Most Recognized Design Schools of the Year in 2023,'** you will witness how they continue to set new benchmarks in design education, producing visionary designers who contribute to society and shape the future of design in India and beyond. Whether you are a student aspiring to pursue your passion for design or an industry professional seeking to upgrade your skills, these institutions will undoubtedly inspire and empower you to make your mark in the dynamic world of design.

So, join us as we embark on a journey to explore India's most prestigious design schools, where creativity knows no bounds, and innovation reigns supreme. *Let the colours, textures, and ideas weave together to create a canvas that celebrates the spirit of design in the world's largest democracy.* **Enjoy!**

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# India's Most Recognized Design Schools of the Year in 2023

| Featuring | School | Brief |
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| DesignBoat UI/UX School | Harsha kakkeri, Founder and CEO and Akshay Bukka, Chetan Deshmukh and Sneha Akshay, Co-founders | DesignBoat is the top UI/UX design school in India that offers design courses & corporate training for Mobile & Web Apps with placements in Bengaluru, Pune, Chennai, Hyderabad, Gurugram, and Mumbai. |
| Institute of Fashion Technology (IFT) - IPS Academy | Ms Preity Sarva, Principal | One of the best fashion designing colleges in Indore, IPS Academy's Institute of Fashion Technology provides fashion designing courses in Indore. |
| P.A. Inamdar College of Visual Effects, Design & Arts (PAI VEDA) | Dr.P.A.Inamdar, President MCE Society, Azam Campus, Pune | PAI VEDA is internationally acclaimed as one of the foremost multi-disciplinary colleges for Design, Animation, VFX, and Game Designing. |
| Thakur School of Architecture & Planning (TSAP), Mumbai | Karan V. Singh, CEO | TSAP was established in the year 2014 and is guided by a strong vision and goal, oriented towards a purposeful mission, which will meet both the local and global requirements of Architecture. |
| World University of Design | Sanmitra Chitte, Dean, School of Management | WUD is India's first and only university responding to the educational need through its cutting edge, trans-disciplinary programs in the creative domains of Fashion, Design, Communication, Art, Architecture, Media, Management, and Humanities. |

# Thakur School of Architecture & Planning, Mumbai

## Providing Trailblazing Architectural Education Through Innovation

What amuses us is music, poetry, nature, technological advancement, mysteries of history, and architectural miracles created by humans. From the marvellous Havelis and intricate unique temples to Eiffel Tower and Burj Khalifa, these aesthetic architectural marvels have impacted cultures through artistic innovations and scientific inventions.

For such astounding work, architecture education is vital and intertwined with aesthetic practice. Apart from that, students pursuing architecture education, need to focus on sustainable designs and implementations with the consideration of today's styles, as well as requirements.

An architectonic educational institute, that is set to provide an excellent education in architecture with a holistic approach is **Thakur School of Architecture & Planning (TSAP) Mumbai.** Adhering to its values, the institute is a master player in providing sustainable, yet aesthetic architecture education, through its excellent curricula and other value added practices.

**A Visionary Leader**

An education institute like TSAP with a holistic approach to architecture learning, is guided under the visionary leadership of **CEO Karan V. Singh**.

Mr. Karan Singh has a strong background in Construction Industry, with vast exposure to international trends. He provides agility and dynamic support to the Institute, to reinvent itself with the latest technological advances, in tune with the best in the industry.

His vast expanse of industry connections with a rich resource of industry experts, facilitates ***Institute-Industry collaboration and exchange*** through Seminars, Workshops, Field trips and stellar advisory panel members.

**A Distinguished Institute**

Established in 2014, *TSAP* strives with a strong vision and mission, to emerge as a distinguished institute, known to facilitate and nurture **Competent, Innovative** and **Creative Professionals**, that are **Socially responsible** - through **Value-based education**. The institute is approved by the **Council of Architecture (COA, New Delhi) & affiliated to prestigious University of Mumbai (NAAC A++),** under the aegis of **Thakur Education Group (TEG)**. It serves a clear objective of providing Quality Technical Education, in tune with International Standards and addressing global needs/ challenges. Moreover, it is dedicated towards providing state-of-the-art ambience and maintaining a dynamic equilibrium with Industry-Institute Connect.

**State-of-the-art Institution**

TSAP has been a private self-financed linguistic minority institute, since its inception. The Institute is located amidst the serene neighbourhood of Kandivali (E), in a self-contained well-planned residential township, well connected with public conveyances. It has implemented **Holistic Multidisciplinary Education** to groom **Smart and Environment Conscious Professionals.**

Management's commitment to excellence and relevance in technical education, sets TSAP as an Institution apart from any of its peers. It is reflected in the marvellous infrastructure, comparable to the finest institution of its type in the country. The world-class infrastructure at TSAP is equipped with state-of-the-art computer laboratories, ICT-equipped classrooms/ drawing studios, workshops, a material museum, a permanent exhibition, a library, seminar halls, recreation rooms, medical facilities, dining, and student support areas.

**Mr. Karan V. Singh**
CEO
**Thakur School of Architecture & Planning (TSAP), Mumbai**

> **TSAP** advocates being 'Environment Conscious'in all endeavours, as a master key in addition to the 'Knowledge, Skill and Attitude' attributes that completes education goals.

**Excellent Performance: Source of Inspiration**

Thakur Education Group (TEG) have an esteemed presence in the industry for more than two decades, as a prominent player in developing Township projects. This scenario projected an idea to venture with a School of Architecture. TEG envisioned an institution, that stands to create Industry ready professionals, as a service to the neighbourhood and society at large,as an extension of the philanthropic vision of the group's trustees.

The positive feedback from the industry, about the performance of Graduates from the Institution, has been a constant source of inspiration to forward this journey and invest more freely. The institute looks at design, as an emergent domain of knowledge in the context of India, as a leader in producing Industry ready professionals backed with ancient wisdom and advanced technologies.

**Unique Educational Enrichment**

TSAP believes architecture is an aesthetic practice and should be taught in artistic and technologically equipped way. The institution has focused on delivering quality education and has adopted **ISO 21001-2018**, to ensure the same. It has several MOUs with Institutions and Industries that facilitate cooperation and exchange. Moreover, as some of the notable Industry collaborations, the Institute has a student chapter of the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC), Fire Safety Association of India (FSAI) and Ethos ARCAUSE (Architects for a Cause).

Additionally, TSAP has several Certified hands-on training programs with top Institutes imparting training, such as CEASID, Hunnarshala (Bhuj), IIT-Kharagpur (Makeintern), etc. These Value-added Programs, conducted by the Institution in collaboration with Industry experts to deliver the best practices, are the unique enrichment that TSAP offers its students. The Institute is a chosen destination by many outstation students, as they find the homely neighbourhood and the accommodation facilities provided safe,hygienic, and comfortable.

**Tech-Incorporated Curriculum**

While talking about the impact and incorporation of technology in architecture, Mr. Karan Singh explains, "*Being tuned with technological advances is the need of the hour, and all such advances lead to 'optimization'. Instead of seeing any new technology as a threat, the Institute introduces 'Value Added Programs' as enrichment to the existing curriculum to ensure that this help bridges the Industry-Academia gaps,*" He also adds, that the culture of **Plan, Do, Check & Act (PDCA)** cycle has been practised diligently in all endeavours to ensure the institute can track its progress in a dynamically rising spiral.

**Staying Ahead of the Curve**

Challenges and difficulties are important factors, that constitute a journey to success. Likewise, the education sector has its fair share of struggles that must be conquered. TSAP sees every challenge as an opportunity by adopting the policy of 'Risk-Based Thinking', 'Agility' and being 'Change Ready'. The syllabus of University of Mumbai offers flexibility in 25% of the curriculum & the institute ensures to explore it, to the fullest.

The dynamic of course structure, advancements in digital technologies in the form of '*Hybrid Learning Models'*, '*Outcome-based education'*, focus on '*Environment Consciousness'*, '*Climate Change'*, use of '*Advanced Softwares'*, '*AI & VR'* based training, etc., have been some of the areas, that Institute has taken up aggressively, to ensure the Institutional Graduates stay ahead of the curve.

**Nurturing Aspiring Architects**

TSAP advocates, the practice of being *'Environment Conscious'* in all endeavours as a master key, that is in addition to the *'Knowledge, Skill and Attitude'* attributes that completes the education goals. Mr. Karan Singh expresses his thoughts about nurturing budding architects: "*Adaptability', 'Focus' and 'Preparedness' to learn without inhibitions as the key to master success.*"

**Setting Future Offerings**

Apart from its complete academic courses and arrangements, TSAP envisions scaling its programs and courses in the future. TSAP considers itself, the Global Centre with International Connect and as a connecting node of the worldwide family. The institute emphasizes, that the ability to provide solutions must be contextually relevant as well as completely immersed, while being globally relevant and environmentally appropriate. For that, TSAP is shaping its Graduates to be competently '*Smart and Environment Conscious Professionals'* that are prepared to address future challenges, by working on them today.

**Appreciation and Awards**

For its exceptional academics and excellent education in architectural curriculum, TSAP has received appreciation. Some of the notable achievements, are as follows:

- **Best Institute for Architecture in Mumbai, for four consistent years (Awarded by Times Education Group).**
- The **'MUST WATCH' Architecture College of the Year 2023** in India (**Higher Education Digest**).
- **Certificate of Excellence for Makeintern Initiative, for the fourth consecutive year (IIT Kharagpur).**
- **Membership of United Nations Academic Impact (In recognition of** commitment towards addressing the Sustainable Development Goals, in all its endeavours**).**

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