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Prof. Pratyush Shankar holds a Bachelors of Architecture and a Master of Science degree from the University of Baroda (1990-95) as well as a Post Graduate certificate in Environmental Planning from the CEPT University (1995-97). He is an Architect by profession and is presently the Provost of Navrachna University and also the Dean of School of Environmental Design and Architecture (SEDA), Navrachna University in Vadodara, India. Before joining the Navrachna University, Prof. Pratyush was the Acting Dean of Architecture and Head of the Undergraduate Program at CEPT University where he had taught for more than two decades.

He was recently honored as the International Ambassador for the University of Bonn, Germany and was also awarded the Alexander Von Humboldt Senior Fellowship in 2015 -17. He was hosted at the University of Bonn, Germany. His recent publication is with the Oxford university Press is titled "History of Urban Form: India". He has also authored the book titled "Himalayan Cities: Settlement Pattern, Public Places and Architecture" published by Niyogi Publishers, New Delhi, 2014. He is presently also a Guest Professor at the Mundus Urbano Program at Architecture Faculty, TU Darmstadt, Germany.

Pratyush runs a design practice along with his academic work. He was awarded the 22nd J K Cement Architect of the Year award 2013 in Residence Design Category, and has designed and built a large number of residential and commercial buildings in India. He was the Architect of the Year National Award for "Residence for three Artists", by J K Cement, 2012. In fact, in his early career, he won the 'Young Designer of the Year' award in 2000. A Competition by 'Indian Architect & Builder', Mumbai, India.

He is also the founder of CityLabs India, an initiative to improve urban research, training and raising awareness of the Indian Cities. He was the Creative Lead – Humboldt Residency Program 2023 – Our Precious Resources and Delivered the Humboldt KOSMOS LECTURE in September 2023, Berlin, He was Honored as the International Ambassador for the University of Bonn, Germany in 2022. He has been Awarded Alexander Von Humboldt Fellowship, Germany in Experienced Researcher category in November 2014-17. He has also been hosted at the Universitat Bonn, Germany and has been Awarded Ford-Asia Fellowship 2008-09 by the Asia Fellowship Foundation, Bangkok for the study titled "Is there something like a Himalayan City" in Nepal.

Prof. Pratyush has been awarded the international Scholar Return Grant from the International Office, University of Bonn in 2021. and has been awarded CIS- RAW research fellowship by Center for the Internet and Society, Bangalore, 2010-11. He has been awarded a Research Grant by AICTE to carry out the study -"Information Cities in India- Transformation of its Public Places under the Research Promotion Scheme. Project duration from March 2006 till July 2007. He has been awarded the MODROBS Grant Award for Workshop by AICTE, New Delhi, 2012, the Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA), London, Travel Grant Award, 1994, to study 'Settlements in High Himalayas' 'Special Mention' Award by A+D – Spectrum Foundation Architecture Award 2002 for design of Strip Garden in Ahmedabad.

Following are his other significant achievements.

- Delivered the Humboldt KOSMOS LECTURE, September 2023, Berlin.
- Book Talk on "History of Urban Form", CEPT University, Ahmedabad and KRVI, Mumbai, Jan 2024
- Keynote address at the International Seminar on Built Environment at Mizoram University, March, 2024
- Institute of Asian and Islamic Art History, University of Bonn 2022
- Keynote Address at the Technical University, Darmstadt, Germany at seminar of Design for Resilience, 2021
- Jawahar Lal Nehru University, New Delhi 2019
- School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi 2019
- German Archaeology Forum, Berlin 2018
- United Nations University, Bonn, 2017
- University of Bonn, 2018

- TU Darmstadt, Darmstadt, Germany 2018
- Sciences Po Seminar on Sustainable Futures, Paris, 2017
- Humboldt University, Berlin, 2015
- Central European Heritage Forum, Krakow, Poland, 2015
- 2017 FEED lecture Series, Pune, 2014
- MAASA Lecture Series, Bangalore, 2014
- SPA, Bhopal, 2019
- NIT, Trichy, 2017
- CARE Institute, Trichy, 2017 Publications
- Authored Book titled "History of Urban Form of India". Published by Oxford University Press, New Delhi. 2023
- Authored Book titled "Himalayan Cities: Settlement Pattern Public Places and Architecture" containing 110 analytical drawings, 170 photographs and text. Published by Niyogi Publisher, New Delhi. 2014
- Book Chapter in "Interpreting Public Space in Jain Basadis of Moodabaidri" Editor Shonaleeka Kaul by in "Eloquent Spaces: Meaning and Community in Early Indian Architecture", Routledge, New Delhi, 2109
- Book Chapter "Public Open Space in Kathmandu Valley, Nepal" in Talking Spaces: An Anthology of Public Spaces. Edited by Siva Rijal. Published by Social Science Baha, Kathmandu
- Article titled "Patan Structure and Form" published in International Journal. Contributions to Nepalese Studies Volume 36, Number 2, July 2009 Nepal: Centre for Nepal and Asian Studies
- Monograph "Internet Society and Space in Indian Cities" published by Center for the Internet and Society, Bangalore, 2012
- Book Chapter in "The Jaina Heritage" by Editor Julia A B Hegewald by Heidelberg Series in South Asia and Comparative Studies. Publisher Samskriti, New Delhi
- Paper titled "Is there something like a Himalayan City" published in the International Journal of Asia Fellowship Foundation, July, 2010, Bangkok. Thailand
- Paper "Framework for understanding change in Himalayan vernacular houses" presented/ published in Journal of 3rd International Seminar on Vernacular Settlements, Surabaya, Indonesia, March 2006.
- Paper "Himalayan Cities" presented/ published in Journal of 5rd International Seminar on Vernacular Settlements, Eastern Mediterranean University, North Cyprus, April 2012
- Paper (co-authored) "Service Oriented Architecture" published at the National Seminar of Informatics conference proceeding, Hyderabad, September 2007
- Article "Monasteries of Likir" published in Architecture Journal A + D, September 2006
- Article "Changes in Himalayan vernacular houses", published in Architecture Journal A + D, September 2006
- Paper "The Grey-zone of Modernity" published in Architectural Magazine SPADE, Mumbai 2009.
- Publisher Spade School. Editors Aniket Bhagwat and Sameera Rathod
- Article on Award winning design of 'Strip Garden' in Ahmedabad published in A+D, March-April, 2003
- Article on project – "Artist Studio" - published in magazine Inside Outside" September 2003
- Research Publication – Related Study Program – Ujjain Research Publication – Related Study Program Rajpipla
- 50 years of Architectural Curriculum at SA Campus History of CEPT University

Research Publication- Thesis Compilation

- Faculty of Architecture Year Book 2011 (Vol 1, 2), 2012 (Vol 1,2), 2013 (Vol1)
- Seminar and Conferences
- Chair for the 10th ISVS (International Seminar on Vernacular Settlements), SPA,Bhopal, Feb 2021
- Chair for the 6th ISVS (International Seminar on Vernacular Settlements), North Cyprus, April 2012
- Chair for the 5th ISVS (International Seminar on Vernacular Settlements), Colombo, Srilanka, April 2010
- Chair for the 4th ISVS (International Seminar on Vernacular Settlements), Ahmedabad, india. March 2008
- Resource Person and presenter in International Conference of Blended Learning, August, 2010 at Christ University, Bangalore
- Presentation and talk in "Cyber-culture and Space" at Cultre Mondeiu, Taipei, Taiwan January 2010
- Resource Person and presenter for the workshop "Maps for Change" at NID, Ahmedabad, March 2010
- Presented the study "is there something like a Himalayan City" at the 5th ISVS (International Seminar on Vernacular Settlements), Colombo, Sri Lanka, July 2010
- Same study presented in the 10th Annual Asia fellows conference, Bangkok, Thailand, July 2010
- Presented the study on Patan morphology at UNESCO International training program for Disaster risk Management of Heritage property, Kathmandu, Nepal

- Presented Paper in the International Seminar on Jain Art and Architecture, at NIAS Bangalore
- organized b the Heidelberg University, Germany and National Institute of Advance Studies, Bangalore, February 2007
- Attended and presented paper at the 3rd ISVS (International Seminar on Vernacular Settlements), Surabaya, Indonesia, March 2006
- Attended and presented paper at the 5th ISVS (International Seminar on Vernacular Settlements), Colombo, Sri Lanka, March 2010
- Attended and presented paper at the 6th ISVS (International Seminar on Vernacular Settlements), North Cyprus, April 2012
- Organized International workshop in collaboration with CEE titled - "Education for Sustainable Built Environment", as part of the "Education for Sustainable Futures" conference at CEE, Ahmedabad March, 2005
- Resource Person – NATIONAL SEMINAR ON HOUSING, M S University. LECTURE – "Building Material & Technology at what cost and for whom?" October 2004.
- Attended SHORT COURSE – "SUSTAINABLE CITIES". Auroville, September 04' Attended COA seminar on Architectural education, Feb 2006, Ahmedabad