

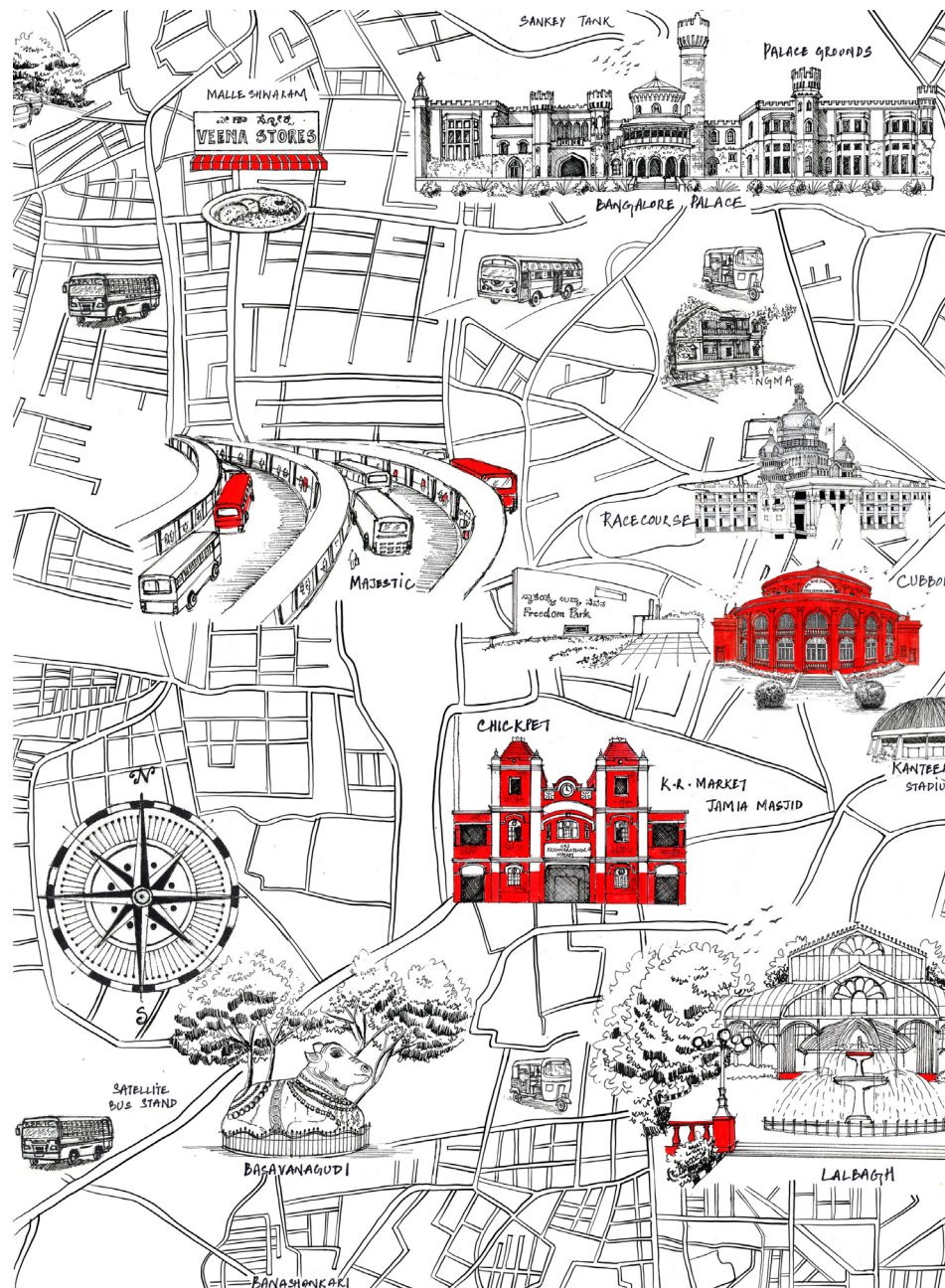
Bangalo'red'

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As a trained architect, I derive a lot of inspiration from cityscapes. The architecture that defines a place tells tales of years gone by, the history of the myriad structures and elements that complete a city. I use mapping as a way of highlighting little details, narrating lesser-known fascinating facts and capturing the moment and memory of the place.

My artworks capture iconic landmarks seen through the eyes of an individual, from a personal perspective. My love for exploring old cities, from their deep-rooted history to present-day life takes form in my pen and ink drawings, for this medium lends intimacy and allows me to weave an intricate storyline.

This illustrated map of Bangalore explores the heritage of Bangalore, marking various historic landmarks such as the State Central Library at Cubbon Park, KR Market, Bangalore Palace, Lalbagh and the Bull Temple in Basavanagudi. The map also features legendary eateries of the city like Veena Stores in Malleshwaram.





Bangalore was once a City of Lakes, however many remain polluted or have been encroached upon for urban development. The map highlights a few of the lakes that have been maintained. It is a blend of Bangalore then and now, bringing in the bygone era through its iconic structures and the Bangalore of today with the breweries, pizzerias and the evergrowing traffic.

The medium of the artwork is pen and ink, highlighting the details of architecture and spirit of the city while mapping memories of the place. The colour red is emphasised as most of the landmarks in the city stand out bright in a Pompeian red colour surrounded by lush greenery. Some of the local transport like the public buses were also red and white which have been emphasised in the artwork. The illustrated map is a tribute to the city of Bangalore, that is evolving every day and it is an attempt to capture and celebrate the heritage of the city that remains preserved while the city continues to grow.

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