

# Mentors' Insights



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Research is fundamental to knowledge building and welfare of the human society. Research in architecture is rather at nascent stage but has witnessed a phenomenal interest among the academic and professionals to further the knowledge base in architecture and allied field through applied and theoretical research.

Owing to multi disciplinary and multi dimensional nature of the discipline, architecture offers scope for research in numerous areas linked fine arts, social sciences, technology etc.

In applied sense , the research in architecture can contribute to advancement of architectural science & technology for the direct benefit of the industry. Whereas, theoretical research would contribute to advancement of knowledge and emergence of new theories.

Of late, research in architecture in India gaining momentum. There is a greater onus on the people in academia in architecture to provide desirable thrust to research to expand the existing knowledge base to enhance their own credibility.

“Research is to see what everybody else has seen, and to think what nobody else has thought” (Nobel laureate Albert Szent-Gyorgyi). These words ring especially true in thinking of the important role of research in deciphering the myriad messages transmitted between the built environment and its users. And as professionals and academics committed to creating liveable and vibrant communities, what better place to think about “the unseen in the seen” than an educational institution populated with learners, seekers and makers of knowledge? I congratulate the faculty and student team for initiating Kalpa, and look forward to sharing in their exciting journeys in research. I wish the Kalpa team the very best in their ongoing and future ventures



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It is truly exciting to be part of team KALPA, a research initiative at RVCA, which recognizes the need to focus on the research-based education that integrates empirical inquiry into our projects for better learning and development. Architecture has always been invariably linked to cognitive research, involving constant and provocative inquiry about intuitive ideas. David Sarnoff rightly states, ‘Research is the distance between an idea and its realization.’ Exploring this is very important in transforming students into professionals and thus renders it crucial to have a research culture on campus, where academicians work towards discovering new reliable information and documentation.

Research culture fuels curiosity in students, they ask questions and immerse themselves in the joy of discovering. I believe, research will enable thorough in-depth understanding of spatial narratives in design and provoke productive, reliable, and valid conclusions when applied in the building industry with an effort to bridge the mythical gap between practice and research felt by many architects.

A wonderful start from the RVCA team and one of the first architectural schools in Bengaluru. I wish you good luck and look forward to reading it.