

# Ar. Neelam Manjunath

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*“An architect is a catalyst of change in society, setting the stage for all human activities on earth. As architects we challenge ourselves to achieve a balance between Responsible Creativity and Creative Responsibility in all our projects to arrive at holistic solutions.”*

*-Ar. Neelam Manjunath*

## About

She is an Architect, Planner, Activist and Theoretician. Having started her private practice in Jan 1991 in New Delhi, the practice shifted to Bangalore in 1994. She has designed and constructed numerous reputed projects in India and abroad.

“My buildings have been judged to be simple and direct solutions of problems concerning the general function of the buildings, its economics, its aesthetical and adaptive to the climate in context. In my buildings I try to be sympathetic to the immediate environment in terms of climate, statement of the building forms, local and green building materials etc. I believe that a building is a living entity that it has to have a spirit and it should be felt like a living entity by the occupants; forever changing with the seasons.”

## EDUCATION

**1980-1982** – B.sc-PCM -REI College, Dayalbagh, Agra.

**1982-1987**- B.Arch. -Govt. College of Architecture, Lucknow.

**2008-2009** - PG Diploma in Theology -Dayalbagh University.

**2010** - Summer executive programme on” Media Architecture” at Graduate School of Design, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**2010** - “Charrette Training” at Graduate school of design, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE, NEW DELHI.
- INDIAN NATIONAL TRUST FOR ART AND CULTURAL, HERITAGE, NEW DELHI.
- INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, MUMBAI.
- “CHAIRMAN”, BAMBOO SOCIETY OF INDIA, Karnataka chapter
- “MEMBER”, National Governing Council, BAMBOO SOCIETY OF INDIA under BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Principal Architect of Manasaram Architects**

**1991—1992** Delhi.

**1992-1993** Nagpur.

**1994—to date** in private Practice at Bangalore.

### **Consultant to DEI (Deemed University), Agra, for university buildings**

**1991 to date**

## **BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES**

- Chairman – Bamboo Society of India, Karnataka Chapter, 2018
- World Bamboo Ambassador – WBO (World Bamboo Organization), 2018
- Founder, CEO and Managing Trustee - Centre for Green Building Materials & Technology, 2004
- Chairman, Exhibition Committee, Co-Chair, Technical Committee Member, Organizing Committee International Bamboo Conclave & Expo - 2014
- International Technical Committee - WBC (World Bamboo Congress) 2015, 2018
- Listed in The Social Network for Sustainability, Bangalore (CGBMT), 2007
- Listed in Service Providers directory - NMBA – National Mission for Bamboo Applications, for consultancy services and Research and Development
- Jury member -Sustainable Living, 2007
- Chair of the organizing committee - “Walk for Water”-programme organized by CGBMT and Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Rural

Energy and Development, Bangalore and Karnataka Science Centre, GOK, and Biodiversity Foundation, GOI.

- Chief jury for Thesis - CEPT, Ahmedabad as a Viva-Voce for Masters in Interior Architecture and Design