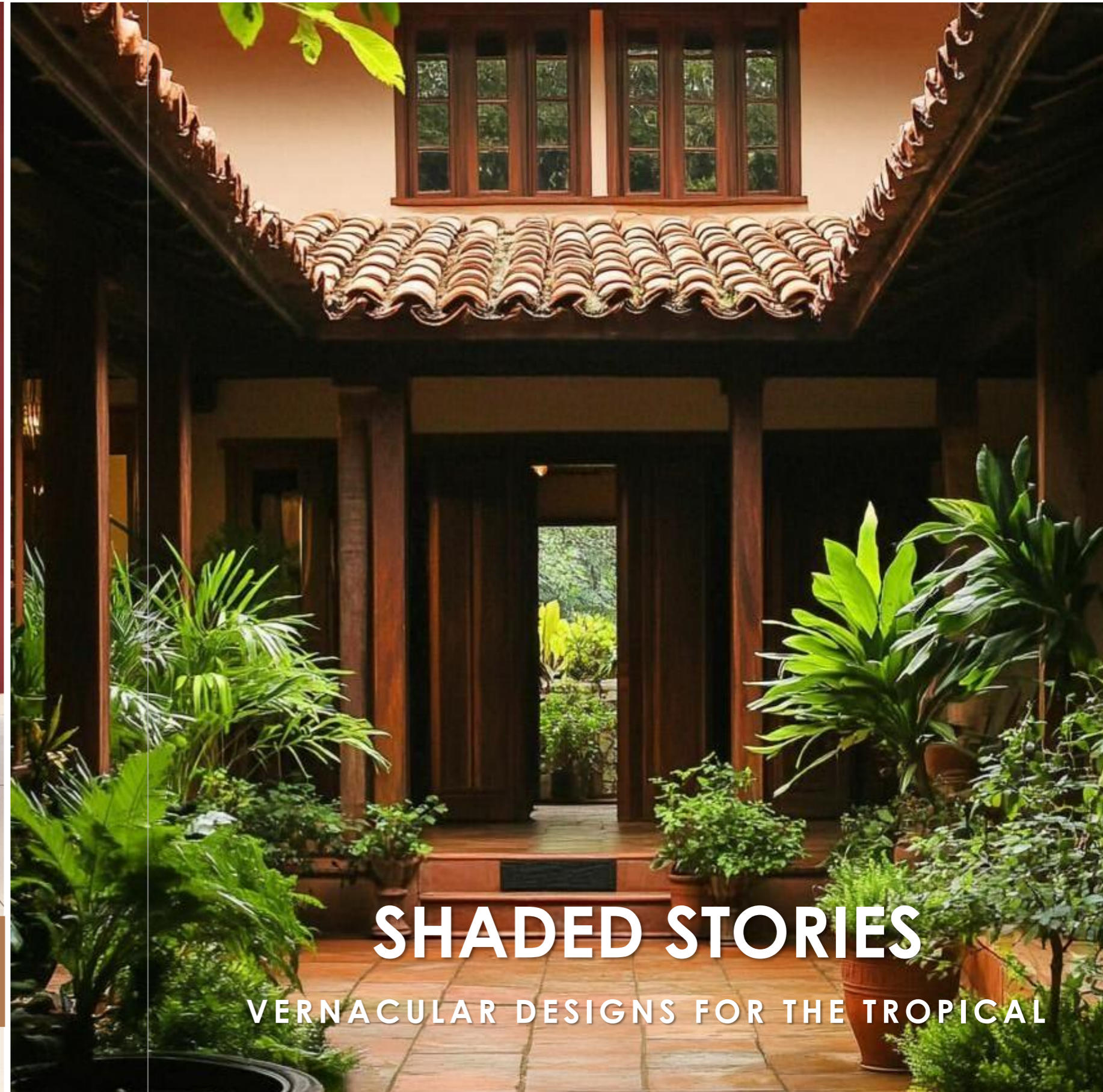




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VISION

As an affiliate company, our vision dovetails into the vision of David Weekley Homes of "Building Homes and Enhancing Lives". We endeavour to provide them our services - by being proactive, on-time and of high quality. This in essence captures the expectations and deliverables, and this is our DNA. The vision statement is our 'North Star' that provides the direction to our goalpost. Our Mission statement is a manifestation of commitment and resolve of our team that takes pride fulfilling expectations of partners.

MISSION

How do we get there?

Mission statement is essentially our toolbox, our compass that aligns our purpose, efforts, aspirations, energies to reach the summit that is our vision. The mission statement with acronym of P.A.T.H. is our roadmap / GPS which will lead us to our ultimate goal. The mission statement is about leveraging all resources to implement a strategic plan to realize our vision.

VALUES

We wish to build LOS as a Value Driven Organization. Values define who we are and define our behaviour and culture.

P

Performance Oriented and Proactive:

Each team member at LOS has a clarity of purpose and has clearly defined goals; success orientation defines our team and by being Proactive we control our situation and act in anticipation to avoid pitfalls. Performance is a way of life at LOS.

A

Accurate and On-time Services:

Our team takes pride in producing output that is accurate without losing the sight of committed timelines. The work culture of quality and timeliness ensures that we meet the expectations of our customers every single time.

T

Trust in Teamwork:

Team LOS believes in collective success. We inculcate the climate of trust in individuals and team. We see Teamwork and Trust as a success multiplier. We seek support and provide support to build a winning team.

H

Happy and Harmonious Work Culture:

LOS is developing a culture of Harmony that makes us a happy workplace. We rise above our differentiations of knowledge, age, experience, hierarchy etc. and this makes us one homogenous force that brings success and breeds success. We are one big family where each member is a key constituent that supports the structure.

E

Excellence:

The best there is - we set high standards and intend to meet the expectations of our customers by being at our best. We continually learn new skills, update knowledge that keeps us ahead of the curve and set high performance standards for ourselves.

P

Passion:

Team works with passion - with the mind and soul. The passion energises our efforts to provide high quality services which is intended to bring customer delight.

I

Integrity:

Team LOS believes in 'doing-the-right-thing': it has high moral obligation to the company, stake holders, society etc. to ensure that our work practices meet the best ethical standards. We have a work culture of zero tolerance when it comes to the issue of Integrity.

C

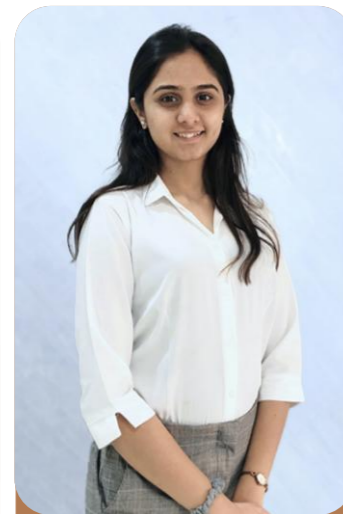
Commitment:

This is like an unwritten contract where we ensure our customers of our highest commitment to deliver value and expected performance. Each team member is dedicated to meet this expectation.

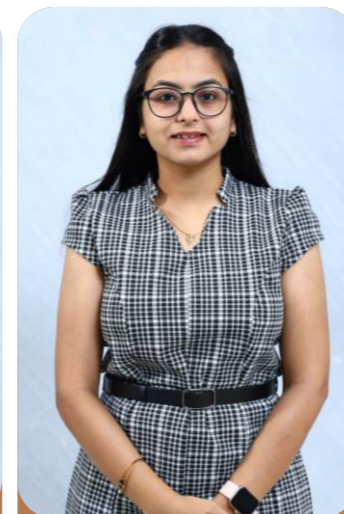
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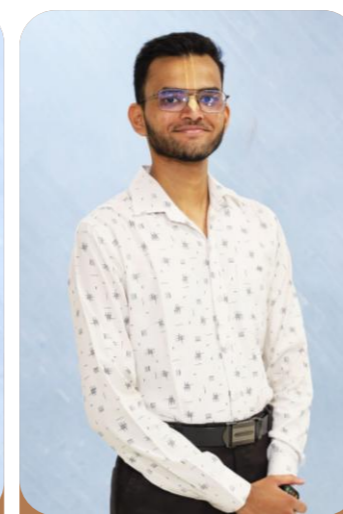
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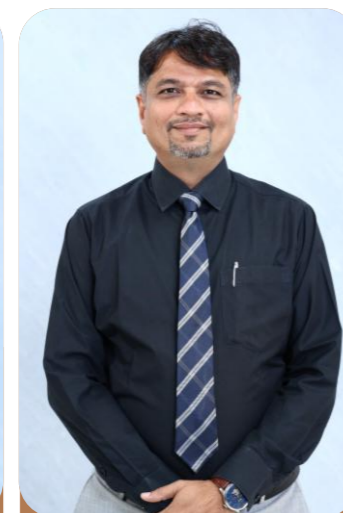
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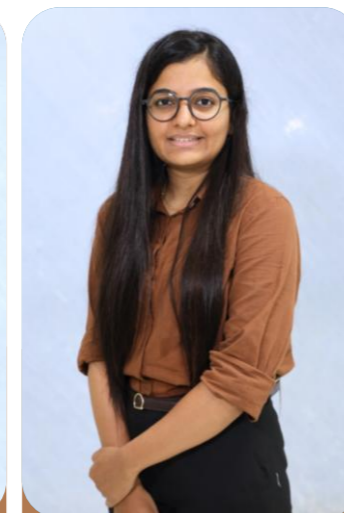
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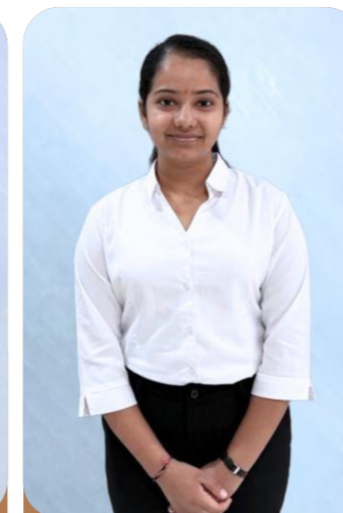
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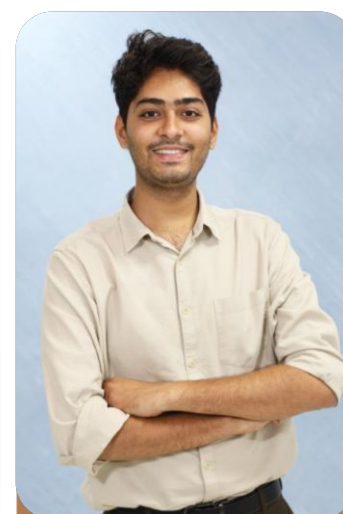
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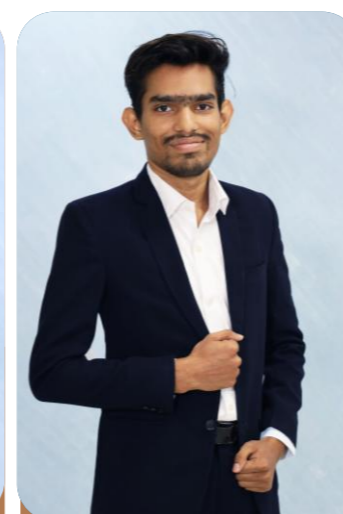
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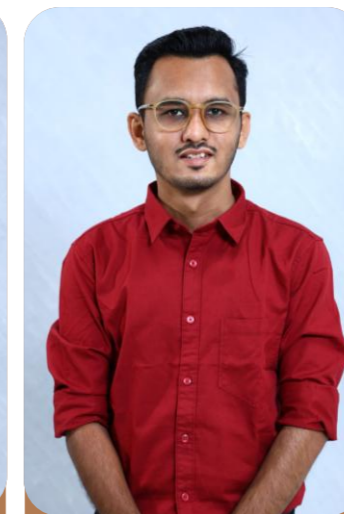


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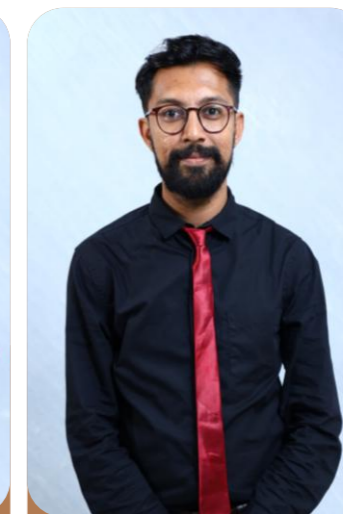
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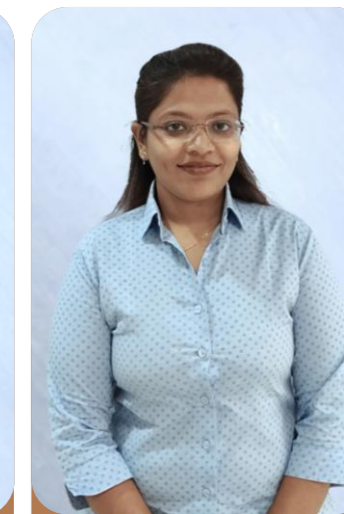
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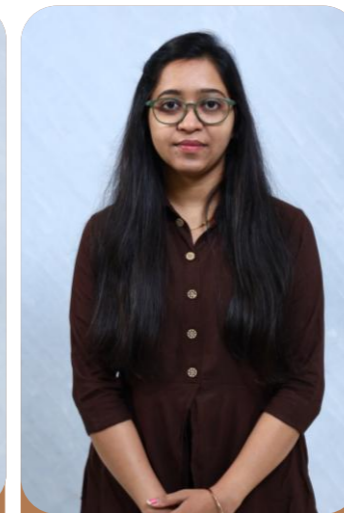
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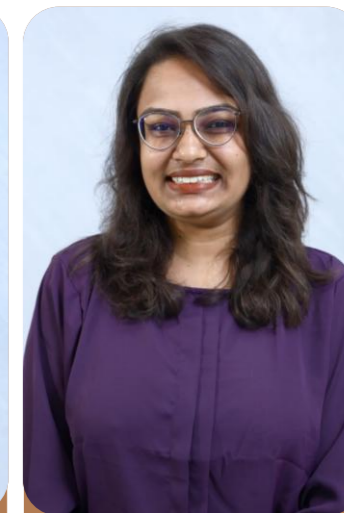
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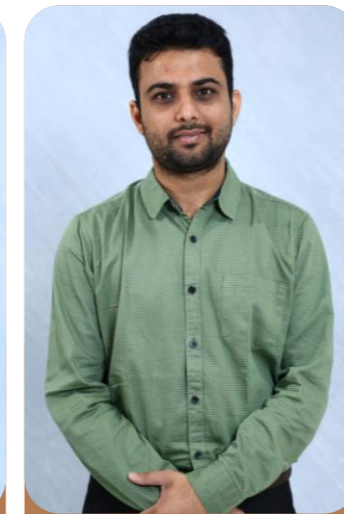
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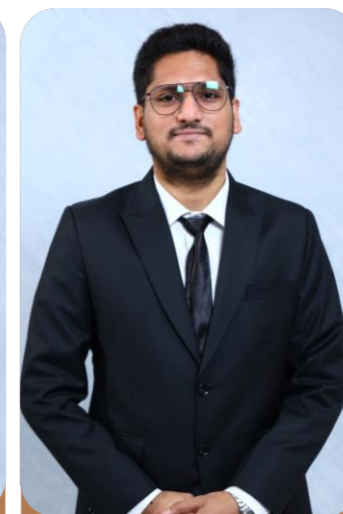
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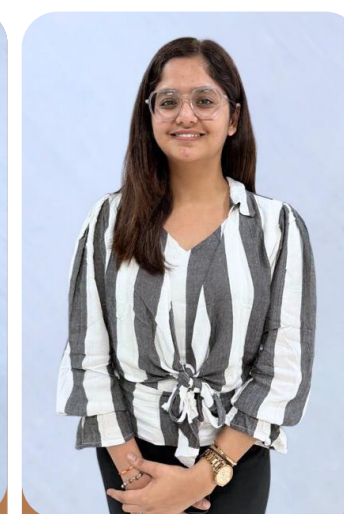
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Saurabh Chauhan Feb 04
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Krishita Parmar Feb 23
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Vrajesh Bhavsar Mar 02
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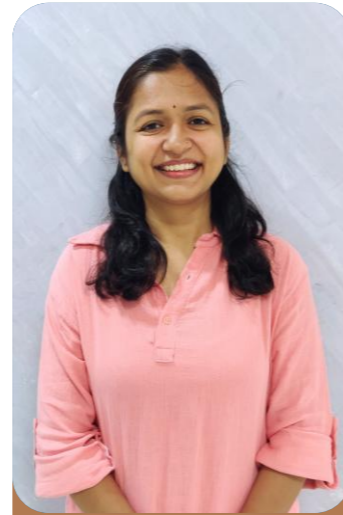
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Seema Mahto Mar 31
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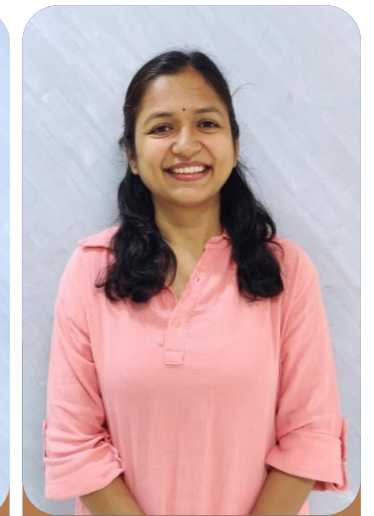
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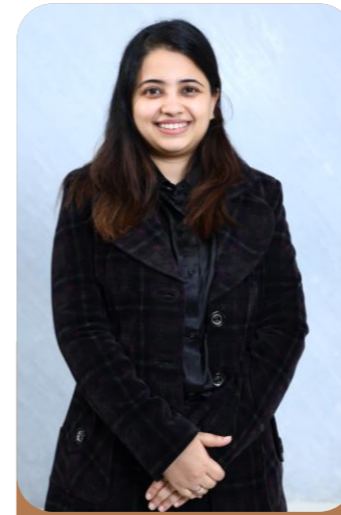
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Mirangi Shah 8 Yrs
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Jayanti Upadhyay 8 Yrs
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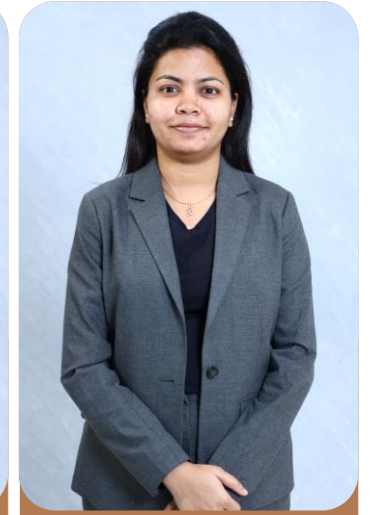
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Prashant Patel 7 Yrs
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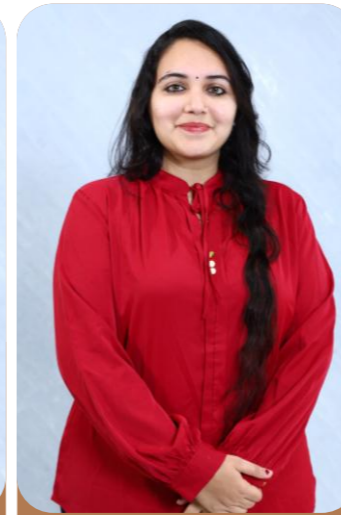
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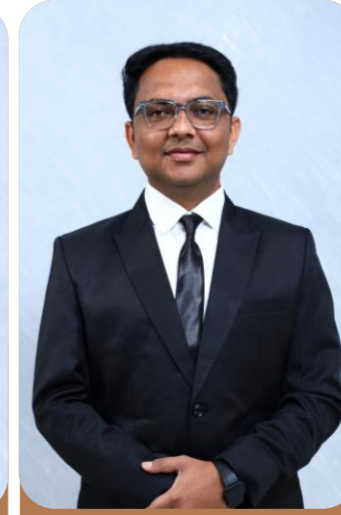
Seema Mahto 6 Yrs
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Ankit Panchal 5 Yrs
Division Services



Krishna Tilekar 5 Yrs
Division Services



Jayesh Sharma 5 Yrs
Architectural Visualization



Jignesh Sodagar 5 Yrs
Information Services

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Mansi Mehta 5 Yrs
Division Services



Prasann Apte 5 Yrs
Architectural Visualization



Pooja Andore 5 Yrs
Purchasing Services



Shubham Kumbhare 4 Yrs
Architectural Visualization



Naitik Bhavsar 3 Yrs
Architectural Visualization



Prerna More 3 Yrs
Information Services



Ravi Patil 3 Yrs
Purchasing Services



Devang Bharakhada 2 Yrs
Architectural Visualization



Dhaval Soni 2 Yrs
Design Services



Dimpal Rohit 2 Yrs
Purchasing Services



Hardik Panchal 2 Yrs
Purchasing Services

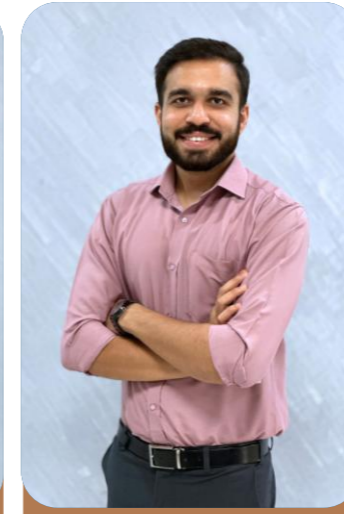


Harsh Parmar 2 Yrs
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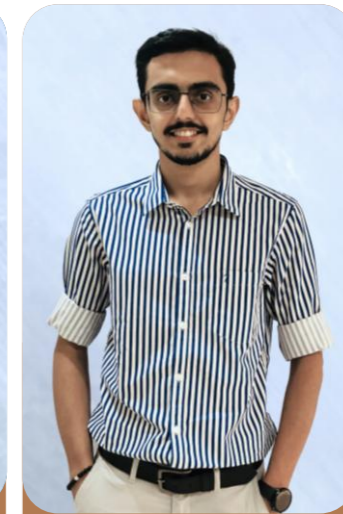
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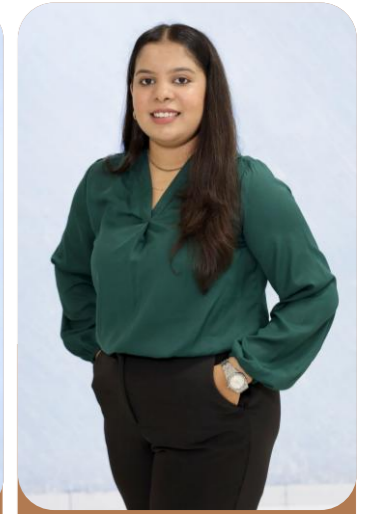
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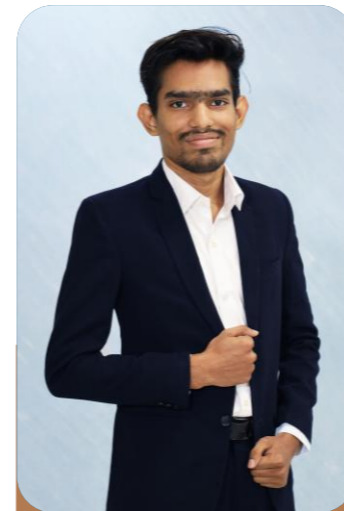
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Design Services



Krutarth Jani 2 Yrs
Architectural Visualization



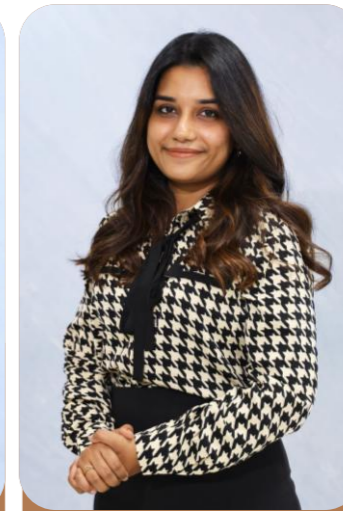
Prachi Chavan 2 Yrs
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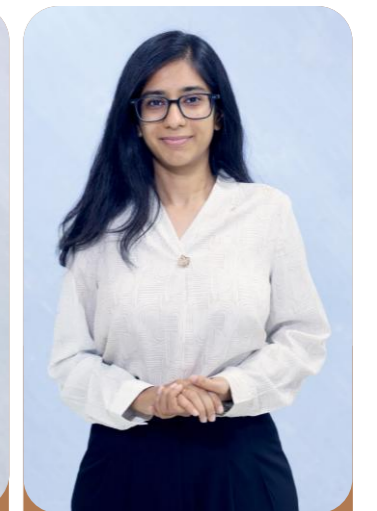
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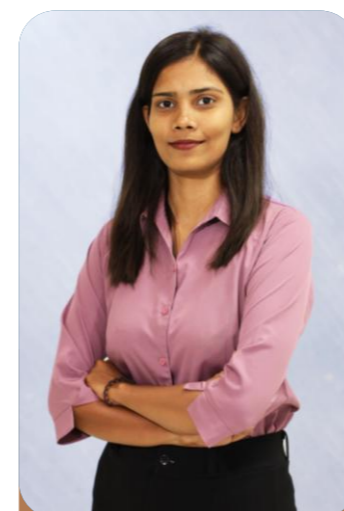
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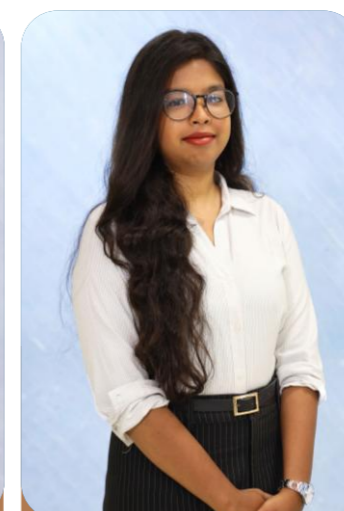
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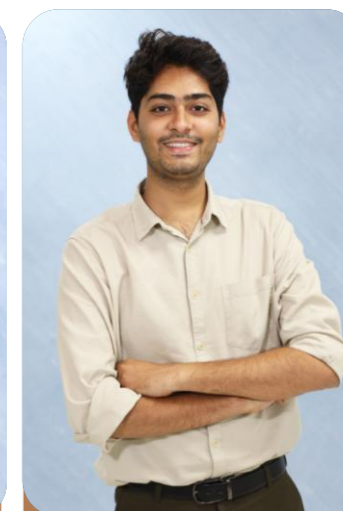
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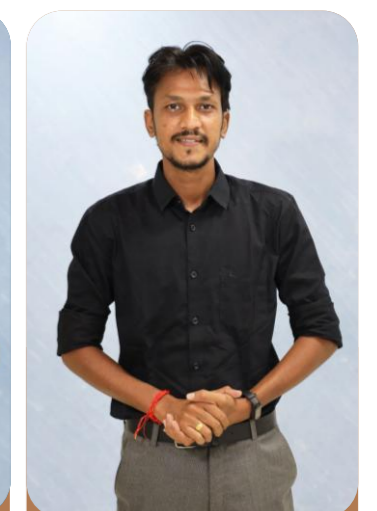
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Sona Sathyan 1 Yr
Division Services



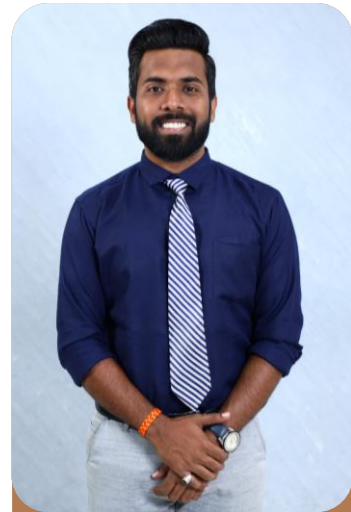
Varun Rathod 1 Yr
Architectural Visualization



Bhautik Patel 1 Yr
Architectural Visualization

LET'S CELEBRATE

Promotions



Aakash Pandey
Division Services Designer III



Bhautik Patel
3D Visualizer II



Chirag Shah
Sr. Application Development
Manager



Dimpal Rohit
Purchase Associate II –
Estimation Support



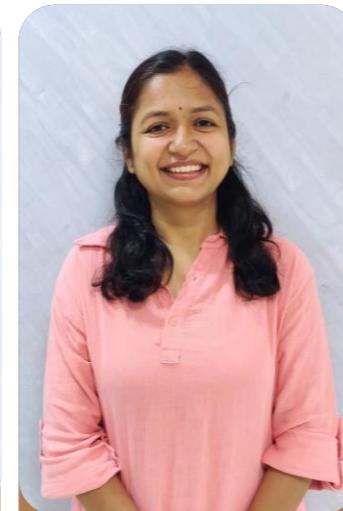
Hardik Panchal
Purchase Associate II –
Estimation Support



Hemang Dhrafani
Purchase Associate II –
Estimation Support



Himani Pothiwala
Production Designer II



Jayanti Upadhyay
Sr. Software Developer III



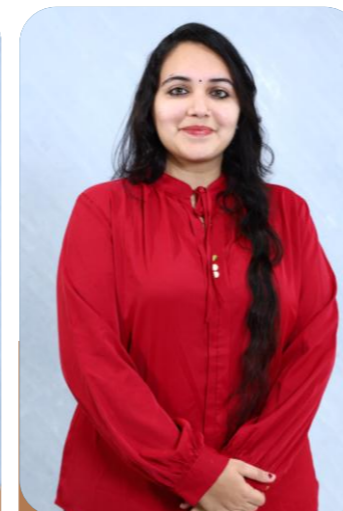
Jayesh Sharma
Tech Lead – Arch. Viz



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Production Designer I



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Sr. 3D Visualizer



Krishna Tilekar
Division Services Designer III

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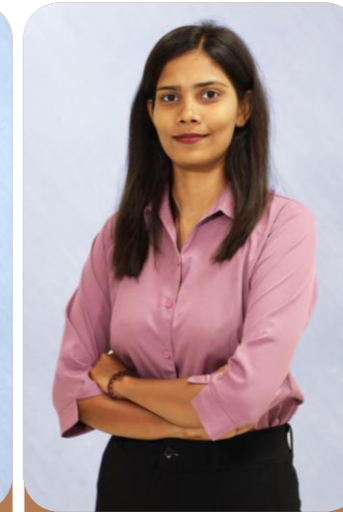
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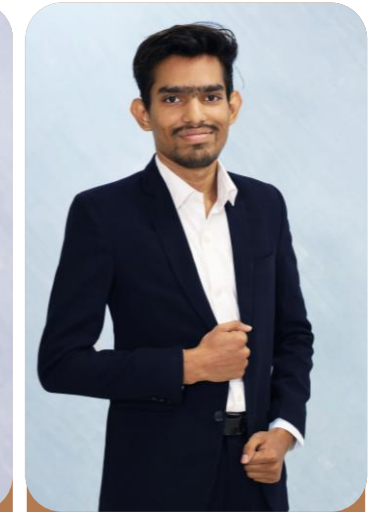
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3D Visualizer III



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3D Visualizer II



Pratik Gaur
UX Designer II



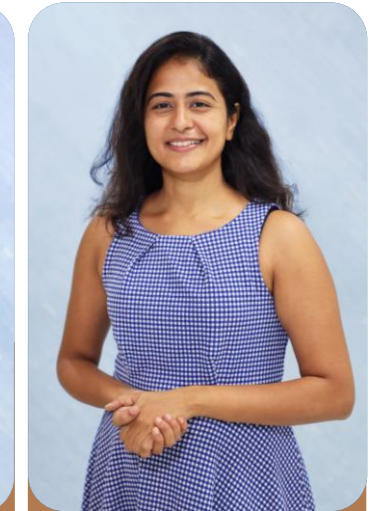
Riya Parmar
Purchase Associate II –
Estimation Support



Sagar Ladva
Sr. 3D Visualizer



Sona Sathyan
Division Services Designer I



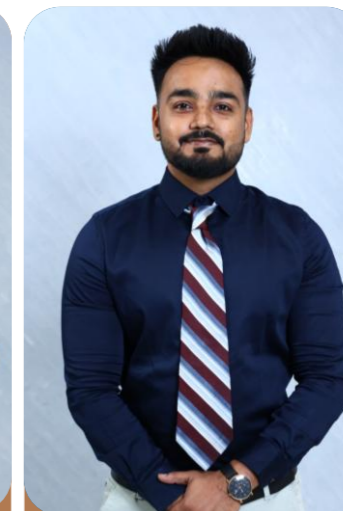
Tulsi Patel
Sr. Division Services Designer



Tushar Patel
Design Trainer



Varun Rathod
3D Visualizer II



Vrajesh Bhavsar
Project Lead – Arch. Viz.

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New Joinings



Saurav Patel
Division Services



Shreya Joshi
Design Services



Aditya Edve
Architectural Visualization



Aryan Singh
Architectural Visualization



Dhruv Parmar
Architectural Visualization



Jayraj Bhatiya
Architectural Visualization



Saumya Shah
Architectural Visualization



Yanshi Mahajan
Architectural Visualization

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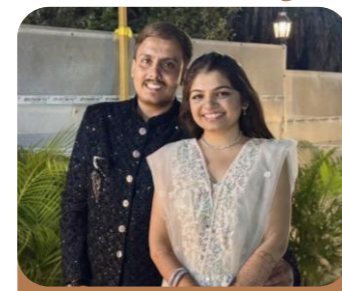
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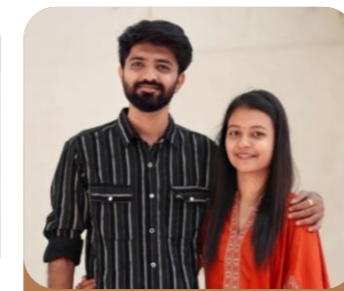
Sunetra Gaekwad & Vraj Kotwala
Feb 05



Parth Pandya & Nutan Rajgor
Feb 08



Dhvani Chauhan & Shashi Jha
Feb 20



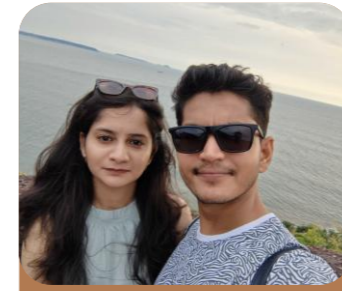
Sagar Ladva & Dipali Pankhaniya
Mar 10

LET'S CELEBRATE

Wedding Anniversaries



Krishna & Rikin Desai
Jan 07



Shivani & Jigar Parmar
Jan 17



Aditi & Hardik Padhariya
Jan 24



Krunal & Nidhi Pancholi
Jan 26



Mirangi & Yashil Shah
Jan 29



Shilpan & Priyanka Pradhan
Feb 07



Bhautik & Urvi Patel
Feb 07



Saurabh & Monika Chauhan
Feb 12



Prashant & Bhumika Patel
Feb 13



Bhaumik & Purvi Patel
Feb 14



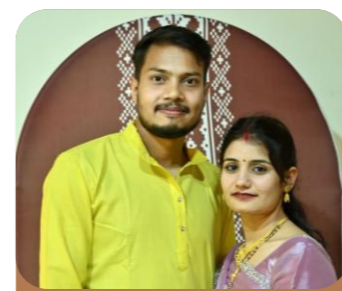
Roshni & Piyush Chandiwade
Feb 16



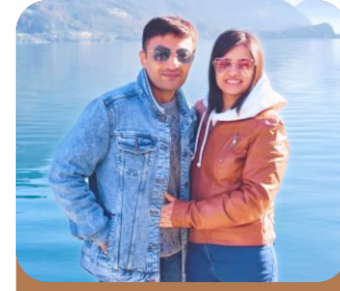
Aayushi & Hetul Shah
Feb 18



Minal & Parth Mahajan
Feb 20



Ayush & Swechcha Jat
Feb 22



Riddhi & Priyank Shah
Feb 22



Bhumi & Dip Manvar
Feb 25



Vishal & Trupti Kapadiya
Mar 09



New Born



Dhiyaan Shah
Jan 17
Aayushi & Hetul Shah

WINNING *Ways*

How have you honed your attention to detail while working in quality control and post-production?

I have developed a strong eye for detail through consistent practice and a genuine commitment to provide the best. Spending time carefully reviewing renders and refining even the smallest elements has become second nature to me. I take pride in my work and always go the extra mile to ensure everything is accurate and polished. This mindset now reflects in the care and focus I bring to both QC and post-production.

You are someone the team members can rely on for help. How do you balance supporting others while managing your own deadlines?

I really enjoy helping my Teammates whenever they need support. At the same time, I stay mindful of my own responsibilities by planning my day and prioritizing tasks. If someone needs quick support, I'm happy to step in right away, and if it requires more time, I make sure to follow up once I've wrapped up my current work.

What is your go-to "survival snack" during busy workdays?

I am always busy but mostly eating snacks. My drawer is usually packed with crunchy snacks, cookies, chocolates and anything that looks tasty.



Wilfred Parmar joined the Architectural Visualization Team in July 2019 and has since become an integral part of the Lone Oak family.



Outside work, how do you enjoy spending your weekends?

Weekends are my time to slow down and enjoy simple pleasures. My favourite activity is creating a cozy cinema setup at home using my projector and binge watching movies or series on big screen. Apart from that, I enjoy staying updated with new developments in the tech and crypto world and dreaming about my next travel destination.

Wilfred with his parents celebrating 3 years of Lone Oak Solutions.

12 TO 9 *& Beyond*



The **People Team**: Policies by day, party planners by evening.



Nothing boosts team morale faster than complimentary goodies — the **IS Team** became the most photogenic bunch around.



The **MarCom Team** clearly understood the assignment — pose, click, repeat.



From hitting targets to clearing plates, the **AV Team** is consistent everywhere.



Design Team: Good designs need balance. So do barbeque plates!



Division Team: Deadlines tight, team tighter & Vibes brighter.



Purchasing Team: Always talking, always supporting, always delivering - our kind of Teamwork.

3 cheers

STAR PERFORMERS of Quarter 4, 2025

ACE AWARD



Digna Menghrajani

Digna Menghrajani of People Team won the **ACE Award**. Digna truly defines impact beyond experience. Joining us in May 2025 as a fresher, Digna amazed us all by closing many Design positions within just a short span of time. From onboarding our new Team Members and conducting handbook sessions to owning payroll processing, she has handled it all with confidence and care. What truly sets Digna apart is her joyful energy and willingness to help. She has quickly become a go-to person across the company. This award celebrates Digna's dedication, growth mindset, and promising journey with us.

ARJUNA AWARD

Dipali Lad winner of **Arjuna Award** consistently demonstrates a strong drive to learn, grow, and deliver quality work. Her strong communication and reliability make her a go-to Team Member for work-sharing across multiple regions. Dipali takes clear ownership of responsibilities, confidently handling BTR PUMs, Model ASRs, and FCS files. She actively supports peers by reviewing plot plans, ASRs and promptly resolving doubts. Even during idle time, Dipali shows initiative by working on practice files to further strengthen her technical skills.



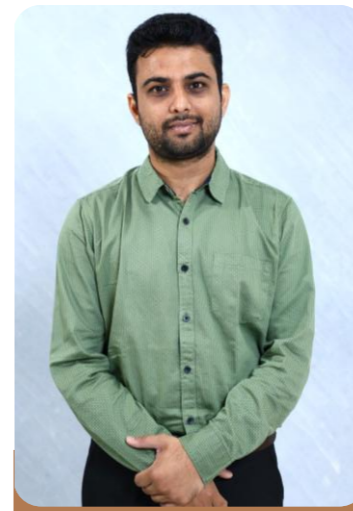
Dipali Lad

AV'S AVENGER AWARD



Prasann Apte

AV's Avenger Award winner **Prasann Apte** has demonstrated remarkable consistency in meeting deliverables while simultaneously mentoring Team Members. Beyond execution, Prasann has sharpened the aesthetic edge of our interiors through thoughtful styling and attention to detail. He took the initiative to create a comprehensive QC checklist for interiors and drafted structured design notes to enhance overall work quality—bringing clarity, discipline, and refinement to our processes. Prasann's contributions extend beyond tasks. Through constructive feedback and practical suggestions, he has helped drive greater consistency across projects and improve the product as a whole.



Saurabh Chauhan

IS IMPACT AWARD

Saurabh Chauhan received **IS Impact Award**. Saurabh has made significant contributions in adding Imagination Home support, developing ETL processes to synchronize Imagination Home users with the Security Portal, implementing versioning support in Asset Manager and creating ETL workflows to copy home file assets into the Asset Manager. What's noteworthy is during system outages, Saurabh played a key role in restoring Home File functionality, demonstrating strong ownership and a commitment to business continuity. He is a fast learner who consistently seeks to expand his skill set and effectively applies new knowledge in his day-to-day work.

SPOTLIGHT AWARD

Aakash Pandey, Division Team won the **Spotlight Award**. This quarter Aakash went beyond expectations by taking up new initiatives patiently giving training to new members, on address-specific file checks, and contributing across heavy plan changes, special projects, and leading internal huddles whenever needed. These were not just tasks completed, but responsibilities embraced wholeheartedly. What truly sets Aakash apart is his deep technical expertise combined with a rare willingness to share knowledge. When leadership was needed, Aakash seamlessly handled coordination and task allocation in the absence of the designated person, ensuring timelines were met without disruption.



Aakash Pandey



3 cheers

STAR PERFORMERS of Year, 2025



Hemang Dhrafani

MAR.COM., PEOPLE, PURCHASING

Hemang Dhrafani from Purchasing Team received **Star Performer of the Year** award. Hemang is always ready to support teammates - no matter how busy the day is. He works smart, finds solutions quickly and never compromises on quality. Hemang's work is accurate, detailed, and always delivered on time - something we can truly rely on. He learns fast, takes feedback positively and applies immediately. When challenges come up, Hemang stays calm identifies the issue and helps the team move forward together. What really sets him apart is his team spirit - he readily shares knowledge openly and values everyone's input.

DESIGN SERVICES

Shivani Parmar winner of **Star Performer of the Year**, has consistently brought a strong sense of ownership to their work. Shivani approaches every task with the belief that what she does is meaningful, and that mindset shines through in the pride she takes in her deliverables. Shivani's ability to navigate complexities with ease is clearly reflected in her work on the Phoenix plans - one of our most detail-intensive markets. Shivani is consistently appreciated by counterparts, who rely on her for accurate and on-time service. Shivani has built a strong and dependable knowledge base that strengthens her performance and allows her to actively share knowledge with others through production training and work-sharing.



Shivani Parmar

ARCHITECTURAL VISUALIZATION

Naresh Jangid, Architectural Visualization Team received **Star Performer of the Year** award. Naresh has been instrumental in establishing Unreal walkthroughs as a core deliverable for the team, from early-stage R&D to building scalable execution frameworks. He has trained team members, led quality control for walkthroughs, and ensured that deliverables consistently meet high standards. Beyond his technical contributions, Naresh plays an important role in strengthening day-to-day operations by guiding teammates, optimizing workflows, actively seeking feedback, and continuously improving production processes. His approach combines technical expertise with a strong team-first mindset.



Naresh Jangid



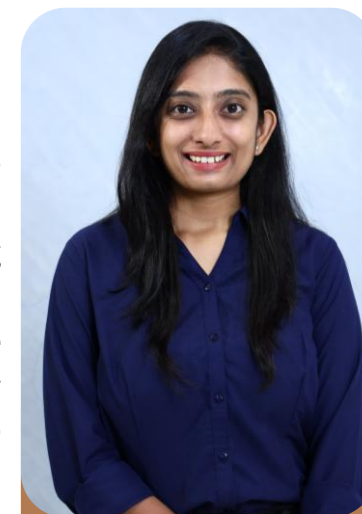
Gaurav Agrawal

INFORMATION SERVICES

IS - Star Performer of the Year winner **Gaurav Agrawal** has made a strong and consistent impact across multiple QA tasks and initiatives since the beginning. Over the past year, Gaurav played a key role in automating smoke scripts for various applications and ensuring their reliable daily execution. He also initiated the POC for API automation, working closely with the David Weekley Team to align with the intended objectives. This effort was recently completed and now enables us to generate both UI and API reports through a single execution. In addition to this, Gaurav has done a great job mentoring team members and helping them grow in automation and other technical areas.

DIVISION SERVICES

Prachi Patel of Division Services won the **Star Performer of the Year**. She consistently demonstrates a positive attitude, strong learning mindset, and exceptional finesse in her work, making her a trusted resource for resolving LOS team queries. With extensive plan checking experience, Prachi confidently serves as a final checker for Address Specific plans while consistently meeting turnaround timelines. Alongside handling Quality Checks and training team members, she played a key role in mentoring the team after the MCD region merger, guiding them through variations and eliminating PUM reviews. She also efficiently supports complex PCRs and ASRs across all cities with minimal or zero PUM.



Prachi Patel



CRAFTED GRANDEUR

Padmanabhapuram Palace

Set against the lush calm of the Western Ghats, the Padmanabhapuram Palace feels less like a monument and more like a place that has quietly grown with time. Located in the historic town of Padmanabhapuram in Kanyakumari district, it once served as the seat of the Travancore kingdom. Even today, it draws you in not through grandeur, but through a sense of balance between design, climate, and everyday life.



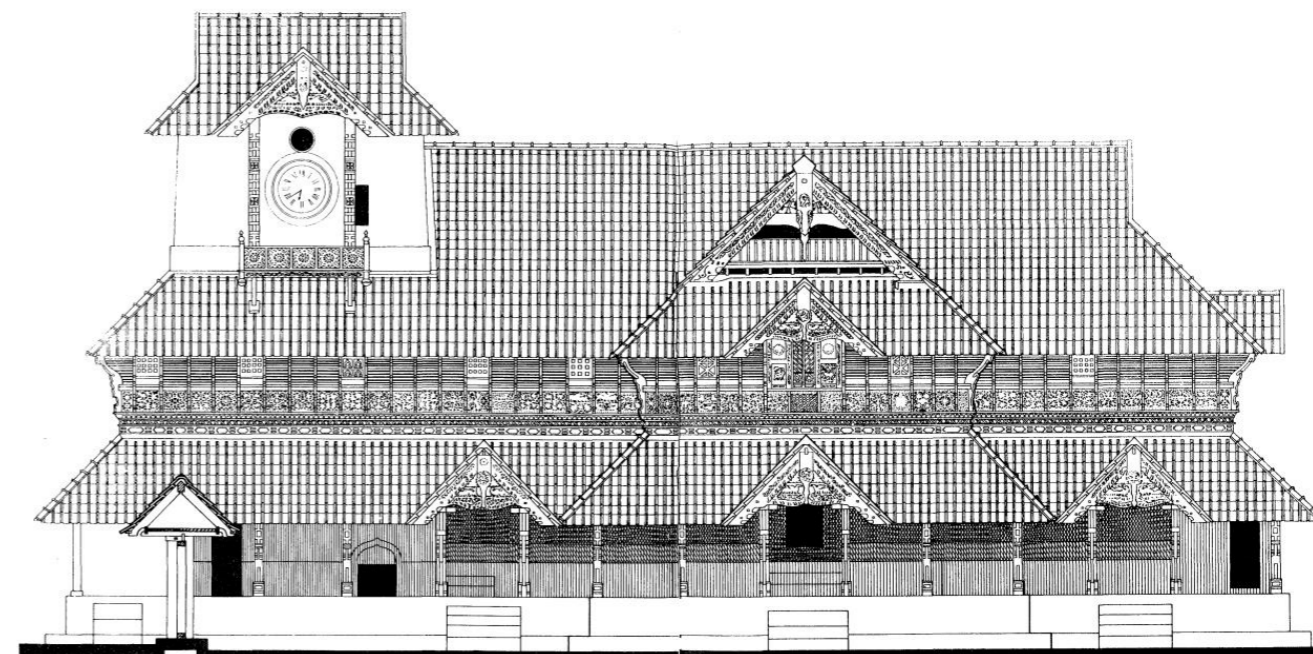
Wikipedia – Padmanabhapuram Palace

Built almost entirely of wood, the palace stands in contrast to the imposing stone forts of northern India. Its architecture is lighter and more responsive. Sloping tiled roofs are designed to handle heavy monsoon rains, while deep verandahs and shaded corridors soften the harsh sun, creating spaces that feel cool, open, and connected to the outdoors.

The exterior is defined by long verandahs, rows of wooden columns, and finely carved brackets. There is a rhythm to it, repetitive but never monotonous. Despite its scale, the palace does not dominate its surroundings. Instead, it sits gently within them.

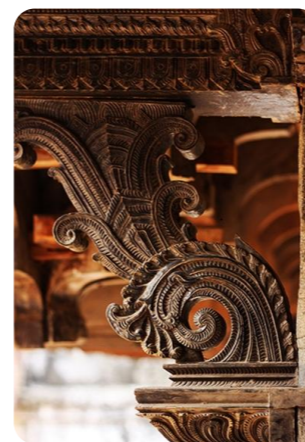
Inside, the craftsmanship becomes even more apparent. Teak and rosewood, well suited to the humid climate, are used throughout, shaped with precision and care. Intricately carved ceilings, detailed columns, and wooden screens reflect a deep understanding of both material and technique. Many of these elements are joined without nails, relying on traditional methods that have stood the test of time.

Light filters softly through carved panels, casting shifting patterns across floors and walls. The natural grain of the wood is left visible, adding warmth and texture to every space. Nothing feels excessive. Every detail has a purpose.



Padmanabhapuram Palace architectural drawings (Raj Rewal & team) for Kaarwan

Padmanabhapuram Palace is not just a relic of the past. It is a reminder of an approach to architecture that prioritizes comfort, climate, and craft. It shows how buildings can work with their environment rather than against it, creating spaces that are not only functional, but deeply human.



ArtnLight Blog (2015), Padmanabhapuram Palace – Part 1

A DAY IN *Mike's* LIFE



*M*et Mike — a customer-focused storyteller, digital experience enthusiast, and an important part of the David Weekley Homes MarCom team for more than six years.

As a Personalization Program Manager, Mike focuses on improving the Customer experience through personalization, testing, and targeted marketing initiatives. He also manages the LOS MarCom team, helping bring homes and communities to life through graphic design, video editing, and creative marketing support.

If there's one thing Mike's role guarantees, it's variety.

No two days look the same. Some mornings begin with reviewing website performance and planning upcoming test campaigns. Other days quickly shift toward urgent market requests, personalized email initiatives, website updates, or brainstorming ways to improve the online Customer journey. In the world of MarCom, flexibility is just as important as planning — something Mike has mastered well.

Collaboration is another major part of his day. Mike regularly works with Marketing Coordinators, Directors, and MarCom teammates across different markets to support promotions, community priorities, websites, emails, paid ads, and social campaigns.



Alex and Azalea on a sunny day



Mike and his wife enjoying a holiday in Barcelona.

Recently, much of his focus has been on user testing for website and virtual tour experiences. But for Mike, understanding Customers goes beyond reviewing analytics and reports. “It’s one thing to look at the data,” he says, “but actually watching someone move through the experience and hearing what they’re thinking gives you a completely different perspective.” Those real-time insights help improve navigation, messaging, and the overall digital experience — turning small observations into meaningful improvements.

Mike has also been closely involved with supporting the newly launched Imagination Homes website, helping refine and shape the digital experience from the ground up. It’s the kind of project that perfectly blends strategy, creativity, and problem-solving — three things he genuinely enjoys.

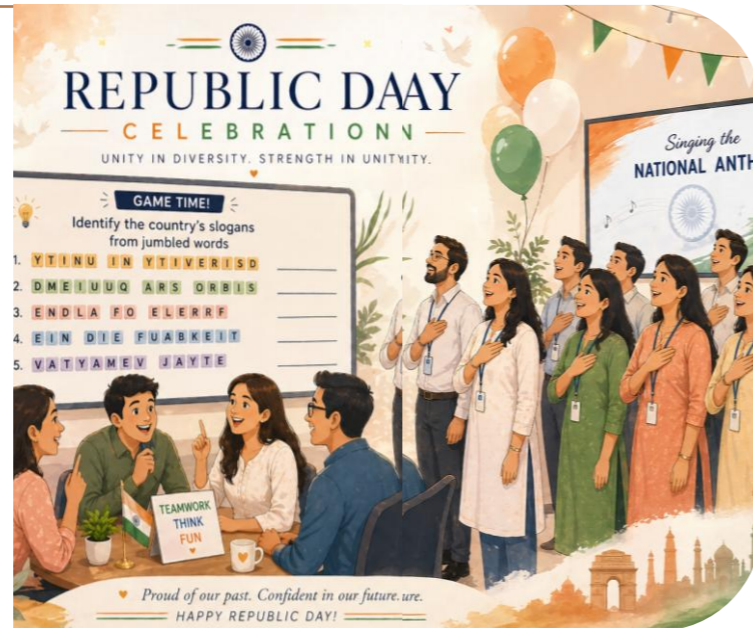
Outside of work, Mike keeps that same active energy going. He and his wife spend much of their free time with their two dogs — who, according to Mike, definitely run the household. A perfect day off for him includes trying a new restaurant, getting outdoors, going for a run, and spending time with family and friends.

And here’s something many teammates may not know: Mike has completed half marathons and long-distance obstacle races. He’s also lived in five different states — North Carolina, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Florida, and now Texas — experiences that have helped shape his adaptable and easy-going outlook. Whether he’s improving digital experiences, supporting his team, or taking on his next personal challenge, Mike brings curiosity, creativity, and positivity into everything he does. And somewhere in between all of that, he still finds time to make a 5 AM gym session look easy.

THROWBACK

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

Our office celebrated Republic Day with great enthusiasm and team spirit. The highlight was a fun activity where Team Members unscrambled patriotic slogans coined by freedom fighters, sparking excitement and friendly competition. The event concluded on a proud note as everyone came together to sing the national anthem, celebrating unity and shared patriotism.



LOS SPORTS EVENTS

This quarter, LOS came together through a series of engaging sports events, including a cricket match, a pickleball tournament, and a badminton competition. These activities encouraged well-being while building team spirit, enthusiasm, and a sense of healthy competition across the organization.



C.A.R.E.

VISIT TO SPECIALLY ABLED CHILDREN

Our CARE Team conducted the "Visit to Specially Abled Children" Drive at Akshar Trust, supporting speech and hearing-impaired children. Through activities like pot designing and origami, the Team created a joyful and inclusive environment. Stationery kits and snacks were also distributed, making it a meaningful and heartfelt initiative.



OLD AGE HOME VISIT

The Team spent a meaningful day at Swarg Community Centre, engaging residents through games, singing, and Garba. They also served lunch and presented shawls as a gesture of care and respect. Warm conversations and shared moments made the experience truly memorable, highlighting the value of compassion and human connection.



BLOOD DONATION DRIVE 2026

In March 2026, our CARE Committee, in collaboration with Jalaram Blood Bank, organized a successful blood donation drive. With an overwhelming response from 209 volunteers, 167 units of blood were collected—each contributing to saving lives. The initiative reflected a strong spirit of generosity, teamwork, and community impact.



THE COURTYARD TALES

Breathing architecture of warm lands

In regions where heat and humidity dominate daily life, architecture evolves into a refined balance of function and beauty. Sloping tiled roofs shed rain and reduce heat gain, while courtyards and large openings invite light and fresh air inside. The result is a design language that transforms environmental challenges into opportunities for creating airy, resilient, and timeless homes.



Sloping Roofs

Steeply sloped roofs with clay tiles allow quick runoff of rain and reduce heat gain.

High Ceilings

High ceilings allow hot air to rise and escape, keeping interiors cooler.

Courtyards

Open-to-sky courtyards act as natural ventilation shafts, bringing in light and fresh air.

Thick Walls

Thick walls made of lime, brick or stone keep interiors cool by reducing heat transfer.

Verandas

Wide verandas create shaded transitional spaces and protect walls from harsh sun and rain.

Cross Ventilation

Large windows and doors on opposite sides encourage cross ventilation and breeze flow.

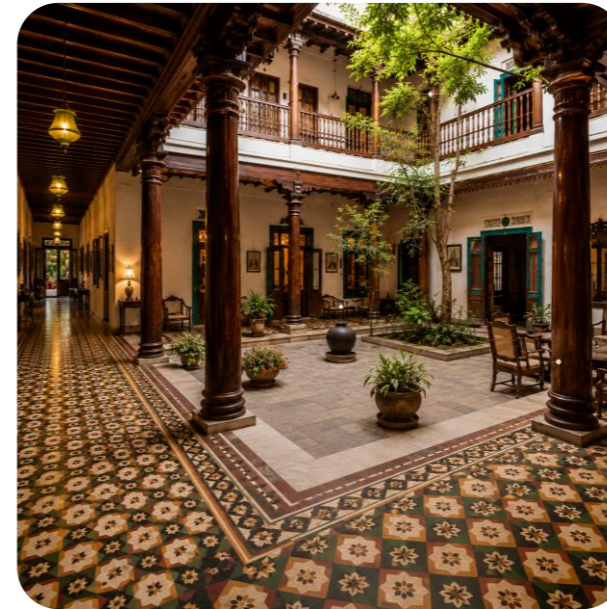
Climate and Architectural Wisdom

Shaped by generations of climatic understanding, homes in hot and humid regions are designed to maximize airflow and minimize heat gain. High ceilings allow hot air to rise, keeping living spaces cooler. Sloping roofs with extended overhangs protect walls from harsh sun while also handling seasonal rains efficiently.

One of the most defining features is the central courtyard that acts as a natural ventilation shaft. It draws in cooler air while pushing warm air out, creating a continuous airflow throughout the house. Verandas wrap around homes like shaded buffers, reducing direct heat exposure while offering comfortable semi-open living spaces. Large wooden windows, often with louvered shutters, allow cross-ventilation even during humid conditions.

Every design decision is intentional cooling the home without mechanical dependence.

A Glimpse Into Chettinad Homes



The traditional homes of Tamil Nadu's Chettinad region are a remarkable example of climate-conscious luxury.

Despite being located in a hot region, these homes remain surprisingly cool due to their thoughtful planning. Long corridors, multiple courtyards, and high ceilings create a network of airflow that naturally ventilates the entire house.

One of their most distinctive features is the use of Athangudi tiles—handcrafted cement tiles known for their vibrant colors and intricate patterns. Beyond their visual appeal, these tiles are highly functional:

- They remain cool even in high temperatures
- Their smooth finish is easy to maintain in humid conditions
- Their durability makes them ideal for long-term use

Paired with Burmese teak pillars, lime-plastered walls, and open courtyards, Chettinad interiors strike a balance between grandeur and climatic intelligence.

DIY Corner: Handwoven Palm Leaf Wall Décor

Bring a touch of coastal craftsmanship into your home with handwoven palm leaf wall décor—a simple, breathable accent made from natural materials that adds texture, warmth, and an easy tropical charm to your interiors.



How to Make It:

- Source dried palm leaves or eco-friendly woven mats
- Cut into geometric or circular patterns
- Layer or weave them together using jute thread
- Mount onto a wooden or bamboo frame
- Finish with a light natural polish or keep it raw for an earthy look

Key Features:

- Completely breathable and humidity-friendly
- Lightweight and sustainable
- Adds texture without trapping heat

Style Tip:

Pair it with cane furniture, indoor plants, and soft daylight to create a calm, tropical-inspired corner.