

DEAN D'CRUZ



After graduating from Sir J.J. College of Architecture, Bombay, in 1983, Dean joined architect Gerard Da Cunha as an assistant in Goa in 1985. Enamoured by the soft and human scale of Goa's Architecture and lifestyle he decided to stay. In 1986 he became a partner in a firm called Natural Architecture, working on cost effective housing in a very Laurie Baker approach using waste building materials and innovative design. In 1994 he expanded base of design work, taking on small hotels, large houses and institutional work as principal architect of Dean D'Cruz & Associates. In 2001 he co-founded **Mozaic**, with general collaboration between disciplines as the core ethic. Having been part of the State Level Committee for the making of the Regional Plan 2021 for Goa, his current emphasis is on **urban interventions, sustainable principles and conservation**

Awards and recognitions:

1998, Designer of one of the 100 best Small Hotels in the World - Nilaya Hermitage, Arpora, Goa.

1999, Designer of the Year - Special Commendation - Pousada Tauma, Calangute, Goa

2000, Excellence in Interior Design Award-Commercial Category -Sangolda Shop, Sangolda, Goa.

2001, Hospitality Pinnacle Award for Hotel Architecture - Coconut Creeks, Bogmalo, Goa.

2002, Institutional Architecture Award - Pallotine Inst. of Philosophy & Religion, Assagao, Goa.

2003, Architect of the Year, State Commendation Award - Cathedral at Karwar, Karnataka.

2004, Designer of one of the 10 best Spas in Asia, Taj Exotica Spa, Benaolim, Goa.

2005, Featured as one of the top ten upcoming design houses in India in Business World.

2006, Society Interiors' Award for Contribution to Architecture and Interior Design.

2006, Product design work featured in Top Gear magazine, India.

2008, Products featured in the publications of Annual Society Interiors.

2008, CNBC profiles Reboni Saha on its programme 'Young Turks'.

2009, Presentation along with the Italian Trade Commission at the Mumbai Index Furniture Trade Fair, with publication Index Furniture Journal featuring the work of Mozaic.

2011, Presentations at the MIT college design festival and at the ARAI seminar for transportation styling in Pune.

2011, Design Valley featured in the publication Design Matrix.

Website: <http://www.mozaic.in/>