

## Lessons on Architecture

An expert talk from industry by Ar. Vinu Daniel from the Wallmakers.

Resource person: **Ar. Vinu Daniel**  
Venue: **6<sup>th</sup> Semester Studio**  
Semester: **2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Semester students**  
Date, time: **8<sup>th</sup> February 23**  
Faculty facilitator: **Ar. Sriviji Nachimuthu**



Ar. Vinu Daniel visited the Faculty of Architecture, Planning and Design, REVA University on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to interact with students and faculty alike sharing his take on architecture, his journey through practice and academics. He shed light on his initial struggles as a fresh architect, on what it means to be determined enough to practice, why it was important to be hands on in architecture and what should get taught in architecture schools. The students and faculty had a fruitful Q and A session which led to a lot of basic questioning such as the real meaning of sustainability, why it was important to remain curious and ask questions.

**About the speaker:**

Ar. Vinu Daniel was born in Dubai in 1982 and grew up in Abu Dhabi in a traditional Indian family with two older siblings. His father managed an office supplies business in the UAE. Daniel returned to his ancestral homeland to study at architecture school at the College of Engineering in Trivandrum, after which he spent two years at the Auroville Earth Institute, just north of Pondicherry, where he learned about the engineering processes behind building with soil, cement, and mud blocks. He started his practice in 2007 by teaching his craftsmen traditional building techniques that were lost over time and which he learned in Auroville. His techniques incorporate both modern and traditional practices. Today he employs between 100 and 150 people, mostly craftsmen. He currently works on the design and construction of nearly 20 projects across India, each led by one of his architects stationed directly at each of these sites.

You can see his works at : <https://www.wallmakers.org/>



No. of Faculty attended : 11

Students attended : Sem VI, IV and II (40 nos)