

Exactly 6 years down memory lane, it was today when I am writing this, that I joined this college. I remember how happy I was, that there was finally a college of Architecture in Guwahati, since it was always a passion to become an architect for me and more-so, I was happy that I would pursue it not away from home.

The journey of 5 years was almost like living a new life, which taught a lot of fruitful lessons and filled in my bag of knowledge. This journey made me a more matured and sensible person and enlightened me with an altogether new vision towards life.

The definition of “Architecture” seemed very different to me before I actually joined in. I always thought an architect only builds a building. But the world of architecture now seems endless to me. A random ‘kiosk of tea’, which at one point of time seemed random, now actually makes me realise what a marvellous piece of an architecture it is.

The credit for this difference in vision definitely goes to GCA where my thought process started to nurture.

Being from the first batch of the college was a true challenge and a great responsibility which our batch of 49 carried. Often mentioned, that “you guys are going to be the trend-setters”, really scared us at times. But today, when I hear all my friends doing so wonderfully well and bringing laurels to the institutions’ name, makes me feel proud and gives a satisfaction that we probably played our role towards the institution well.

Days spent in the college remind me of this saying ...

“A well-spent day brings happy sleep” by Leonardo da Vinci

It’s now been a year since my journey as a student in GCA ended and my professional career took its flight with a package of confidence, strength and knowledge that I was filled in during my stay here.

Today I am based in Ahmedabad as an Architect, with one of the most renowned architectural firms, HCP Design Planning & Management Pvt. Ltd, led by Ar. Hasmukh C. Patel and Ar. Bimal H. Patel. This firm is involved in a number of projects in India and abroad with some of their iconic projects like, the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, Sabarmati Riverfront Development, Aga Khan Academy, Hyderabad and a lot more.

For me studying in GCA will never be taken as a regret, because it is here where I learnt what the famous architect ‘Frank Lloyd Wright’, says...

“I know the price of success: dedication, hard work, and an unremitting devotion to the things you want to see happen”.

Cheers to GCA...and to all the wonderful people who made my stay here turn into a timeless memory!!!!