

Mumbai Megaproject

Designer Resume



Ashish Puntambekar is a Mumbai based , infrastructure project designer. He has 18 years of experience in designing some of India's largest infrastructure projects, the most notable and recent of which is the **Indian Education Megaproject**. The Education Megaproject is a plan to provide high quality education , totally free of cost to **126 Million** children, **80 %** of who live in rural areas and come from the poorest families. <http://www.nataraja.org.in/masseducationproject.htm> . This project has been submitted to the Govt of India for its consideration and inclusion in the XIIth plan.

As a designer , Ashish believes in Gandhiji's vision of “ **Sarvodaya** “ the rise of all and his project designs therefore focus on including the excluded among the masses . All his projects also have huge environmental dividends in that they use sustainable building materials on a massive scale. Project designs also provide funding for afforestation schemes and for wildlife preservation. The Mumbai Megaproject for instance provides US \$ 300 Million for Mangroves and another US \$ 1.5 Billion for the planting of dense forests in Maharashtra. Employment generation is also high on the design agenda. This is witnessed by the fact that the above mentioned two projects , alone will add 10 Million jobs in India.

Besides designing large infrastructure and clean energy projects , the designer is also keenly interested in the geopolitics of petroleum (several published articles) and has expert level knowledge in the energy business and especially the price of crude oil which he has traded as a derivative trader on all the worlds major exchanges and OTC markets for over 5 years. He currently works as a project designer and also runs a private foundation , named the **Nataraja Foundation**, with a mandate to innovate on an unprecedented level in the areas of Social Infrastructure, Urban Planning and Clean Energy.

Ashish holds an MBA in International business and a bachelors degree in Mechanical Engineering. He lives in Mumbai with his wife Amrita and their two children Varun and Gayatri.