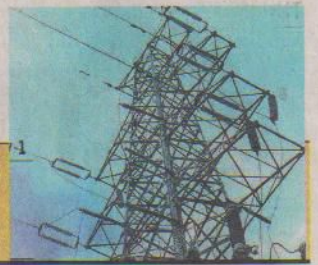


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## Surat's international achievers Apple Educator Green Architect

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Reading paths less taken in the fields of education and design, Surat's denizens have achieved international recognition for their sheer skills in their area of work. It is also interesting to note that these achievers are the only Indians to have been given this honour. While Tapi town often makes global news for its textile and diamond trade, these refreshing new ventures and studies are opening doors of opportunities in other sectors for future students of Surat.

As the only Indian citizen to become an Apple Professional Development Trainer, P Vamshi Krishna has the experience of training over 1,000 teachers and school leaders across the country including The Doon School, Manipal Institute of Higher Education, etc. Vamshi Krishna is the vice-principal of Delhi Public School, Surat - the only CBSE school in India to be on the iTunes U platform for sharing and distribution of content. He is one of the first Apple Professional Development Trainer in India and has been invited to be a part of Apple Distinguished Global Educator Global Institute 2014, in San Deigo, California which will host 350 ADE from over 25 countries around the world.

As part of a global community of education leaders



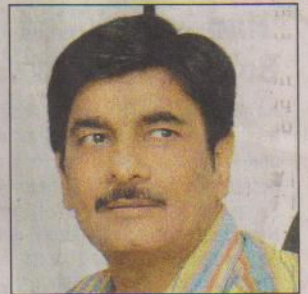
P Vamshi Krishna

recognized for achieving amazing programmes with Apple technology in and out of the classrooms, to bring fresh, bright and easy to follow ideas within the learning environment for students everywhere, the ADE group of over 1,500 educators spans the earth with teachers from USA, Asia, Australia, Canada, Europe, New Zealand, Japan and Mexico.

Each year, only about 100 educators are selected as ADE from around the globe, based on their innovative methods of technology integration in education. "As an ambassador on innovation, participating and presenting at education events, being part of the ADE is much more than an honour. It is an opportunity to make a difference in the field of education which will help benefit more children worldwide," says P Vamshi Krishna.

Architect Bankim Dave, who has represented India at international meets in the field of architecture on numerous occasions, believes that 'design is a continuous process'. Dave has been awarded the 2014 Hermes & Iris prize for leadership and communication in interior design. This international recognition from the CIDI World Alliances of Interior Design is presented for showing great national, continental and worldwide leadership, being excellent communicators and winners in the field of interior design.

Dave is the only Indian among the nine other recipients of this prestigious award. The previous president of Indian Institute of Interior Designers (IIID) and having served as the president of Asia Pacific Space Designers Alliance (APSDA), Dave represents architects of modern India and feels his time at these prestigious instates put him on a path of gradual meta-



Bankim Dave

morphosis — from an ambitious to an enthusiastic person. "The transformation of our cities is not only probable, but also necessary. On his thoughts of the future of architecture, Dave says, "With the global climate changing, the time has come to be socially responsible, use sustainable, recycled and nano materials to not only create green buildings but also green interiors. We need to upgrade and educate ourselves constantly to achieve a change for the better."

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