

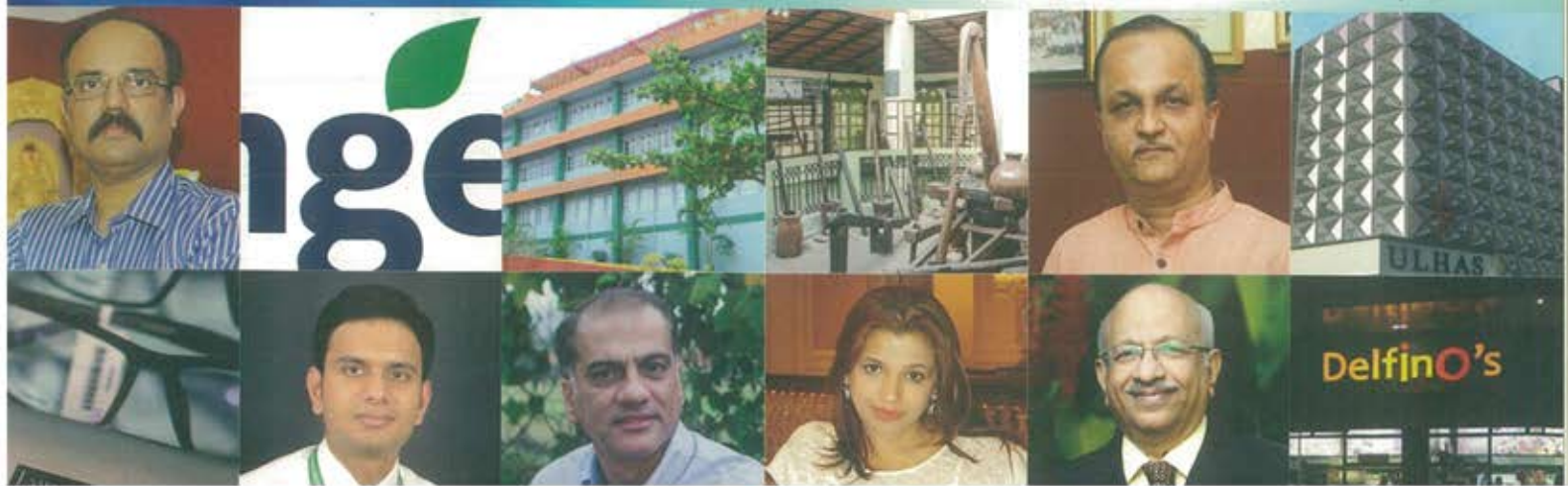
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Professional of the Year

Goan by birth, Rahul Deshpande spent most of his childhood in Belgaum, but returned to Goa after graduating in Civil Engineering. He then went on to work with reputed engineers before pursuing his Masters in Structures in the U.S.A. He was awarded a research fellowship wherein he had the rare opportunity to work with the Federal Highway Administration in Washington D.C. On his return to India in 1993, he set up Rahul Deshpande and Associates, a firm of consulting engineers. Though he started his career in civil engineering, his love for architecture made him indulge and build his reputation in architectural practices. His big break came when he designed a bungalow for a relative and thereafter the D-Link factory in Verna. Since then, there has been no looking back for him.

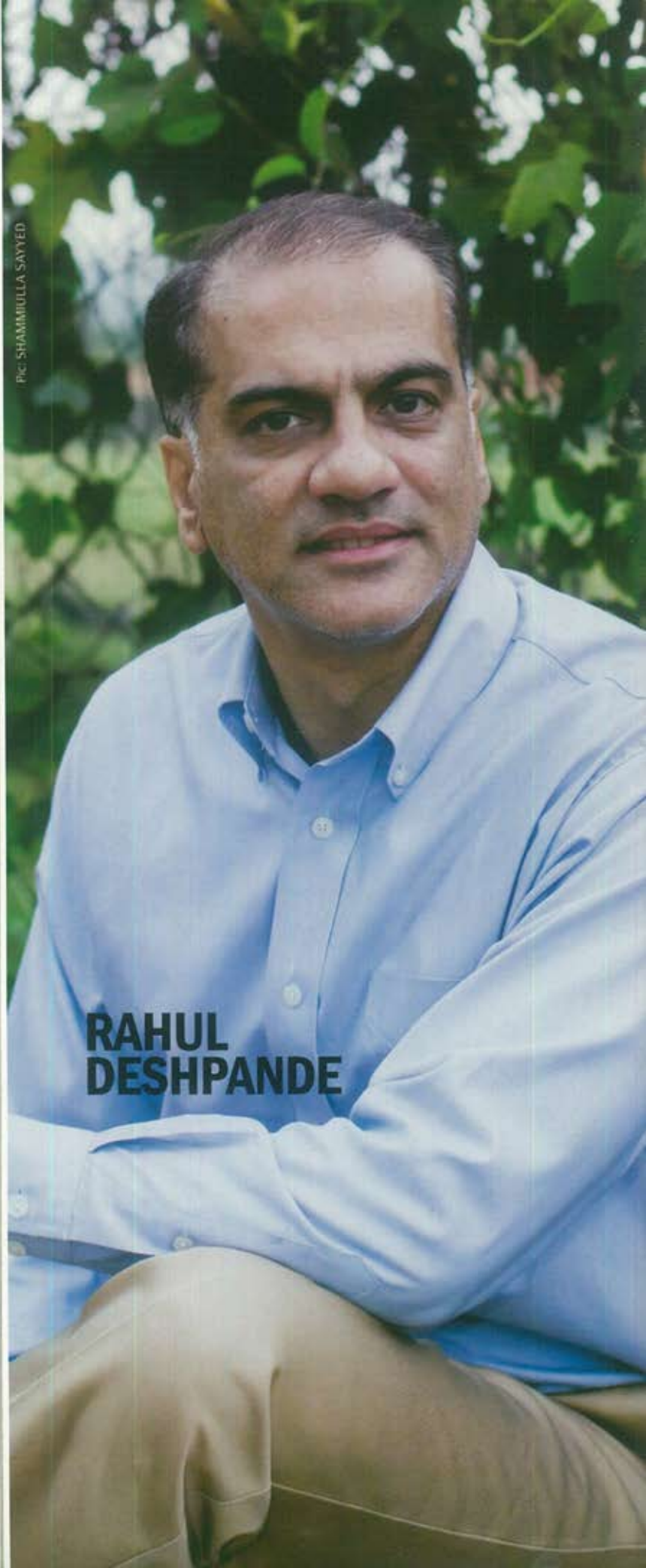
Over the years, Rahul's designs have earned him a place in leading design magazines as well as numerous awards. Design plays a very important role in his projects and at times he has even spent up to nine months perfecting designs for his projects. Designing industries is his main forte and he is deeply passionate about public buildings and planning urban spaces, as he believes it gives him the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of his fellow citizens.

Among his many achievements are successive awards for the Canacona and Cuncolim bus stands, being appointed on the Task Force for the Regional Plan 2021 and working alongside legendary architect Charles Correa. He was also nominated for the Aga Khan award for architecture in 2010 and has to his name the title of NDTV Architect of the Year 2014 as well as the A+D Design Best Architect award – a remarkable seven times. More recently, he successfully completed the re-development project of the EDC Patto Plaza and the Honda bus stand.

On a personal front he is a movie-buff, music enthusiast and a foodie. He also manages the affairs of the People's High School in Panjim and devotes time to interacting with the staff and students.

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