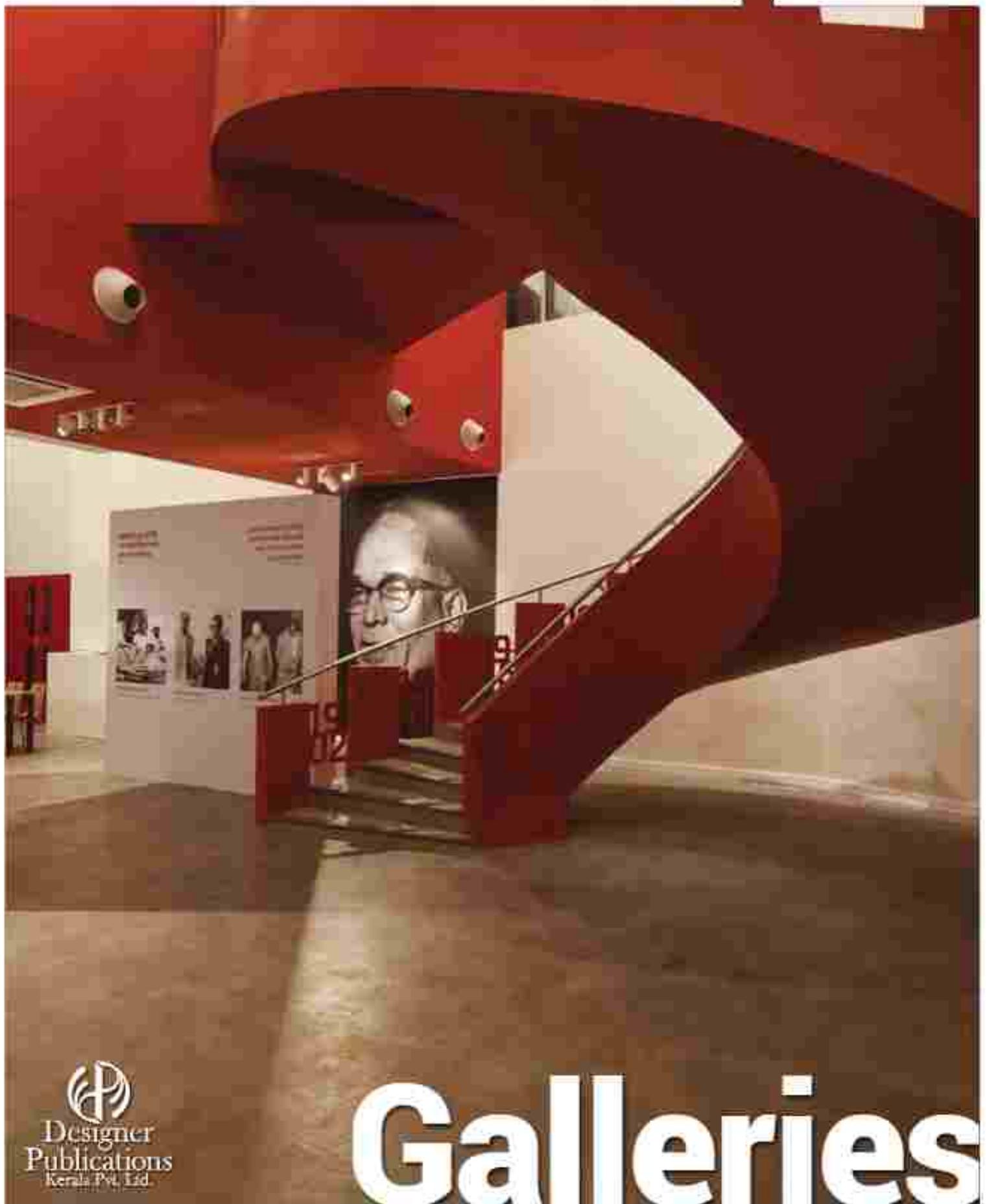


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Shomini Shanker Jain

Editorial

"Space is the medium in which ideas are visually phrased"

Installation is both presentation and commentary, documentation and presentation. Galleries are paragraphs, the walls and formal subdivision of the floor, clusters of works are clauses, and individual works, in varying degree, operate in noun, verb, adverb/adjectives and often as more than one of these functions according to context. Excerpts from the book by Robert Storr on *What Makes a Great Exhibition Space*

Gallery spaces are no longer clean, white and effective. The gallery itself presents strong imagery as if space is the installation filled with objects and memories. All it takes is a powerful idea around a dynamic framework.

The new urbanism creates more than just a gallery, context and surroundings add more meaning to the artworks and artefacts. Most exhibitions are travelling these days, so the new galleries double up as alternative humanist endeavours becoming an integral part of the social fabric of the city in an otherwise traditionally dominant public edifice. Which one is the art? Is it that the archetypal image of the new typology of the gallery of the 21st century the new art rather than the exhibits housed within?

This issue of INSCAPE brings you projects as powerful in communication and meaning as a graphic novel. The varied works in this issue are testimonies to the diverse applications a gallery space transforms into.

ARCHOMG's UP Narayan Interpretation Centre, Museum for Socialism is RICH in experience, organisation and movement. The four zones of experience Absorption, Internalisation, Reflection and Congregation are each a brilliant rendition of space taking the visitor through many experiences, through time and histories.

HQ for the Rug Republic by Akshat Sheth and Heena Bhargava has reclaimed the old industrial setting of an Disha building unpeeling its many layers to a bare shell that presents a rugged backdrop to the many exhibitions and products of the rug industry.

Motibhus Firodiya, Centre for Inspiration, Ahmednagar by Studio A Dista is a visually powerful yet humble space that serves the 'uncared for' of the community and boldly connects its spaces with the social fabric of the city through its galleries and travelling exhibitions.

Raj Rawat's conscious project in Kartarpur is an exhibit by itself. An urban installation of mammoth proportions The Jagdeh Azadi Pilgrimage Complex for Freedom Strugglers designed as an organisation of spatial transformations that take you through a different experience of histories and memory bytes.

Bojy Ramachandran and Sunitha Kondura Hundred Hands designed the Bangalore International Centre. One of the core demands of the brief was to open out the building to the public realm to demonstrate that BIC believes in a democratic institution with maximum public participation. Moving out of rectilinear purity of the BIC to the organically designed confines of Sombay Arts Society by Sanjay Puri and the Children's Museum by RIMK both demonstrate a simple richness and unique playfulness of interior space carving out 'live-spaces' for children.

To top it all we have Blake Ingels of BIC sharing 'a timeless song for the Swiss mountains' with Musée Aesler. Set amidst a community of historic watchmakers' workshops, the exhibition sequence is immensely unique, incredible building sculpture!

An essay on Gallery The Cultural Landmark by Ridha Fatima is worth a read. In the Artists section, we have Vishwanath Kuttur from Port Blair encapsulating in his art the mysteries of the ocean, flora, fauna and indigenous cultures.

Enjoy INSCAPE-GALLERIES, April 2021

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President's message

April Issue of INSCAPE on GALLERIES!

Many memories come rushing of those quiet places where I have stood silent looking at an art or listening to a unique narrative. Today galleries like our world are but changing fast with many new design concepts largely made possible by technology and also don't forget our 'lonely' times!

At the end of the day, Galleries are spaces for people and that too spaces to gather. Covid struck this year and many spaces were put to test. Well, Galleries-Exhibition spaces are one of the most challenged typologies. Vast and vacant spaces with proud paintings and beautiful busts, well lit and well placed, all lying in wait at some of the most exquisite of architectural addresses across the World-Guggenheims, Smithsonians, MOMAs, frozen in time.

Have you ever thought of the wasted purpose, the staggering investments and the huge costs spent to preserve and maintain these iconic spaces? Yes, we are concerned but it is already heard that with our undying spirits we will cope with revolutionary ideas and solutions underway. Let me wish you all the best with another informative issue of INSCAPE and with a different message to all of you dear readers.

Galleries are spaces that are basically to make people 'see'. See carefully placed 'special' subjects and thus plant thoughts and ideas into their minds to make a change in their lives and thus the world. I believe as designers every single space we design is a 'Gallery'. Every line we draw, every choice we make, what we give our clients and make them see is important and with immense potential. Thus even our homes, rooms, workspaces are all the most visited and most effective galleries of today- especially in times of this lockdown. A wall, a window, a texture, a chair, a lamp, an art, a light or a plant are all seen like never before, doing their part to inspire hope and happiness in the eyes and hearts of people. Let us rededicate ourselves to the big and small spaces and details we design every day. It is for somebody to see, observe, experience and glow inspired.

All the best with your 'Galleries'!

Jabeen L. Zacharias

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Interior view of the exhibition space

Metaphor for History

📍 Europe Insider 📍 Anika Pantham, Shwari Aggarwal

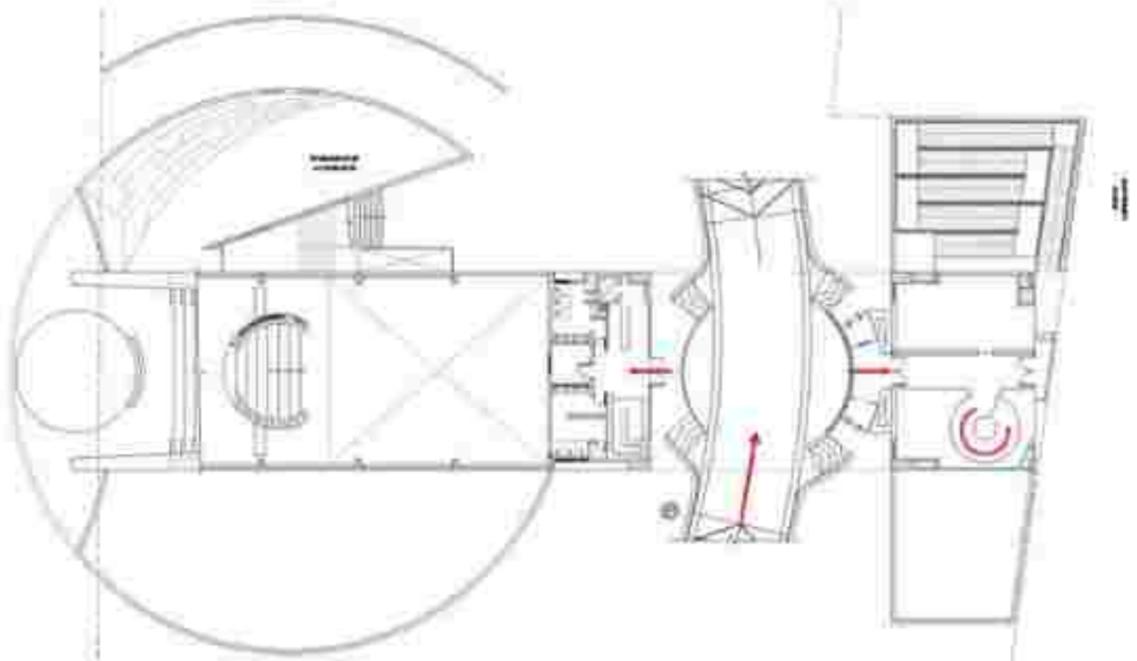
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PROJECT NAME	JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN INTERPRETATION CENTRE / MUSEUM OF SOCIALISM
LOCATION	LUCKNOW
BUILDING TYPE	RESEARCH BUILDING
BUILT-UP AREA	1355 SQM
SITE AREA	516.46 CHS (21464 SQM)
CLIENT	LUCKNOW DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE	ARCHIM
PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT	MR. SUSHANT GUPTA
DESIGN TEAM	AMIT SHARMA, SANJAY SHARMA, LIPANKAR, KUNTA, SIDDHANTA SINGH, RAMSAGAR, NEHA ACEERWAL, SHAIKZA ALI BANO

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Dynamic exhibits, symbolic spatial detailing and creative storytelling achieved through directive spatial arrangement distinguish this museum by Archim located in Lucknow

A memory of Jayaprakash Narayan (Jai Jai Jai), the Jayaprakash Narayan Interpretation Center / Museum of Socialism was set in Lucknow by Archim design studio. The site also offers the people of Lucknow, multiple choices of leisure, business, recreation and sports in the International Convention Center. It becomes an important node. The concept of the entire design enables a contemporary value to past events enabling an in-found institutional identity that reflects the polarised views of civic authorities, curator, historians and the general public. While celebrating the ideology of socialism and its greatest proponent, as a cultural phenomenon it also reflects their zeitgeist.

Floor Plan | Ground floor



The wedge-shaped museum is actually a slice of the same shape and size carved out from the mass of the International Centre building and juxtaposed with it, thus creating its own identity within the unity. The triangular shape of the facade represents diagrammatically the triad of tenets of J.P.'s socialism—freedom, equality and brotherhood—imprinted in multiple languages on the terracotta panels. The skin is an outer covering of custom designed terracotta tiles with perforations that allow ventilation. The dry-cladding with an air-gap between the true walls filled with rock wool, keeps the insides cool and comfortable and helps in cutting down the city noise.

Exterior view of the terracotta panel facade



The exhibits are arranged in a way as to order to emphasize the underlying concept



Light plays a key part in establishing the hierarchy and direction of the museum space



Creative exhibits enhance the user's attention for dynamic storytelling

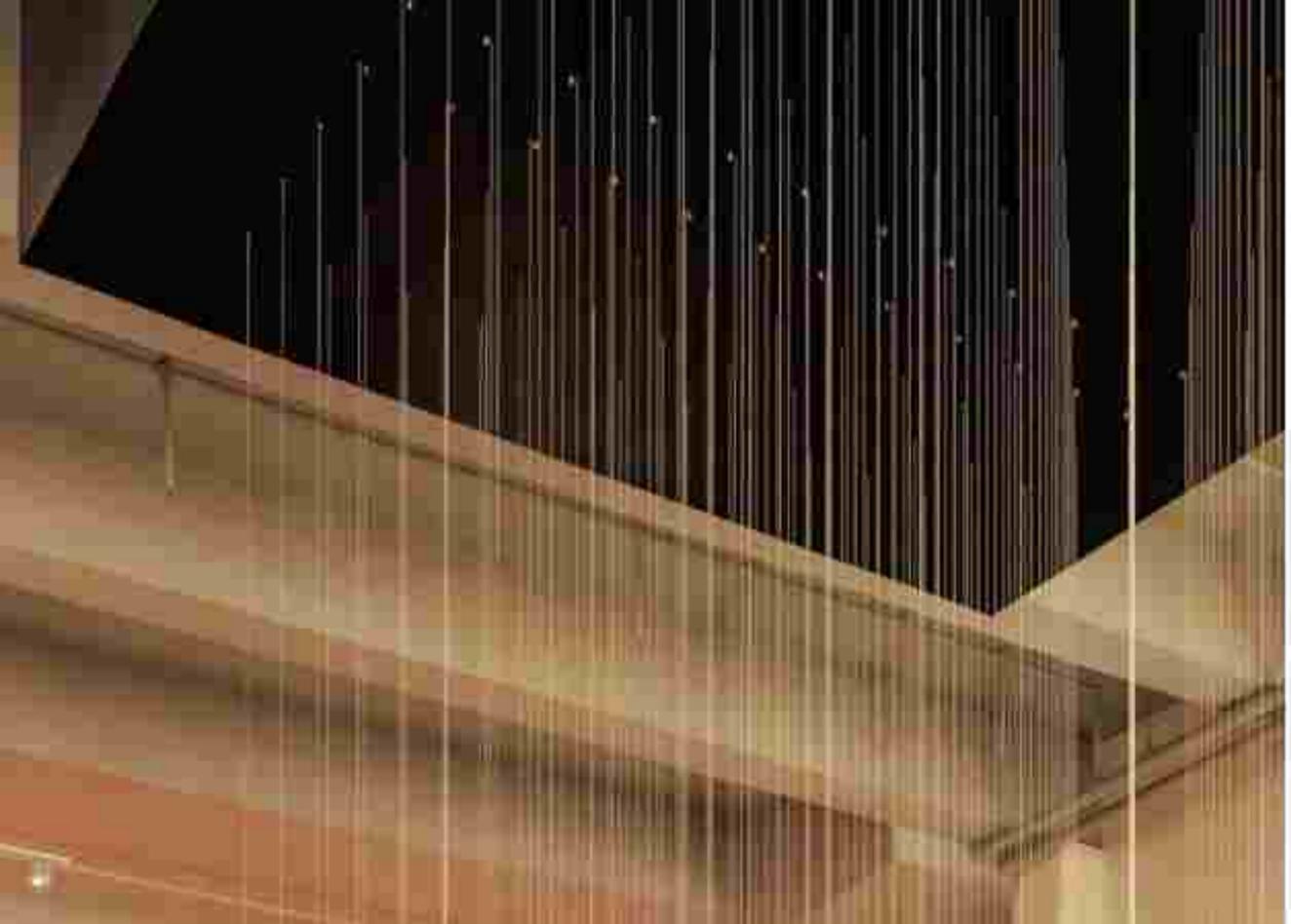
The museum is not a mere spectacle of frozen moments from the past, but an environment that guides the visitor through a journey in history. There are four zones of experience: Absorption, Internalisation, Reflection and Congregation. The zone of absorption is where information about the life journey and values of JP is imbibed. The more interactive zone of internalisation facilitates a closer look at him. The zone of reflection allows time and space for introspection on how one can take initiatives in their own life. The concluding zone of the congregation is meant to influence and inspire collective expression of the learning. The chronological narrative of JP's journey is



The terracotta perforations defined with perforations to enable ventilation

Interior view of the story panels





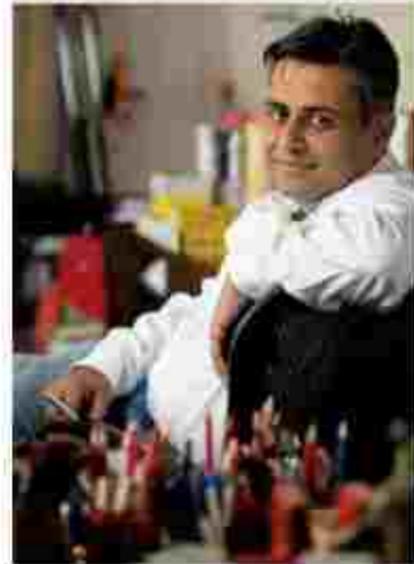
depicted in almost all mediums imagined not merely through a display of artefacts but through a sequence of static, dynamic, personal and experiential moments that include his belongings, furniture, letters, cartoons and illustrations, poems and songs, oral archives, documentaries, infographics and many new, automated and technologically ambidextrous user interfaces as holograms, projection mapping, kinetic installations and those that make the virtual as real as possible and appealing to wider and universal audiences. The linear journey of Lok Virsa's life is real with a parallel surreal travel which makes it interesting and alive. The ramps and a variety of steps navigating the interlocking volumes at different levels, give the analogous experience. The rhythm of climbing steps is matched by the visual rhythm of panels and displays used as metaphorical connectors to JP's life.



Silver steel balls hang from the ceiling



Terrazzo with anecho tiles encase this tunnel-like space



ARCHOHM SOURABH GUPTA

STUDIO ARCHOHM

Archohm, a reputed architecture and design studio based in Hooba (India), was founded by Ar. Sourabh Gupta in 2000. He graduated from CEPT university at Ahmedabad and the insight provided by the best guides in the realm of architecture coupled with a stint in urban design from Bouwkunde (the acclaimed school of architecture at tu delft (The Netherlands) laid the foundation of his career as an architect. Being a multidisciplinary team of motivated, committed and signed designers with versatile academic and professional profiles and experience, the studio is constantly seeking directions in contemporary Indian architecture that could perceptibly be India-centric but with a global insight.

With the philosophy of cross-cultural dialogues, the studio is privileged to have collaborated with iconic international architects for selected projects. True to the vision of design discovery and exposure, it has various activities such as the 'Archoforum' - the platform for cross-cultural dialogue, 'Archofest' or the annual expedition to design destinations around the world and the monthly in-house newsletter called the 'Archometer'. It endeavours to promote a culture of living life through design. Archohm has its own design research wing - a young subset initiative called 'Design Factory India'. They have also started a design education initiative called the 'Design Village', a bespoke and award-winning furniture and lifestyle studio called 'Zolyn' and a product design label called 'Gomaaas'.



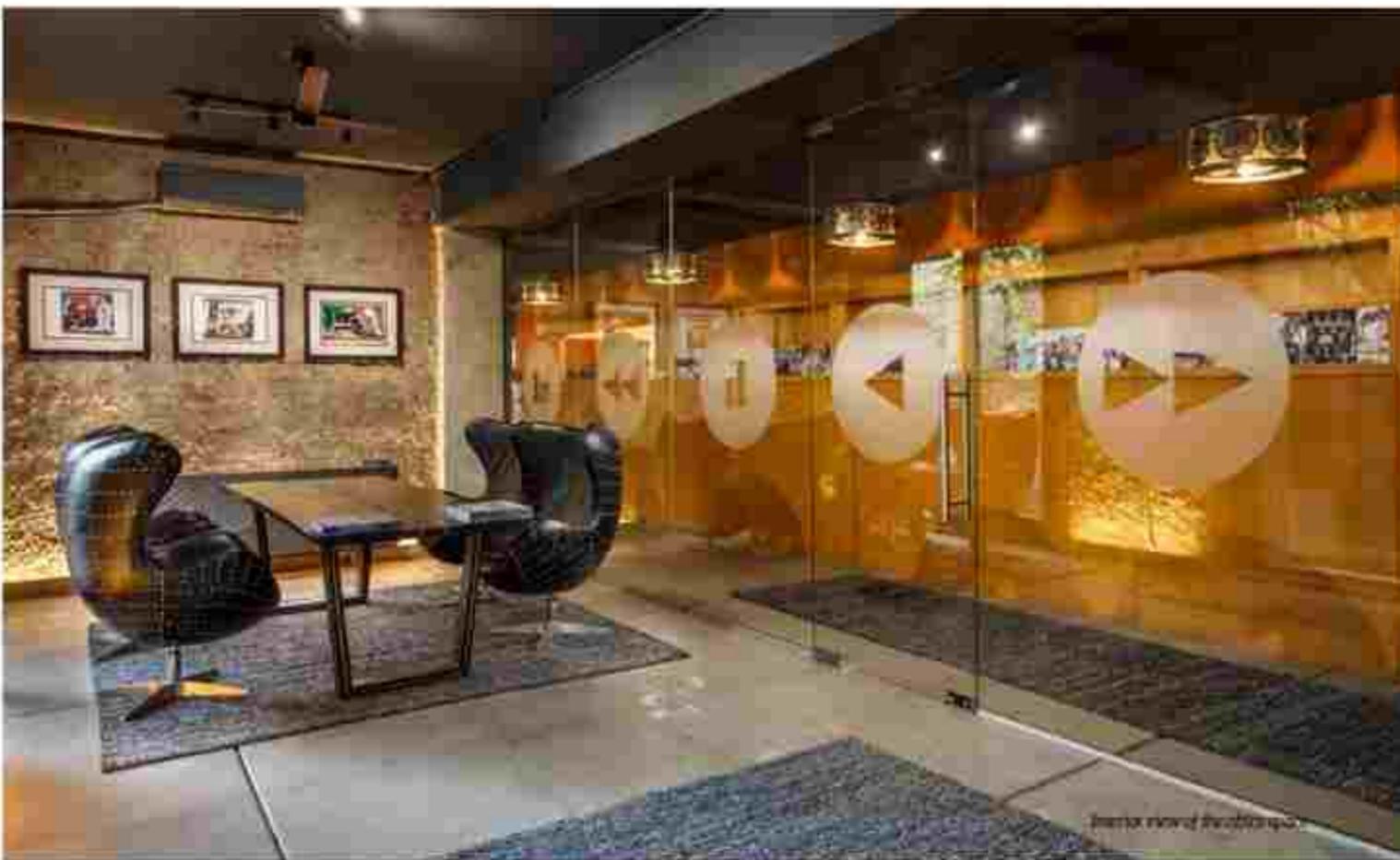
Lively concept of citizen awareness participation

Intensely, volumes interlock smoothly to create the sense of a collective, reverberating concept in the institution. Natural light is harnessed to produce spaces of value. Intervened in character, the facades are blank walls. Sunken courtyards, light wells and large slits along the entire stretch of the steps of the congregation bring in light that has been stripped of its intensity and harshness. A pavilion sits in a body of water in the sunken courtyard, seeming to float amidst the mass. Water is employed as a medium of reflection or retrospection and as a landscape element.

The solemn expression by materials implies the honest and unpretentious character of JP while the bold form intends to question the fundamentals and put across the brave pursuit of change. The indigenous earthy and deep texture of the terracotta cladding combined with the contemporary style communicates tradition and modernity and the timelessness of purity in Indian architecture and culture.



There is a profound sense of symbolism



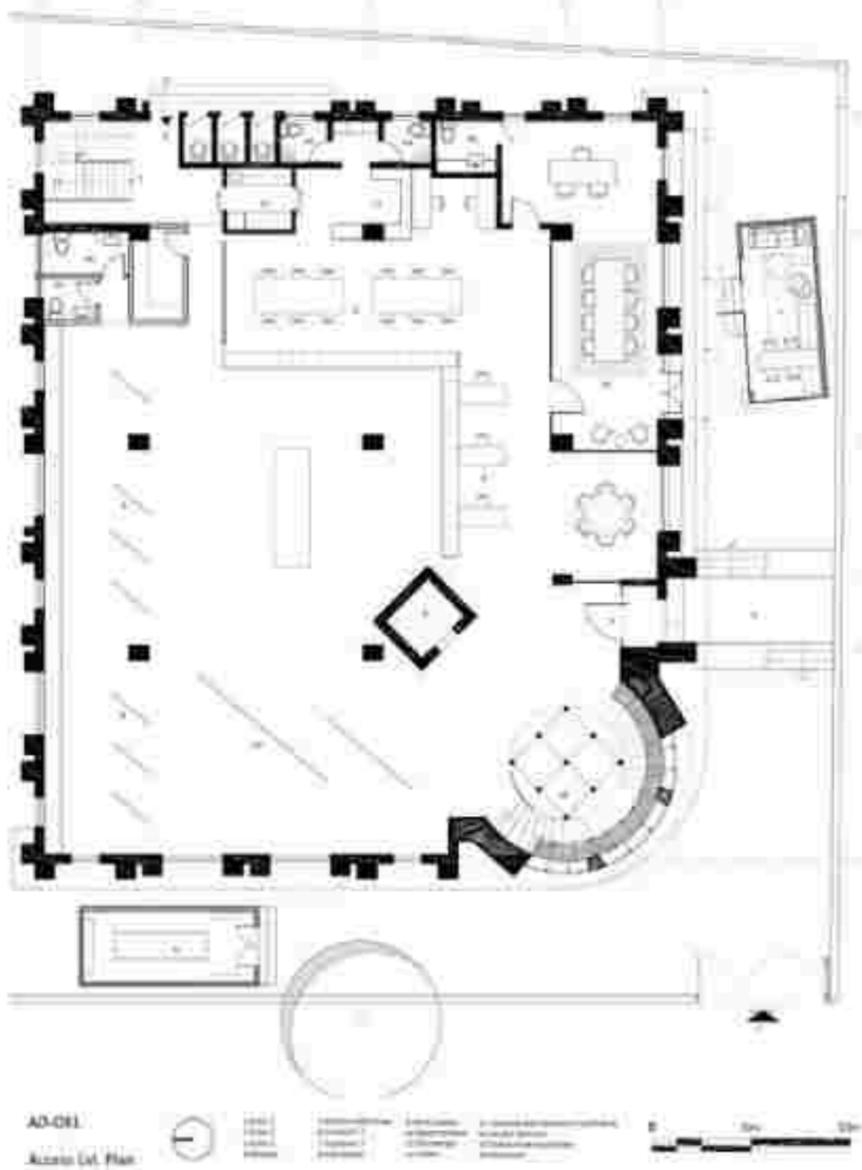
Reclaiming the industrial aesthetic

Inscape Insider @jeetn_bharna

PROJECT INFO	
PROJECT NAME	: HEADQUARTERS FOR RUG REPUBLIC
LOCATION	: OKHA, NEW DELHI, INDIA
DESIGN DISCIPLINE	: ARCHITECTURE
DESIGN TEAM	: AJUSHI BHATT AND JEENA BHARGAVA
COMPLETION	: 2020
AREA	: 1175 SQ.M

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The corporate headquarters for a Rug Republic, prominent rug exporter in Delhi features an elaborate exhibition space with a rugged post industrial aesthetic.

It is fascinating to take something forgotten and to give it new life. This is the century of recuperation. There is no space, no forests, no water anymore for continuous production of new things. So, take something old and make it special. - Akshat Bhatt, Principal Architect



Emerging from this thought the design of the Rug Republic Headquarters in Okhla, in the heart of New Delhi is a reaction to its industrial setting, an indictment of what we have brought our cities to. The brief presented by the client was to make the existing dilapidated building usable again within a limited budget and with minimal interventions. Hence, a great emphasis has been placed on reclaiming the usable spaces by undoing ad-hoc alterations in the building's spatial layout and removing layers of the flooring that was done by its previous occupants.

The design is a reading transformer, is a reinterpretation of an expression of

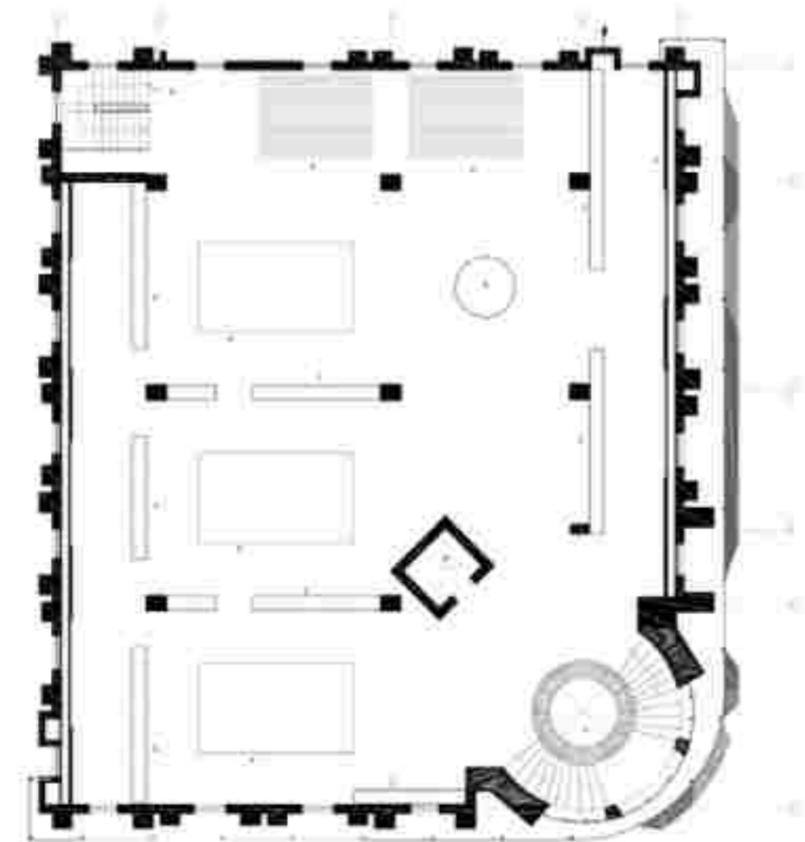
warehouses, that emerge out of the architect's understanding of the physical context and the challenges it posed. By equating Okhla to a risk zone a meta-shell has been enveloped around the structure to protect the interiors from the hostile and rigid environment. An inward-looking building therefore finds its justification in the site's industrial skyline that offers nothing of visual interest at eye levels. Furthermore, sand air quality and ruckus created by the monkeys in the neighbourhood demanded a deviation from the conventional glass architecture and prevented large openings on the facade.



The project is the adaptive reuse of an existing warehouse.



All interior spaces are protected from the stray monkeys that roam here upon any accessible space



AD-OKL
First Floor Plan



The rugged quality of the existing building juxtaposed with the texture of the rug produces a unique ambience in the interiors

Within the building the movement is centred around a helical staircase, thereby a curved aperture creates a sharp contrast against the rectilinear ceiling and establishes the visual connection between all floors. The curved form is further reflected on the exterior facade and helps draw the eye towards it.

There is a well-defined hierarchy in the spatial organisation. Frequently used spaces such as offices and temporary exhibitions are housed on the ground floor while permanent exhibitions (and private office cubicles) are accommodated on the upper levels. Two container areas have been designed as a spill-over space during the

work breaks and a small terrace on the top provides views of the distant greens.

Since the building has been designed for one of the largest international airports of rugs and soft-furniture, the idea was to create a bare shell that generates a non-intrusive backdrop to celebrate their exquisite work. This has been enabled using bare black interiors, rebar cage and other inexpensive interventions for the exhibition that offer unfinished aesthetics to the space. Furthermore, the use of temporary interventions add to a degree of flexibility to the internal layout. The floors are lined using fire bricks to allow ease of removal for reworking in the future.

All additions to the building, like the staircase, are in congruence with the post-industrial theme of the interiors





AKSHAT BHATT

ARCHITECTURE DISCIPLINE

Founded by Akshat Bhatt in 2007, Architecture Discipline is a multi-disciplinary architecture practice based in New Delhi, India. Its work, spanning varied typologies from residential and retail interiors to large-scale public and commercial assignments and spread across the length and breadth of India, highlights the emergence of an architectural expression that is contemporary yet rooted in a critical understanding of regionalism. The outcome of every commission is determined by a series of design processes, from full-scale mock-ups to long-term material investigations, which strive to develop programmatic & technical flexibility. As a result, all buildings are integrated—from the conceptual framework to the tactile experience.



View of the meeting room



The lighting complements the rugged textures



Responsive view of the children's space

On the exterior facade, a visual connection to the outside has been maintained using controlled apertures crafted in corten steel. The jaali allows minimal daylight to penetrate within and prevent monkeys from entering the premises. However, on the lower floor near the entrance, split face granite stones have been used for their ease of maintenance and rigidity. To achieve functional efficiency and ease of maintenance, the services have been planned on the outside.

The building is a reflection of the current time and creates a strong impression with the onlooker. With carefully engineered design interventions, a new life has been leased to the structure and made pertinent for years to come. ID



The vibrant exterior exhibits the work and history of the organization

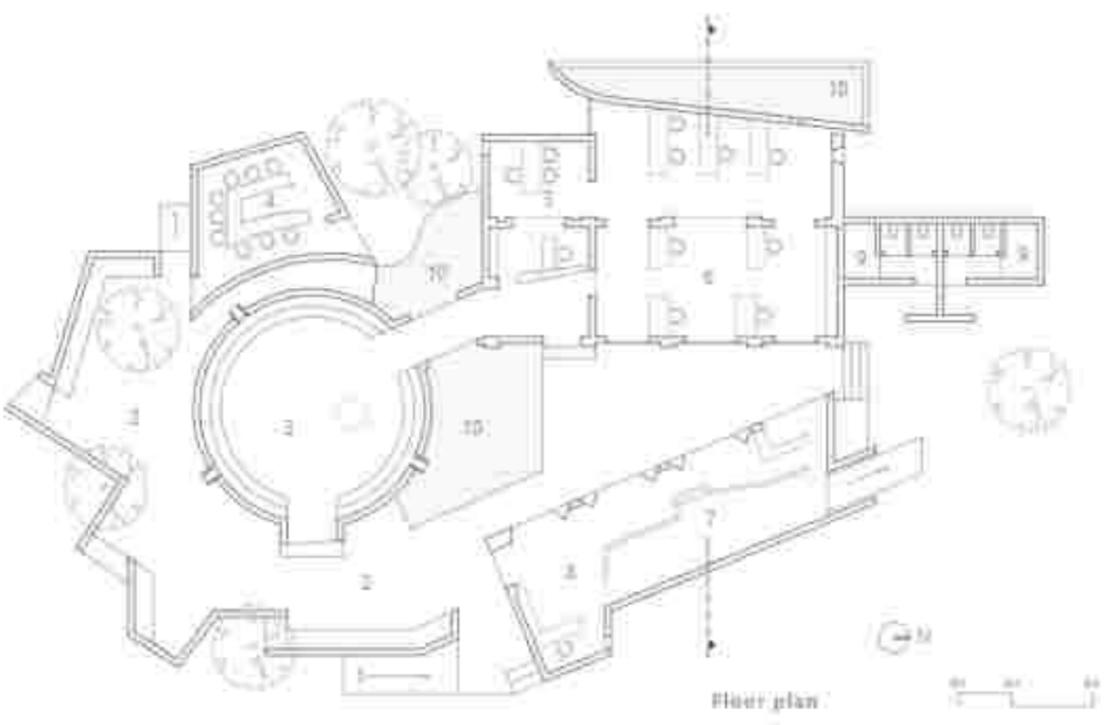
A testament for a better future

Inscape Insider Studio Fabrika

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PROJECT TITLE	-MOHIBIAU FRODIYA CENTER FOR INSPIRATION
CLIENT	-SHEE MALAYA
LOCATION	-AHMEDNAGAR, MAHARASHTRA, INDIA
PRINCIPAL ARCHITECTS	-KASHA AND PRASAD BADAWE
DESIGN TEAM	-RAJIV GUJAR, SAHAY DAXLE, ANIL GAWADE, ASHOK ANILKAR
BUILT UP AREA	-1000 SQ FT
YEAR	-2016

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The visitor's center for Mohibiau Frodiya Centre for Integration boasts a unique exhibition space to showcase the continuous work of the organization for reintegration of excluded minorities.

Mohibiau Frodiya center for inspiration (MFC) is the visitor's center designed for SheeMalaya, organization in Ahmednagar, Maharashtra, India. This organization primarily serves people who are uncared for. They support women, children and members of the LGBT community to find a safe exit from poverty, the commercial sex industry, AIDS, human trafficking, rape and violence, and literacy by creating awareness and providing education, healthcare, and livelihood opportunities.

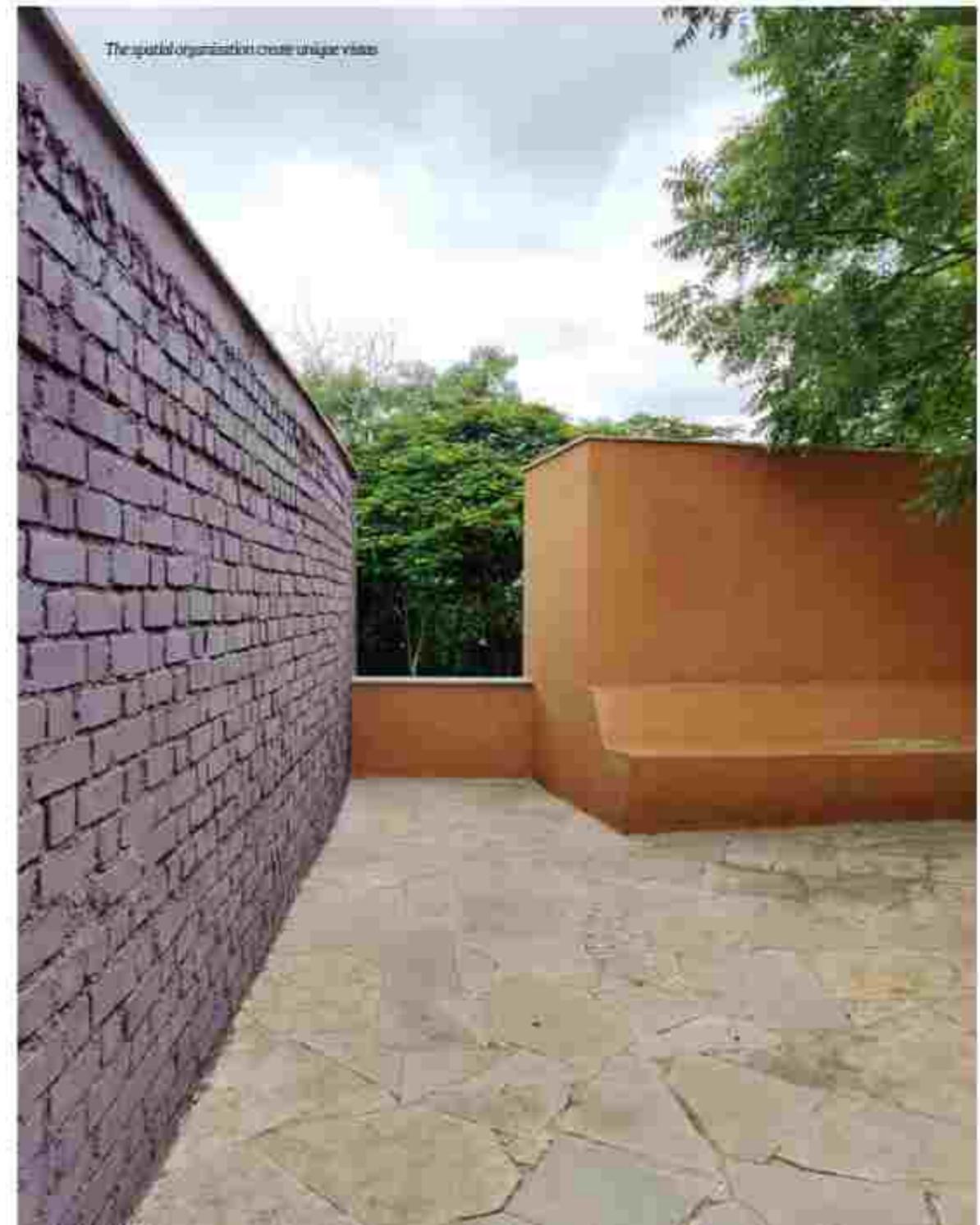


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 4. Meeting Room
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 6. Administration Area
 7. Indoor Gallery
 8. Souvenir Shop
 9. Toilet
 10. Landscaping

its a center where visitors could drop by without disturbing victims or making them feel awkward. This was made possible by incorporating an audio-visual gallery, setting up a workstation for the organization team in addition to a small library and a souvenir shop, all of which were shielded visually and acoustically from the surrounding industrial environment.

The building design for the Firdos centre for inspiration (MFC) is a project by the organization. Shreya in Ahmednagar is

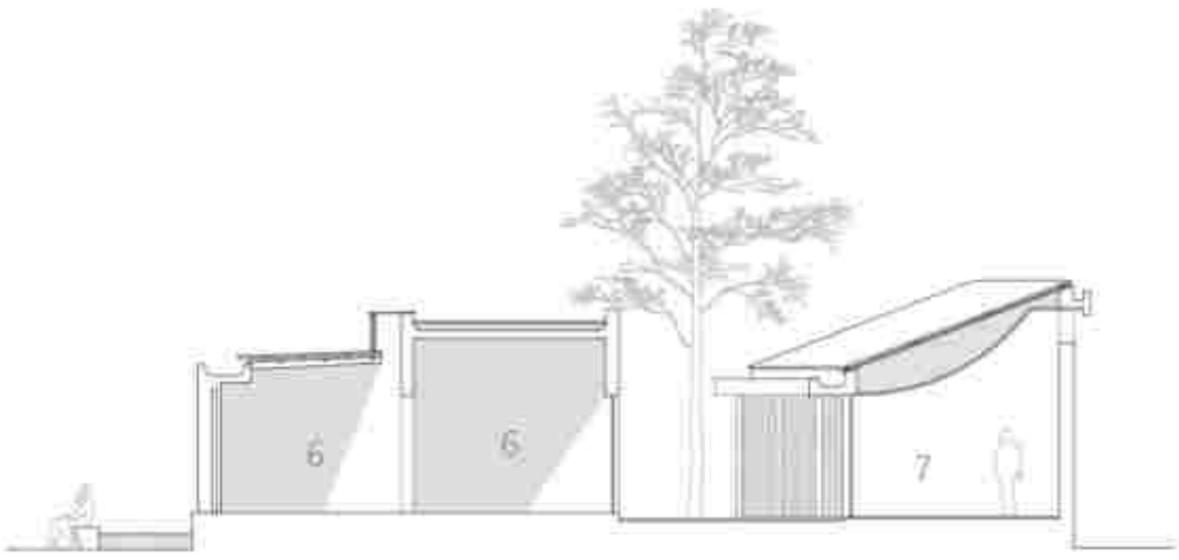
a wonderful example of architecture that connects with people, or is designed with people very evidently as the central focus of design. Yet the building stands out bold and strong, architecturally explorative and aesthetically playful. The building design is a classic case of basic design where a simple articulation of walls and the ground plane has resulted in the production of a variety of spaces to serve various functions and uses with the dome forming a spatial as well as the visual fulcrum for the building as well as the users.



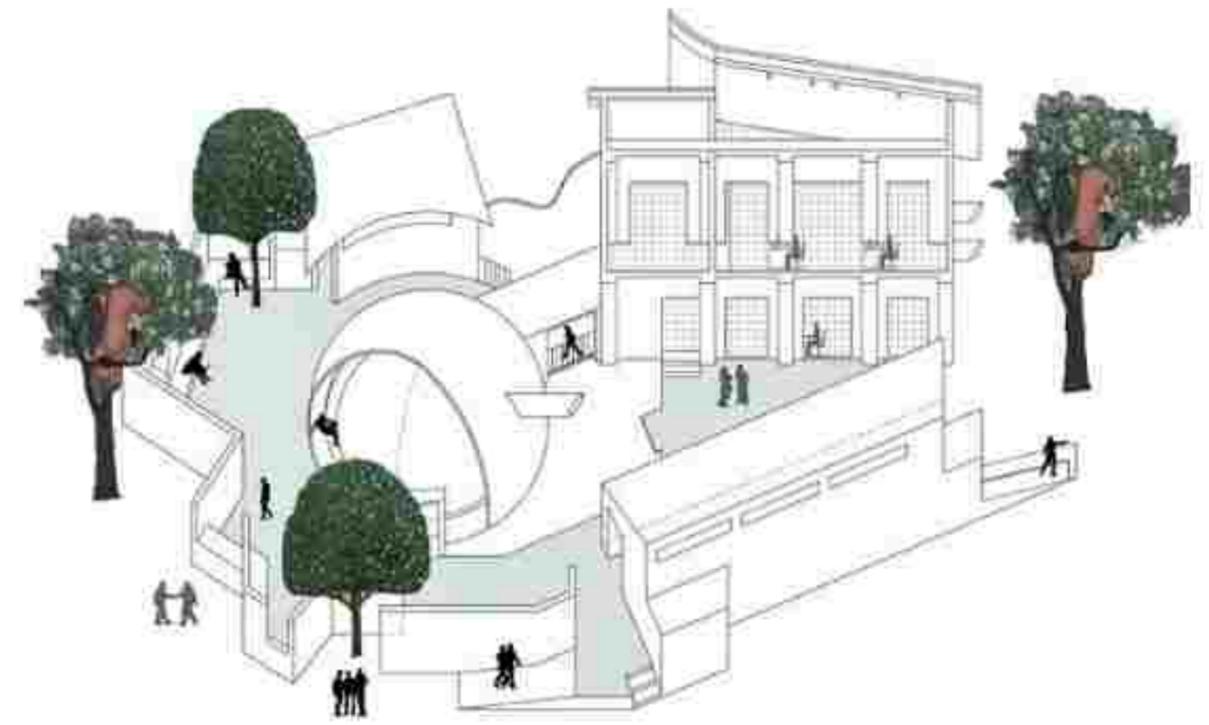


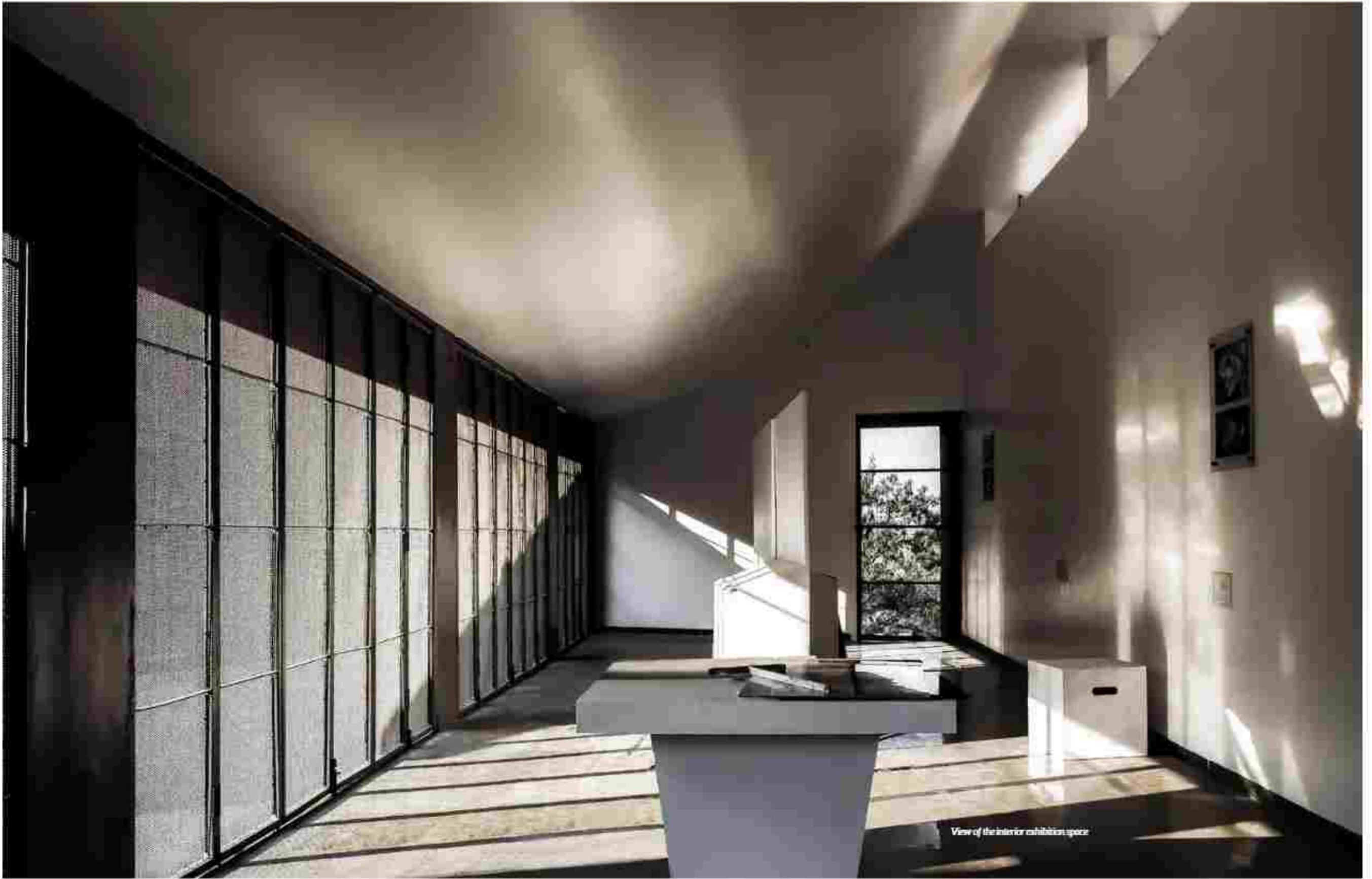
The joining of the walls creates unique walls in the center

The project keeps its construction simple but also brings the technology of the geodesic dome to the forefront. The building is humble yet makes a presence and gives a sense of being to its users and visitors. The walls as elements do not only define and articulate spaces, but also constantly become seating arrangements as they meet the ground, producing a broader sense of publicness in the entire project. As one moves within the interior spaces, are very consciously drafted sections to allow for light modulation and the articulation of various spaces and corners by the way light enters, stays and moves.



Section





View of the interior exhibition space



The volumes are defined by crisp straight lines



PRASAD



RASIKA

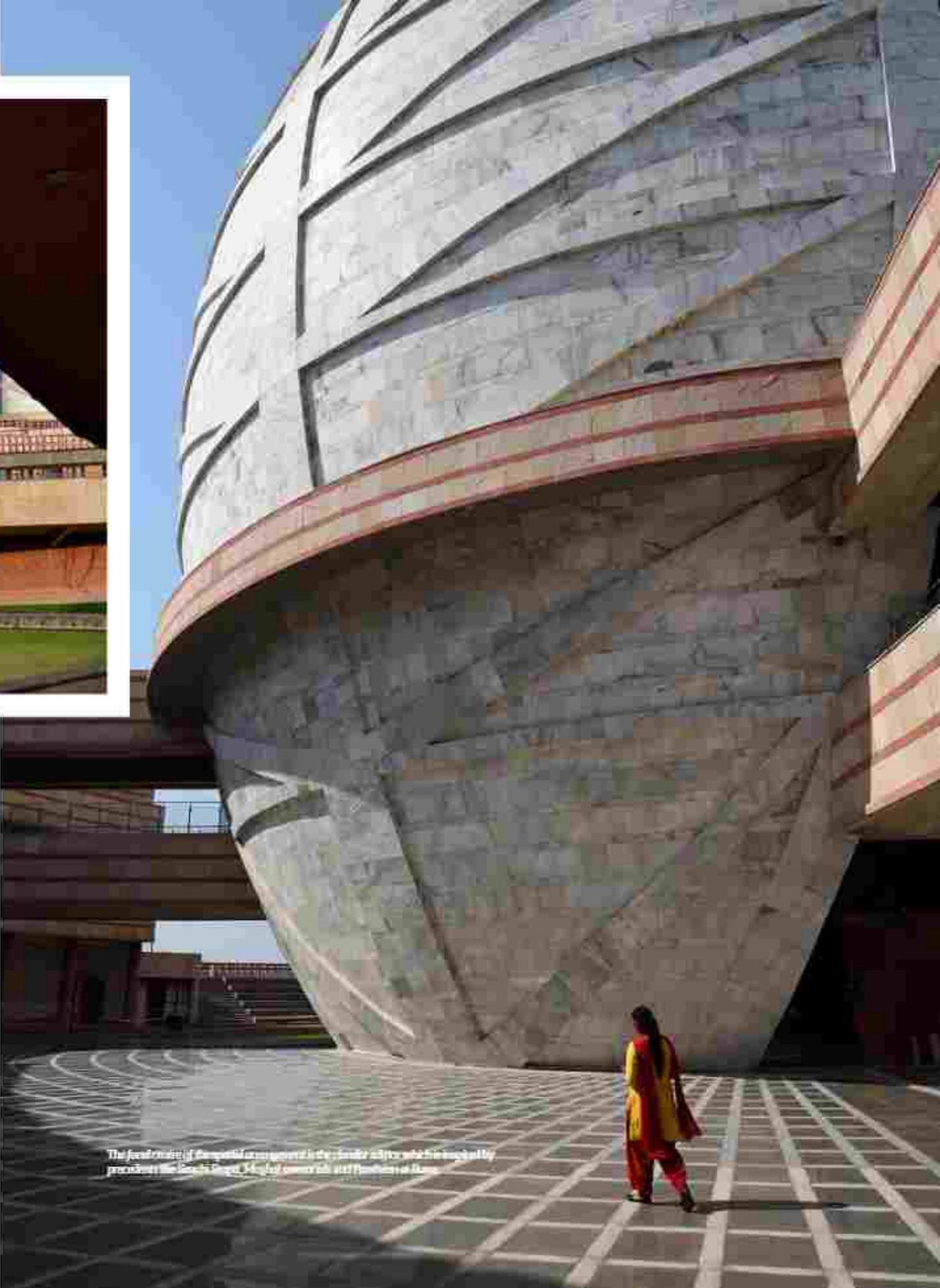
STUDIO A DVAITA

Studio A Dvaita led by architects Rasika and Prasad Badava, was set up in 2013 in Mumbai and Pune. After completing her bachelors in architecture, Rasika trained briefly under Krishnaraj Jasmi, principal architect of Fountainhead in Bengaluru and worked as senior architect with San Kapadia from 2008 to 2013 on various institutional and housing projects. Prasad trained under B V Doshi in Ahmedabad and later worked with professor K T Ravindran in Delhi on institutional projects and the Rashtrapati Bhavan Museum. With a mutual interest in conservation, heritage, research and publication, Prasad and Rasika both have worked with INTACH and are involved in teaching as visiting professors to various colleges in Mumbai and Pune. Presently the studio is actively engaged in various design projects with NGOs throughout India including work on rural development in remote parts of the country.

We have often in history discussed national aspirations through institutional projects that occupy many acres and hectares of land or huge institutions of high qualification and professionals – and maybe rightly so. However, it is projects such as the MFC that genuinely touch people and places they are located in. When architecture is lost in the exuberance and fetishization of architectural detailing – and most begin to think that a few rich residences are about architectural experimentation and understanding of issues such as localness but only as experts of specific sites where farmhouses and vacation homes are located. A project like the MFC, not situated within the popular metropolitan cities and articulating architecture as an institutional gesture towards people and social equity stands as a testament towards architecture being a catalyst for the upliftment of the society. The MFC is a celebration of where architecture meets life! @



The exposed brick wall is in contrast with the texture of the other surfaces



Honouring the fallen heroes

Inscope Insider Ferrante Ferranti, [Architectural Research Cell](https://www.architecturalresearchcell.com)

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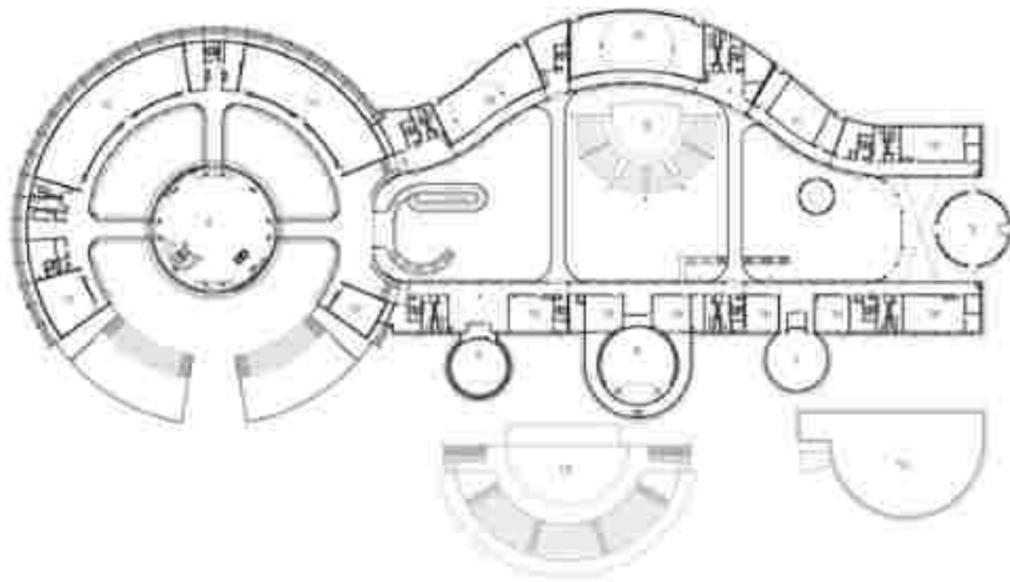
PROJECT TITLE	JANG-E-AZADI PILGRIMAGE COMPLEX FOR FREEDOM STRUGGLES
LOCATION	KARTARPUR, PUNJAB, INDIA
PRACTICE	RAJ REWAL ASSOCIATES
TYPOLOGY	PUBLIC BUILDING/COMPLEX
AREA	31,550 SQM
YEAR	2018
DESIGN TEAM	RAJ REWAL, JALAL ANSOT, DANISH ASEERWARY, TRIPATHI ANSITA, HALDEE KRISHNAN, ANKUR RAZZAG, JAKIR IYMER SA, SANJEEV BOSE, RAM AVTAR

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Architect Raj Rewal has materialised the memory of our glorious freedom fighters in this expansive museum dedicated to their honour in Kartarpur, Punjab.

The Jang-e-Azadi pilgrimage complex for freedom struggle designed by eminent architect Raj Rewal is located in Kartarpur Punjab. The complex memorialises the struggle against the colonial rule which was a milestone in world history. The objective for the architect was to translate into forms and spaces the memory of events that happened during the illustrious period in our history.

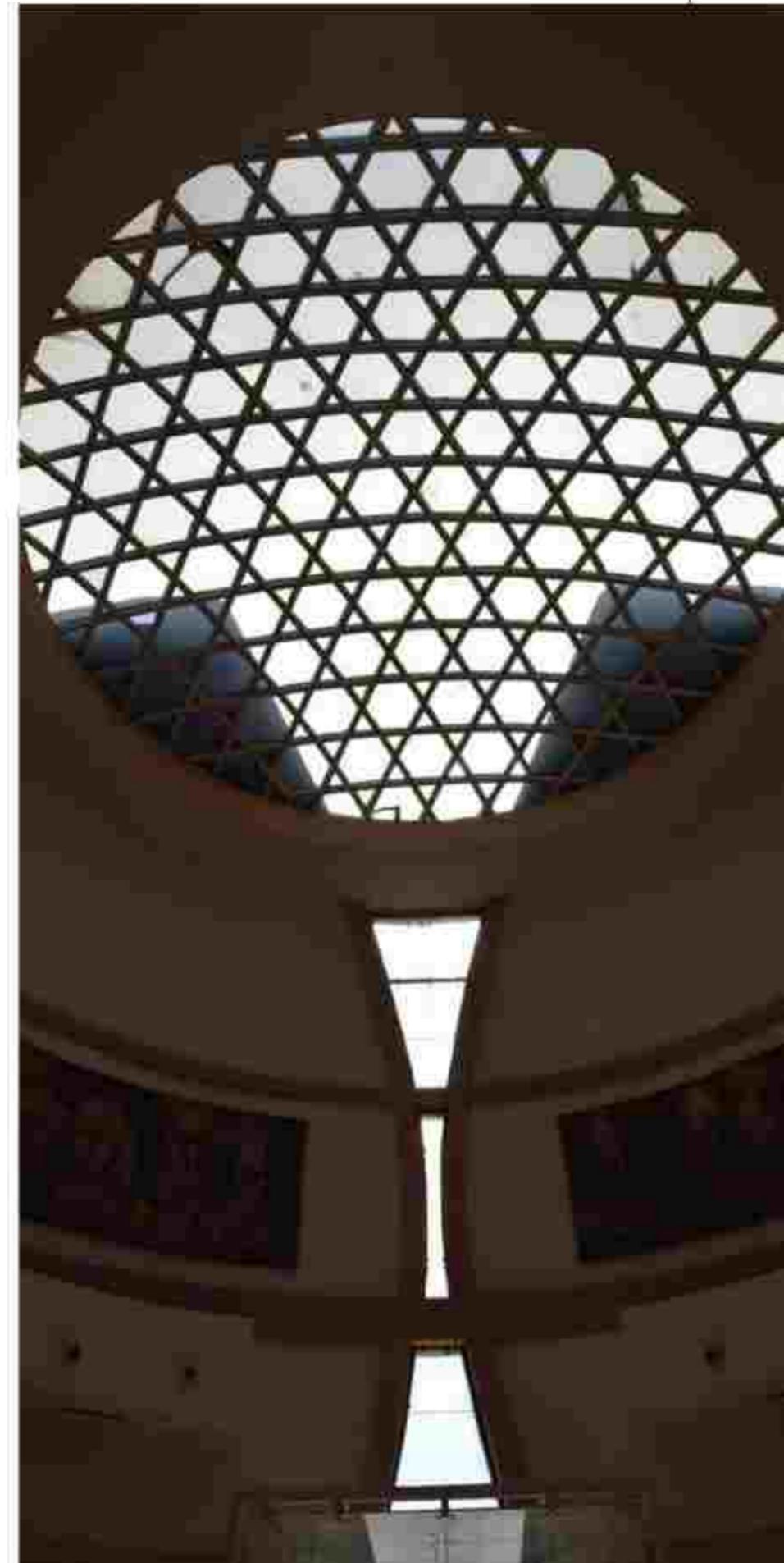
The fundamental of the spatial arrangement is the circular axis, which is not only by process but also by design. The grid pattern on the floor is a tribute to the

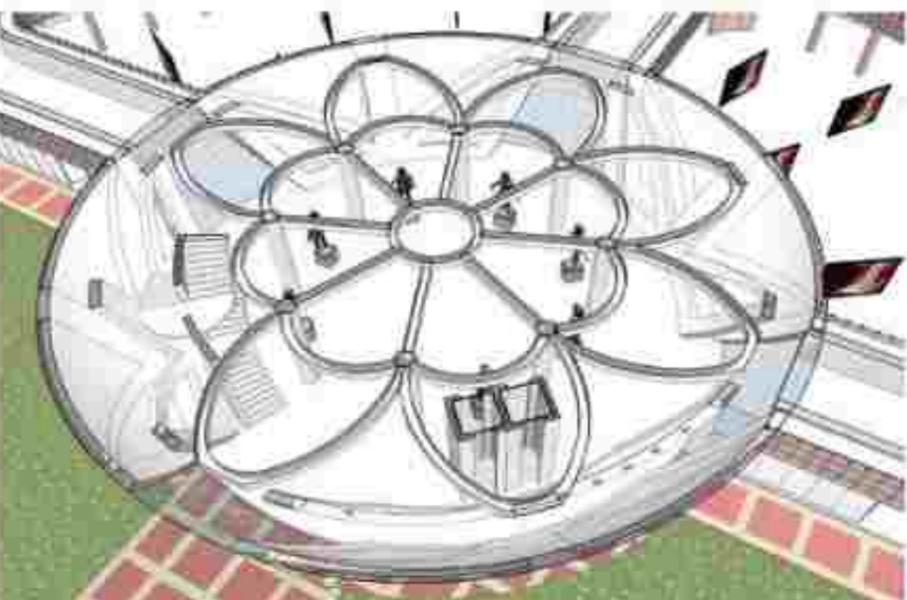


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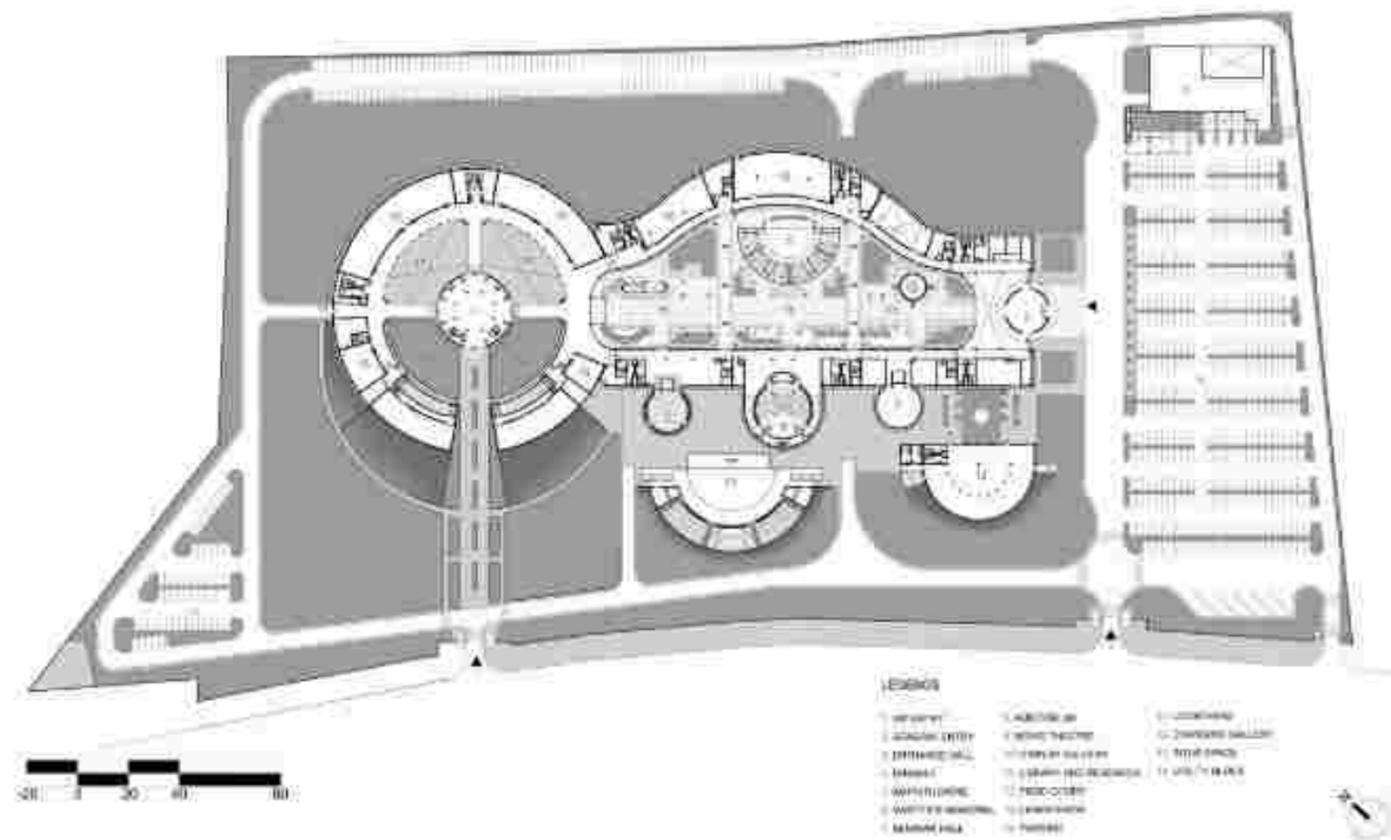
The project brief presented before the architect included a wide variety of spaces like Martyrs Memorial, Galleries to depict the different phases of the event, Temporary exhibition gallery, a Minar as an homage to unknown freedom fighters, large entrance hall, Amphitheatre, Outdoor seating for hosting user show, Administration & research centre, Auditorium, Library, Seminar Hall, Cafeteria, Food courts, Souvenir Shops etc. This design aimed to create a lively pilgrimage complex designed as a sequence of spaces around three inter-connected courtyards, culminating at the martyrs memorial with the statues of freedom fighters surrounded by exhibition galleries.

The focal centre of the spatial arrangement is the circular minar which is inspired by precedents like Sanchi Stupa, Mughal tombs and the Babri Masjid.





The complex is planned with dynamic open spaces which fuse all the diverse requirements of the pilgrimage complex. The focal centre of the spatial arrangement is the circular edifice which is inspired by precedents like Seren Stupa, Mughal memorials and Pantheon at Rome. However, the construction of the memorial is rooted in contemporary technology and modern techniques of display and exhibition. The galleries enclaved at two levels that are arranged in a circular formation around the memorial which can also be approached independently from a secondary entrance. The structural forms are defined by spherical concrete shells reinforced by diagonal ribs evoking the forms of flower petals, to honour the valiant freedom fighters.



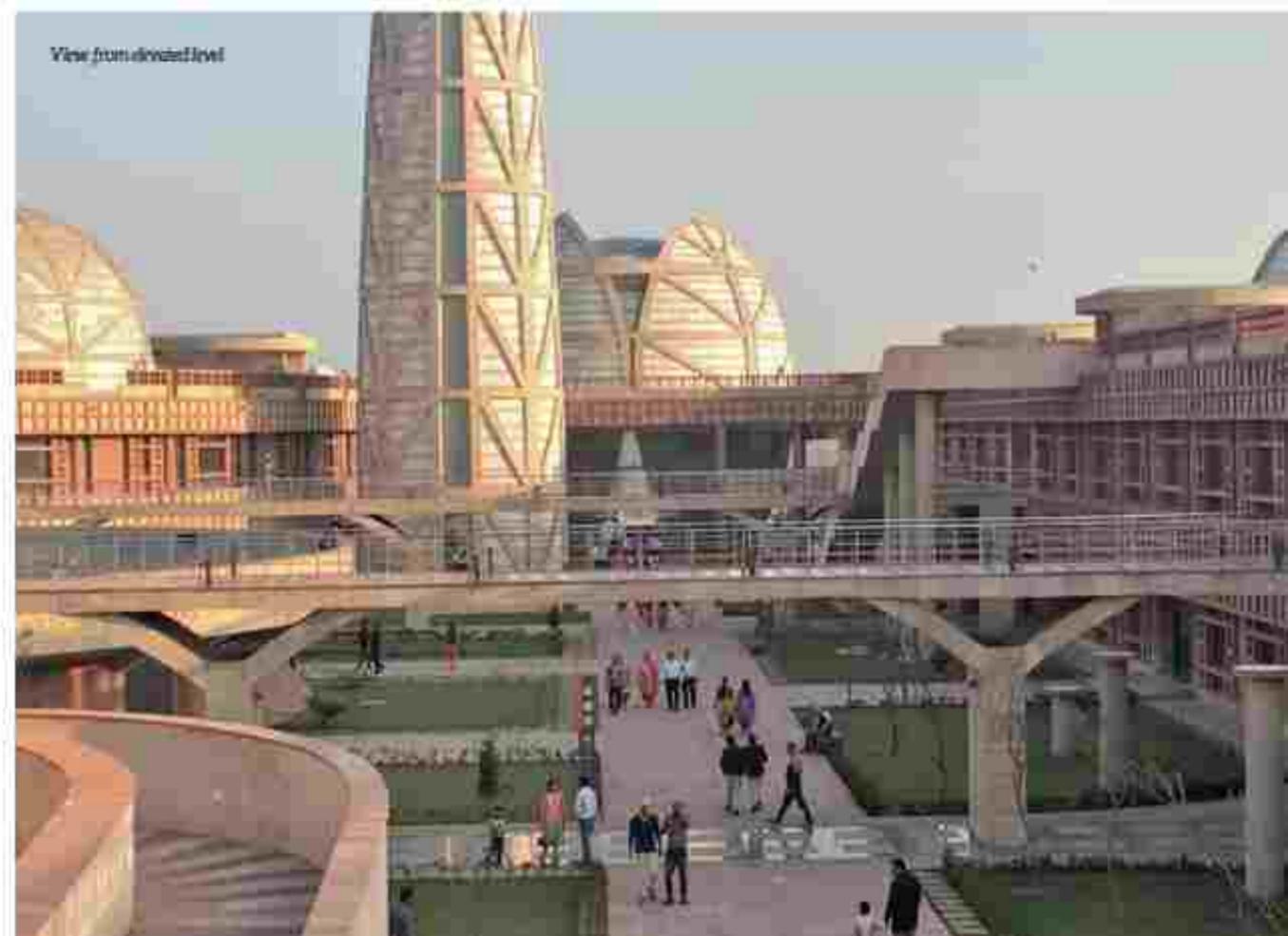


View of the ramp against the building facade

The entrance hall with the ticket counter leads to the first courtyard surrounded by shops, administration and a few seminar rooms. The entrance is linked to the food court, a cafeteria and library. It is possible to visit the restaurants without buying tickets for the museum galleries and shops. The second courtyard is enclosed by an auditorium for 300 persons on one end and a temporary gallery with changing exhibits. The central feature of this courtyard is the open-air amphitheatre/peoples forum. On festival days the amphitheatre would be utilised for dance performances, poetry recitals and lectures.



Perspective of the amphitheatre



View from elevated level

The spaces create a sense of being in the midst of something larger than the present



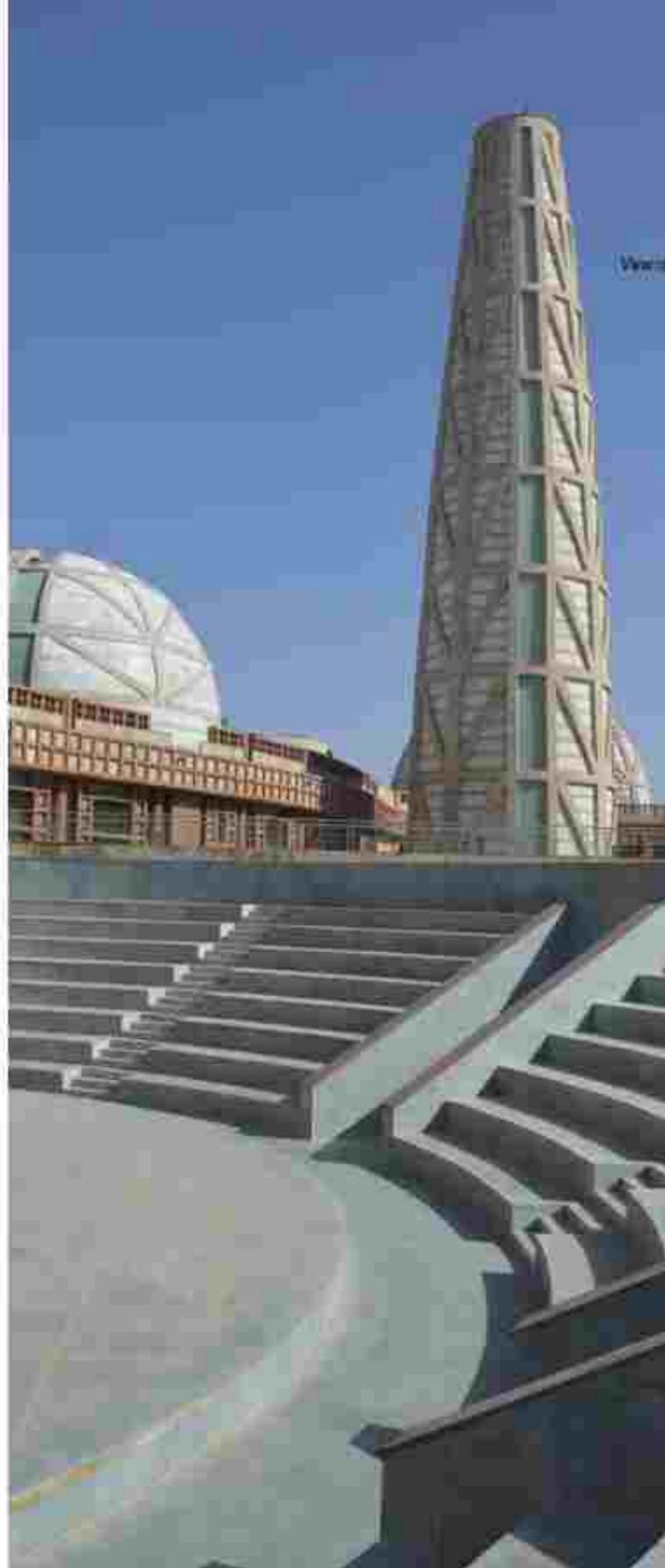


RAJ REWAL

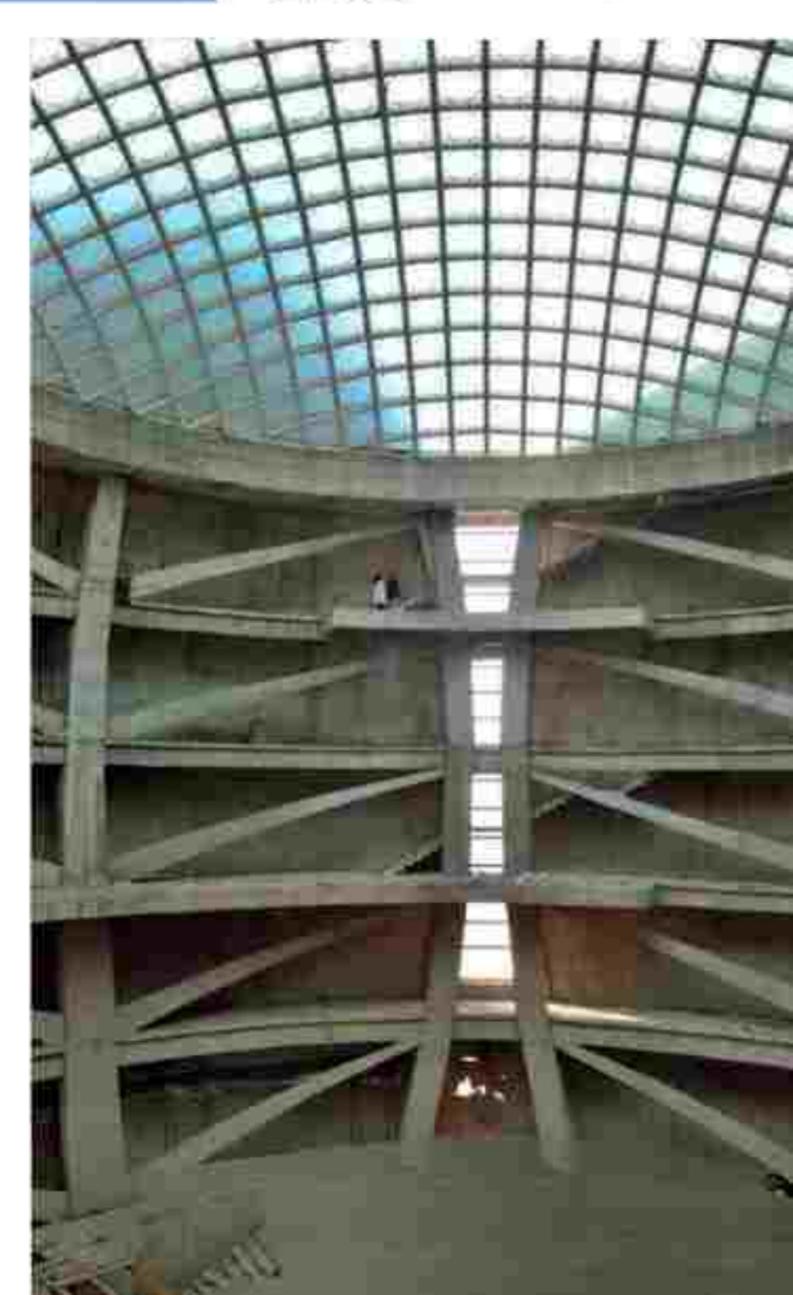
RAJ REWAL ASSOCIATES

One of the India's best-known architects, Raj Rewal is recognized internationally for buildings that respond sensitively to the complex demands of rapid urbanization, climate and culture. Educated in Delhi and London, Rewal worked in Michel Boucharde's office in Paris before starting his practice in New Delhi. He has received among many other honours, the Gold Medal from Indian Institute of Architects and the Robert Mazhev Award from the Commonwealth Association of Architects.

Raj Rewal Associates is based in Delhi and has been in practice for the last 35 years. The architectural firm has been acclaimed for its housing projects and urban design and public buildings. The organization has normally fourteen to eighteen architects and the general strength of the office varies from twenty two to twenty six persons, which includes engineers, technicians, model makers and administrators. The diverse design portfolio of the firm includes a plethora of national and internationally acclaimed projects.

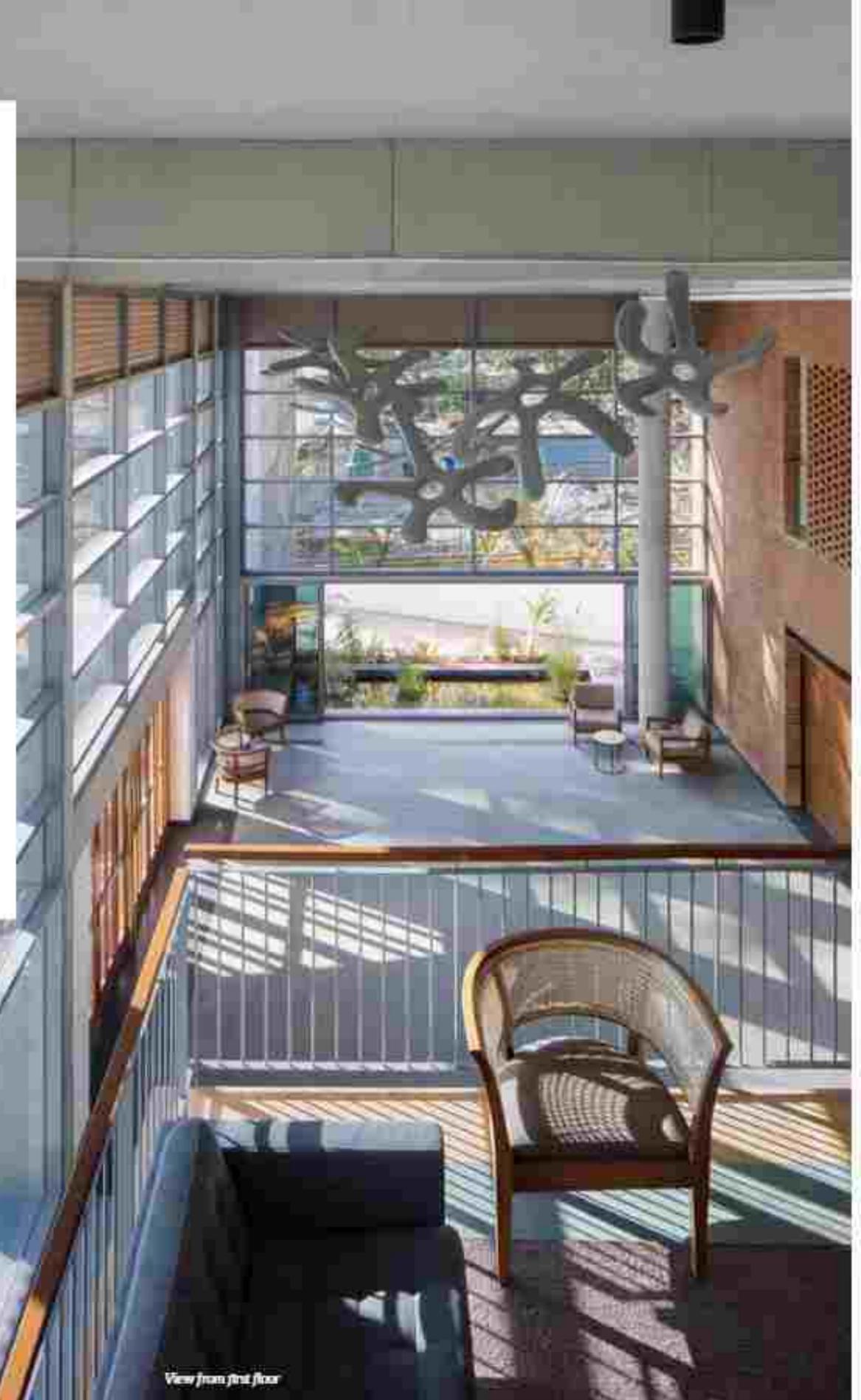


View of the tower



The third courtyard forms an introduction to the main circular enclosure. It has a movie hall for 150 persons, which shows films and an exhibition hall. The sinuous form of the complex with its fluid spatial organization is interspersed with three overhead links which tie up the upper floors to the administration wing. The courtyards are based on subtle spatial enclosures which diffuse the harsh sun light to help user comfort.

The pilgrimage complex helps the user to have a transcending experience reliving the heroic lives of the freedom fighters who laid down their lives for the future of our nation. The large sinuous volumes help the user to understand that we are all part of this legacy a link in the chain.



A celebration of public collaboration

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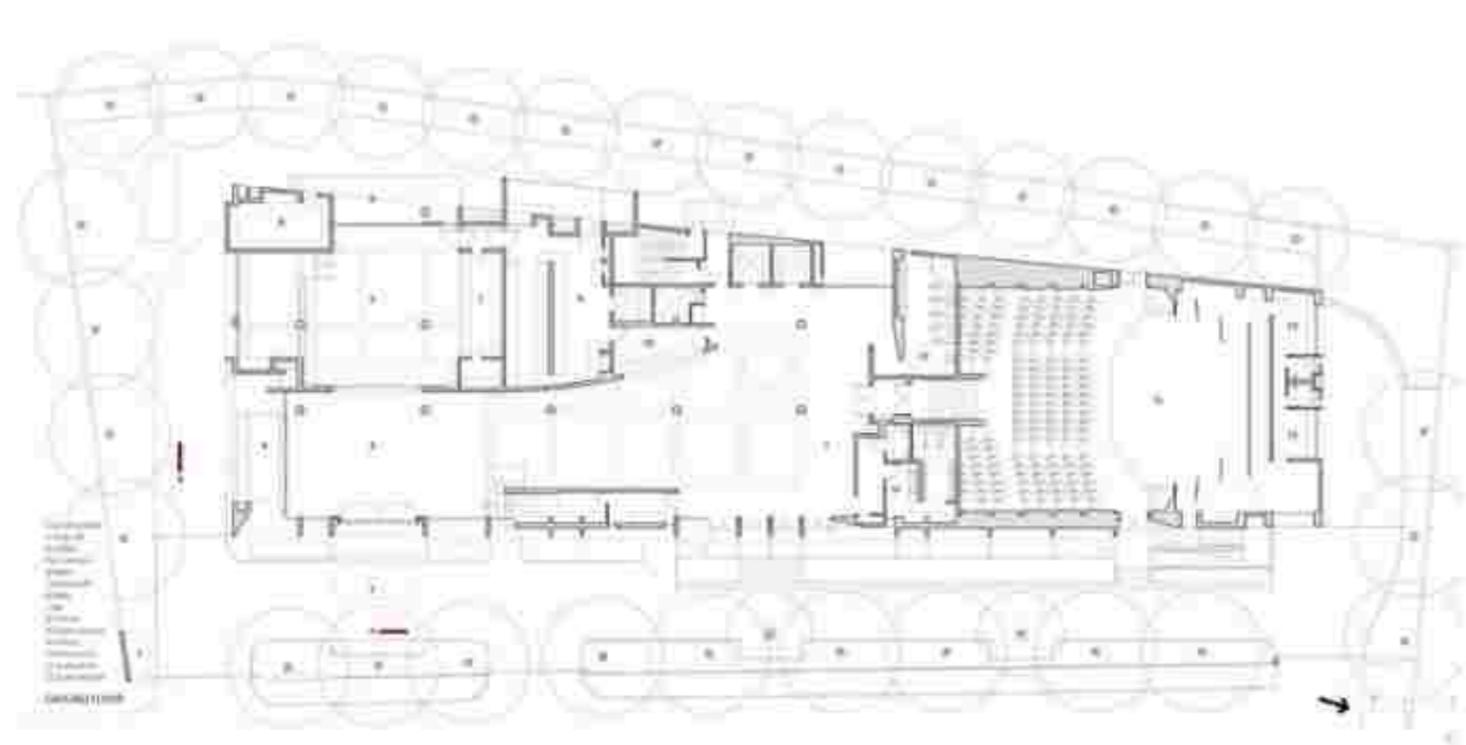
PROJECT INFO	
PROJECT TITLE	BANGALORE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE
PROJECT TYPE	MIXED-USE PUBLIC FACILITY (THEATRE AUDITORIUM, 150 SEAT SEMINAR ROOM, LIBRARY, GALLERY & RESTAURANT)
DESIGN TEAM	1 GARGI BITHUNAYAK, MIRAN KUMAR, NIA PULVEEL, RAJENDRA LUDDE, HARRIET WALTON, TANMAY DOTHARA, ANNA ROSE, SOULIAN PATANKAR, SONITHA KENNEDY & BOOY RAMA CHANDRAN
STRUCTURAL CONSULTANT	: MANANATHI & CO
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT	: VSLA
BUILT AREA	: 15,000 SQM
SITE AREA	: 115 ACRES
YEAR	: 2019

“The space serves as both a spill out/pre-function for an auditorium, two seminar rooms, an art gallery, a library, and a restaurant.”

In 2012, the BIC invited proposals through an open competition for its new facility on a 2,000 sq. m civic amenities site in Domur, in the heart of Bangalore. Hundeehanda's proposal was adjudged as the winner from a pool of 90 entries.

Central to Hundeehanda's scheme was a public space elevated to the second floor and visible from the street. The attention and elevation of this public space announced the agenda of BIC to be a democratic institution, where public participation was its core concern.

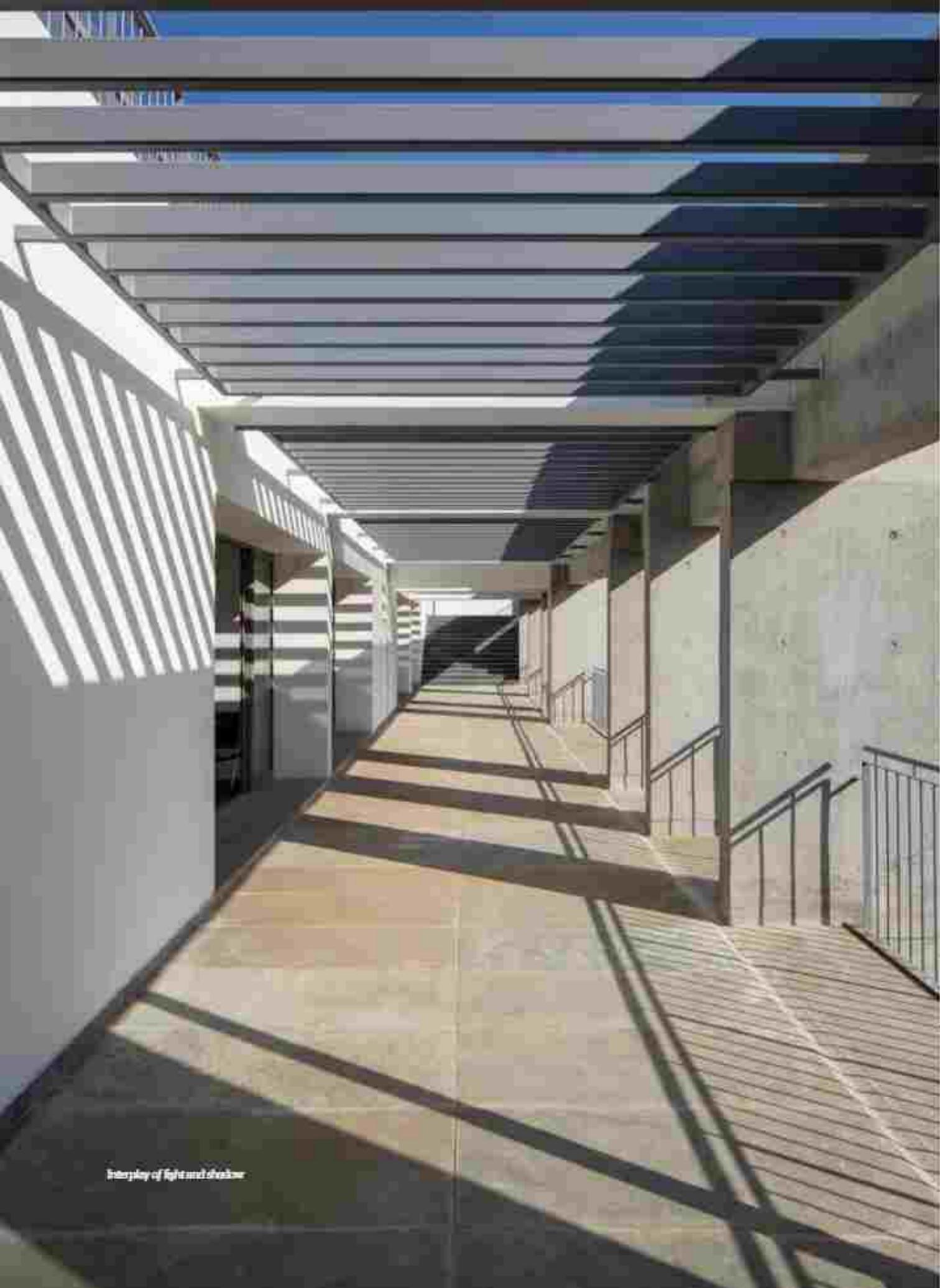
View from first floor



The wide opening on the west facade is providing views across a water body and through the existing north-south access.

The project went through numerous changes over a seven-year period, including a dramatic reduction in the depth of the site (which required a fundamental overhaul of the scheme).

Just as the team was preparing the exhibition drawings they realised that the site documents the client had did not match the competition site. Situated on the same block amenities site, the actual SIC holding was narrower than originally thought. This led to a major redesign of the scheme. To accommodate all the program and the large width required for the auditorium, the team removed a floor from the building to help reduce setbacks. They lost the second-floor public room and amphitheatre - both central ideas in their competition design concept. The scheme now revolved around the ideas of distinct program components stacked within a large porous metal frame. The primary entrance to the building continued to be in the middle of the plan.



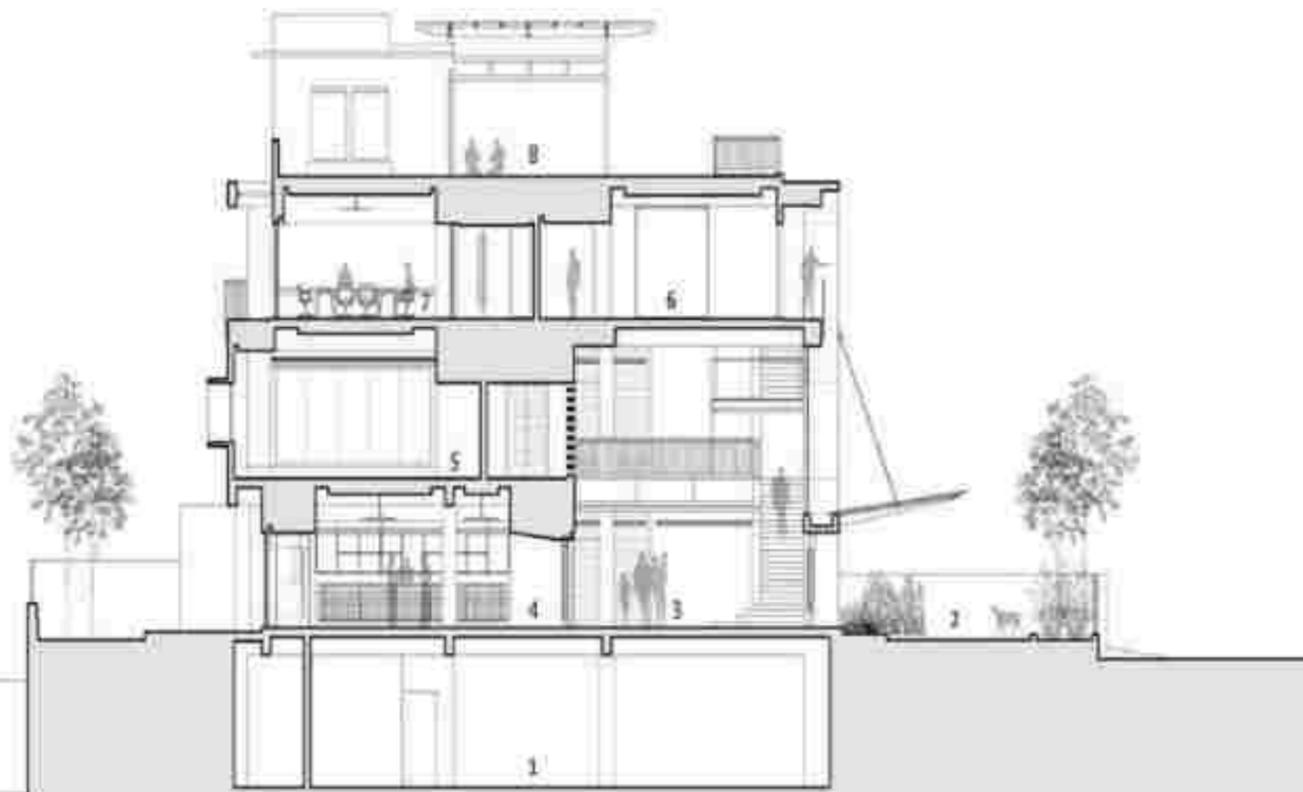
Interplay of light and shadow

The major change in the plan was the shifting of the primary entrance to the southeast corner. This opened up a long promenade within the building accessing all of the program components. This happens on multiple levels and is a trace of that the original idea of a prominent public space finding architectural expression (now on multiple levels) visually connected and revealed to the outside through three-storey high concrete portals replacing the metal frame.

Besides this, they were able to keep the idea of a generous, flexible public space as an organising principle of the scheme. The plans went through 10 iterations leading to the one that was built. Though incredibly demanding in hindsight this process has led to a building that accommodates the clients' vision, satisfies our design ambitions and pushed the contractors to produce a highly crafted building within a tight budget.



Three-story high brick wall opening through concrete portal



- 1 Basement (parking & service)
- 2 Drop-off
- 3 Lobby/Reception
- 4 Restaurant
- 5 Seminar Room
- 6 Gallery
- 7 Board Room
- 8 Roof Top & Highrise

SECTION A



Back view of the theatre



BIJU RAMACHANDRAN SUNITHA KONDUR

HUNDREDHANDS

Hundredhands was founded in November 2005. We currently have ten architects and are working on a mix of urban design, architectural and interior design projects.

The studio's approach is grounded in the search for contextually appropriate solutions. Special emphasis is given to the response to climate, the existing scale and character of the context, appropriate use of materials and construction techniques, and the development of the project aesthetic as a result of these specific conditions.

We believe that this recognition of what exists leads to a more sensitive speculation of what can be. The work seeks to identify appropriate metaphors for the particular experience of a project and our larger identity as a people – a search for the beautiful idea.



The key challenge was working with a committee. BID is a body that has all the illustrious intellectuals of the city as members. Decisions took longer as a lot of their work was peer-reviewed. For instance they had key inputs on the Auditorium from Girish Kamad, Arundhati Nag, M.S. Sathya and Anmol Vellani. Structural design was vetted by Ashok Rao and HVAC by Selvarasu (LEED Consultants). The biggest satisfaction is the synthesis of all of these various ambitions that have come from such disparate groups of people. We've been able to, with the client, come to a place where this all seamlessly integrated into a building of a certain character and rigour. ||



The organic form reflects the nature



Interior view of the gallery space

The organic contours of art

Instagram: Inscape Insider, Vineesh Gandhi

PROJECT INFO	
PROJECT NAME	: BOMBAY ARTS SOCIETY
LOCATION	: BANDRA, MUMBAI
PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT	: SANJAY PURI
STRUCTURAL	: DR. KILKAR (DR. K. P. V. L.)
METI/WAC	: HEMETI (H. J. L.) & CONSULTANTS (P. V. L.)
INTERIOR CONTRACTOR	: AFSIS INTERBUILD PVT. LTD.
BUILT UP AREA	: 255 SQM
SITE AREA	: 1000 SQM
YEAR OF COMPLETION	: APRIL 2013

“The requirement was two distinctly separate series of spaces to fulfill the objectives of the organisation.”

The building for the Bombay Arts Society is located in Bandra, Mumbai. The Society is a non-profit art organization based out of Mumbai. It was founded in 1938 for encouraging and promoting art. Most of the renowned artists on Indian art scene have been associated with the Bombay Art Society in some way or form.



The external form brings intrigue to the journey



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

The clients for this project approached Sanjay Puri with the requirement of two distinctly separate series of spaces to fulfil the objectives of the organization. The primary objective was to create art galleries and allied spaces to promote arts. To minimize the cost of the art exhibitions to emerging artists, the clients required office spaces with a separate entrance that would be leased out to generate income. All of this was required to be created in a small 1300 sqm plot. After leaving the required setbacks from each side the resultant plinth area is only 450 sq. m. Within this limited plinth, separate circulation cores for the art spaces and the offices have to be provided. The resultant usable space therefore is very limited. This necessitated the distribution of the art facilities across the 3 lower levels above which the office spaces are located also in three levels.

The placing and form of the glass openings mimic a terrazzo pattern



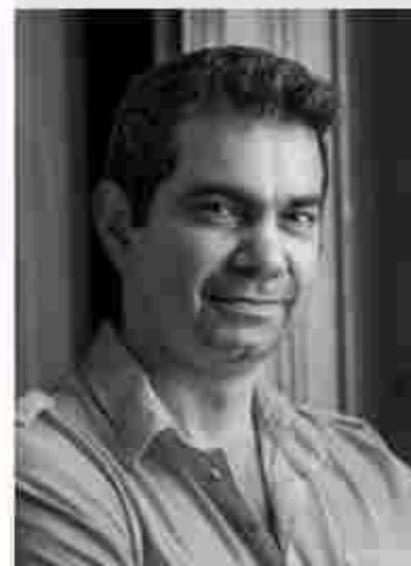
Interior view of the gallery during exhibition.



View from the parking lot:



View of the side:



SANJAY PURI

SANJAY PURI ARCHITECTS

Sanjay Puri Architects are listed in the top 100 architects worldwide by Architectural Record, New York. Includes Sanjay Puri Architects in their list of the top 135 design firms worldwide.

The firm tops the list of WA Community award winners across the world.

Winning the World Architecture Festival's Best Housing Project of the Year 2018 in Amsterdam and the World's Best Residential building in the LEAF Awards London, the firm has won over 250 awards including 160 international awards and over 100 national awards. With a diverse portfolio of townships, schools, hotels, retail and office buildings, they continue their quest for creating innovative design solutions that are sustainable on a large scale.

To allow the internal spaces to be perceived as larger, curvilinear walls fluidly define spaces at each level in plan and across the 3 levels in sections within the art gallery spaces. This language is perceptible externally too with undulating curved walls across both the horizontal as well as the vertical planes. Minimally punctuated sculptural curves enclose the art spaces below and a small 3 level punctuated volume housing the offices emerges at the upper levels. The external form of the building is reminiscent of an art sculpture. The fluid form undulates and envelops to form a volume that immediately draws intrigue to the eye.



A modern retrofit for the heritage landscape

Inscape Insider Tina Nandi, Rajesh Vora

PROJECT INFO

DATE	: 2018
AREA	: 35000 SQ. FT.
PRINCIPAL DESIGNERS	: RAJESH MEETHATHA, ROBERT STEPHENS
DESIGN TEAM	: SEHVANI SHAIK, ZENIA VANDREWALA
STRUCTURAL CONSULTANTS	: VIJAY PATIL & ASSOCIATES
SERVICES CONSULTANTS	: DESIGN BUREAU
LIASONS CONSULTANTS	: NEEDEGAMMADEBARI
LANDSCAPE CONSULTANTS	: URMILA RAJADEYAKAR IA
CONTRACTOR	: IMPEX ENGINEERS

“RMA architects has designed this Children’s Museum in Mumbai which compliments and contrasts the historic landscape it is situated in.”

Located within the Historic Fort precinct in Mumbai, the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS) formerly the Prince of Wales Museum is a Grade I heritage building as per the Heritage Regulations of Greater Bombay 1995. Designed by George Wittet, the architectural vocabulary of the structure comprises grey basalt and Kurla stone, and is strongly representative of the Indo-Saracenic style.

For over two decades, starting in the mid-1990s, RMA Architects has been continuously engaged as consultants with the CSMVS. The project for the Children’s

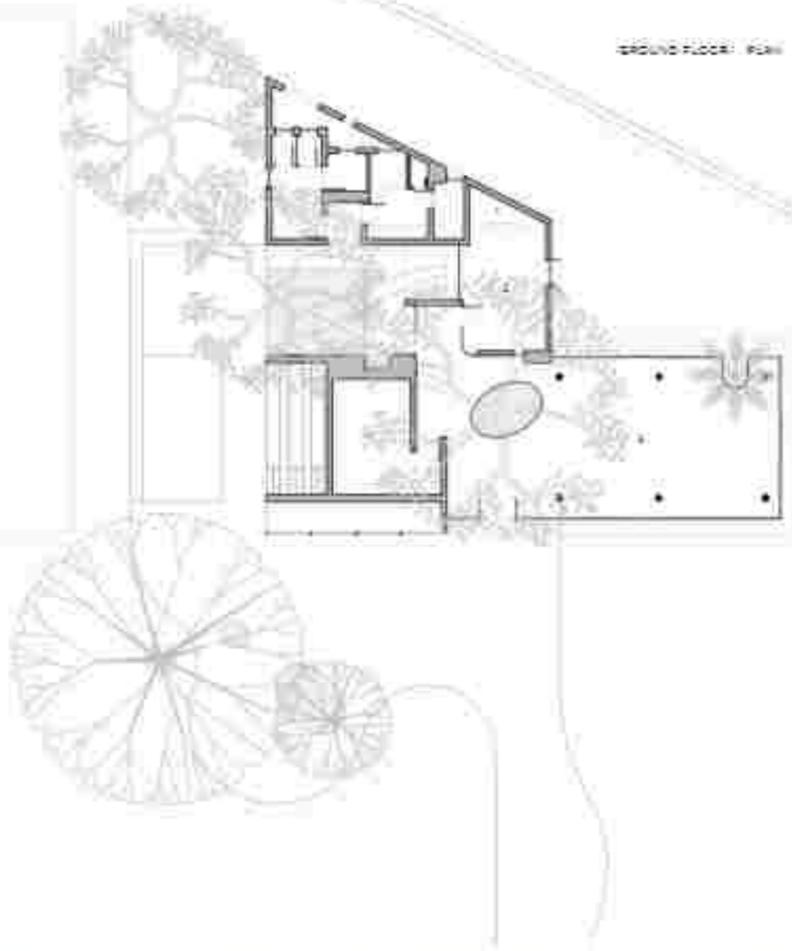


The spaces are designed to allow a lot of natural light

1. STORAGE
2. OFFICE
3. HALLWAY/STAIRWELL

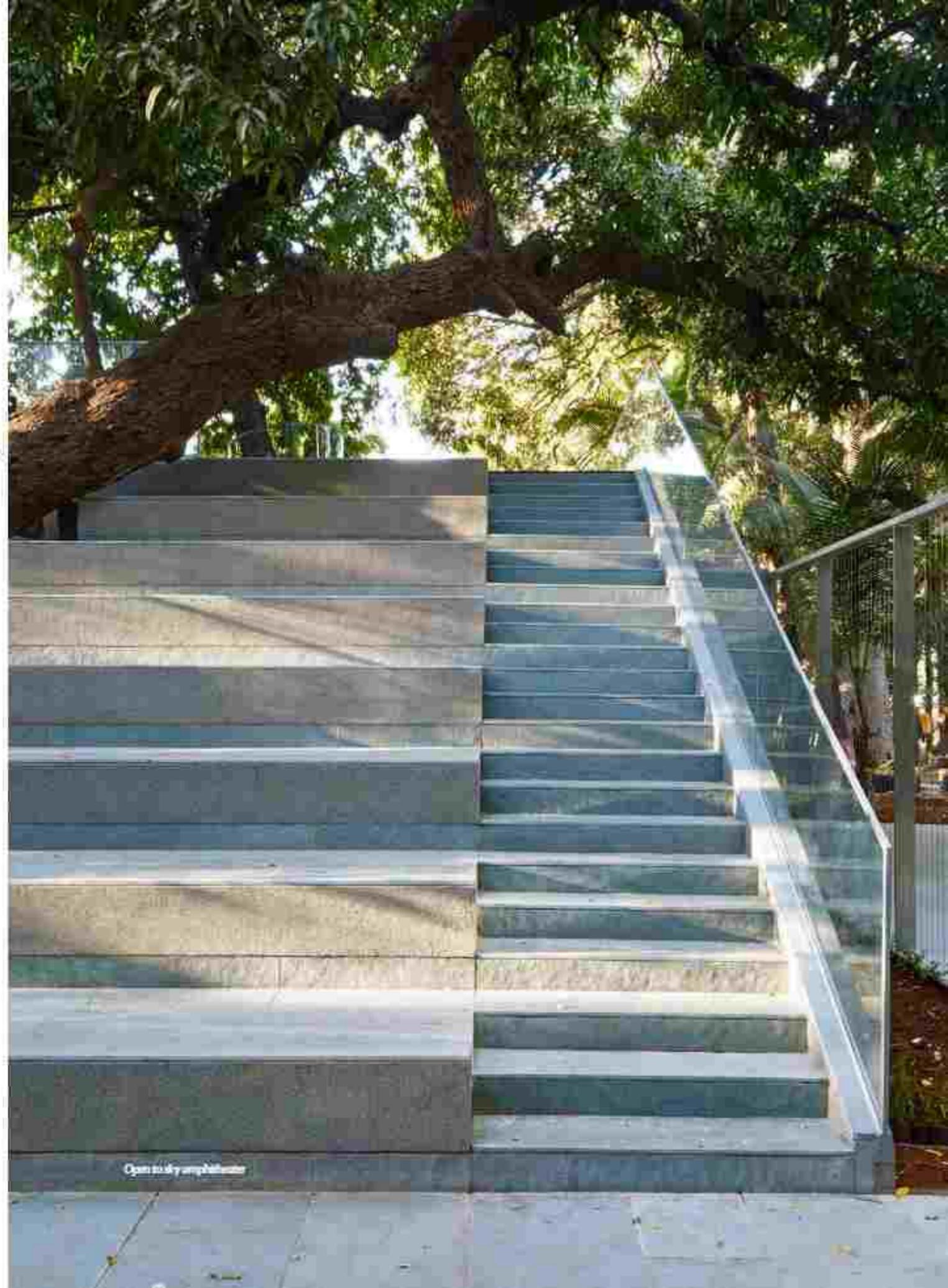
GROUND FLOOR PLAN

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Toilets are designed with variable heights for various facilities within the bathroom

Museum and its scope, in some ways stems from, or is inspired by, the initial mappings of the Fort area of Mumbai and the political advocacy for its conservation – of which the Museum was an integral part. The first stage in this project was to prepare a conservation masterplan for the historic building of the CSNI/S which involved painstakingly creating measured drawings, mapping of defects, laying out an inventory of conservation tasks, and suggesting contemporary interventions to supplement the programmatic projections for the museum in the future. Interestingly, this otherwise conservation-centric process of preparing a master plan also surfaced the idea of three contemporary architectural interventions in this Grade 1 heritage building: The Museum Annex, the Visitors Center, and the New Children's Museum. The first of these interventions, completed in 2000, was an addition to the Museum Annex to make the wing more accessible and, by extension, more usable. The second of the contemporary architectural interventions, completed in 2011, was the Visitors Center located at the entrance of the Museum.



Open to sky amphitheater



The most recent intervention on the CSMA's campus is the New Children's Museum. Located in the eastern quadrant of the precinct, it is nestled amongst a grove of existing trees, including a rare banded tree. The verdant atmosphere creates an ideal setting for the introduction of a new cultural space for children and adults alike. An asymmetrical footprint was established by existing setbacks from the street and the adjacent Natural History Society building resulting in an odd-shaped site that was further constricted by existing large trees that were within the available footprint. Given these limitations, the centre is conceived as a light pavilion in a verdant setting. With the extensive use of steel and glass, this minimal structure frames the existing trees and surrounding landscape. In addition, the low-key nature of the intervention responds to the scale of the child, and is positioned in a way that frames the Museum from a distance. The salient features of the New Children's Museum include a 1200-square-foot air-conditioned multipurpose hall with blackout and projection facilities, picture rails



RMA PRINCIPALS

RMA ARCHITECTS

RMA Architects is an architectural practice with studios in Mumbai and Boston. From a studio established in Mumbai by Rahul Mehrotra in 1990, the practice was re-formed as RMA Architects in 2010.

The practice is simultaneously engaged with a diverse range of clients, including governmental and non-governmental agencies, corporate and private clients, and institutions. RMA Architects has completed projects ranging from single-family residences to larger-scale buildings and urban design proposals. Project types include residential, office, institutional, art galleries and retail, as well as conservation of historic structures.

led by four Principal Architects and a core group of Design Associates, the studio works actively with local craftspeople and contractors to develop and refine construction details and methods of building that are relevant, sustainable, and founded on local knowledge. By working with varied constituencies and through a multiplicity of modes of engagement with practice, RMA Architects endeavours to develop and evolve culturally specific design solutions for each unique context.



An asymmetrical building footprint was established according to existing trees on site.



The amphitheatre becomes a space for informal activities.



A minimal structure frames the surrounding greenery and landscape.

for hanging art, and adjustable track lighting. The hall is framed by a glass facade on three sides, with sliding glass panels for cross ventilation as and when required. Adjacent is a store, as well as a Reading Corner which can accommodate more than 500 books. Centrally located is an administrative office with seating for ten, storage facilities, and a common meeting area. Toilets are designed with variable heights for various facilities within the bathrooms. An open-to-sky amphitheatre and adjacent plaza activates external spaces, creating opportunities for outdoor activities in a safe environment. Accessed via the amphitheatre staircase, a 750-square-foot terrace deck functions like a treehouse, welcoming children and adults alike into the canopy of more than a dozen trees.



A timeless song for the Swiss mountains

Inscape Insider @Imaan Baan

PROJECT INFO	
NAME	MUSEE ATILIER AUDEMARS PIGUET
LOCATION	LEBRASER, SWITZERLAND
COLLABORATORS	DE IDEAS, ATILIER BRUCONEL, FEMESZ, LUC BINDER UND MEYER, MULLER GLEIN
AREA	2372 SQM
DATE	APRIL 2020

“Lucidity and motion converge within the spaces of this watch museum located in the scenic Swiss mountains designed by the team at the architectural practice BIG.”

The Musée Atelier Audemars Piguet is a museum built in proximity to Audemars Piguet, the legendary watchmaking company. The museum immerses the visitors in the Swiss manufacturer's cultural universe - past, present and future. A space of live craft where the people can witness watches being handmade and experience their encounters entwining contemporary architecture, pioneering scenography and traditional savoir-faire. Thus the Musée Atelier Audemars Piguet embodies the manufacturer's free spirit and devotion to the perpetuation of Haute Horlogerie in the Vallée de Joux and beyond.

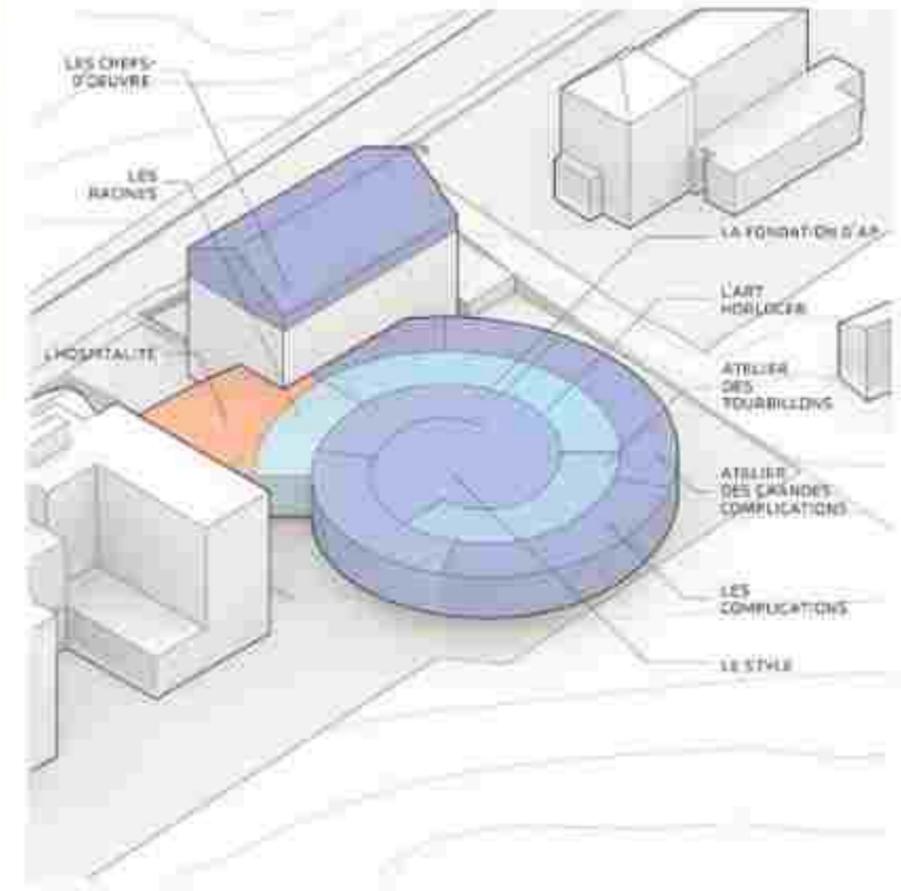


The spaces transform throughout the motion of the user



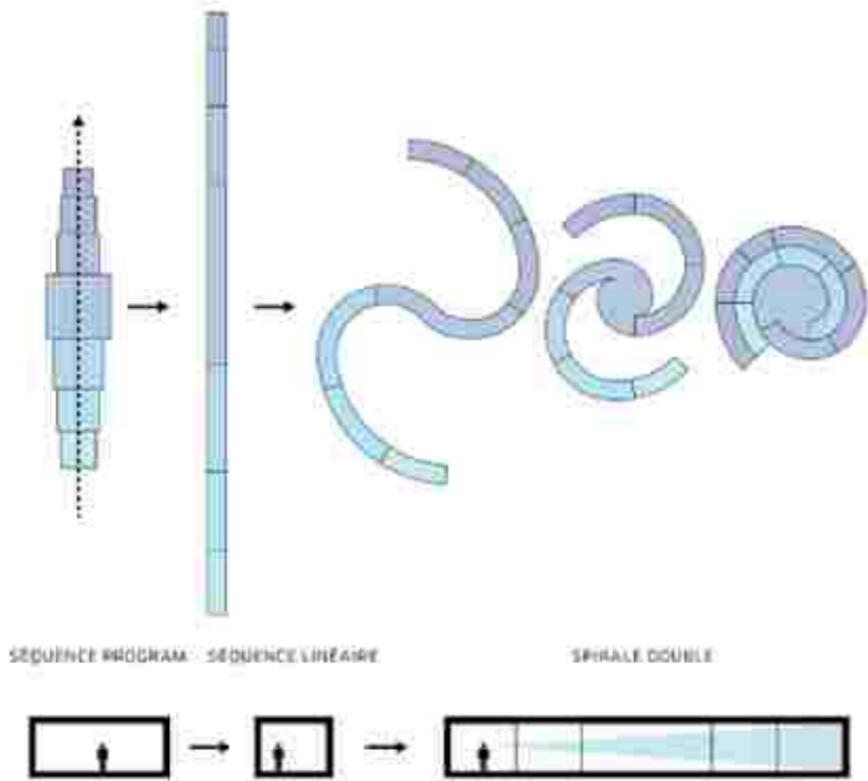
The spaces are arranged linearly and linked within a helix

Musée Atelier Audemars Piguet is located among the historical complex of workshops and factories in Le Brassus in the heart of La Vallée de Joux. The valley has been chronicled to be the birthplace of many acclaimed Swiss watchmakers. The winters that made people huddled up in their homes presented an opportunity to pursue the humble art of watchmaking.



EXHIBITION SEQUENCE

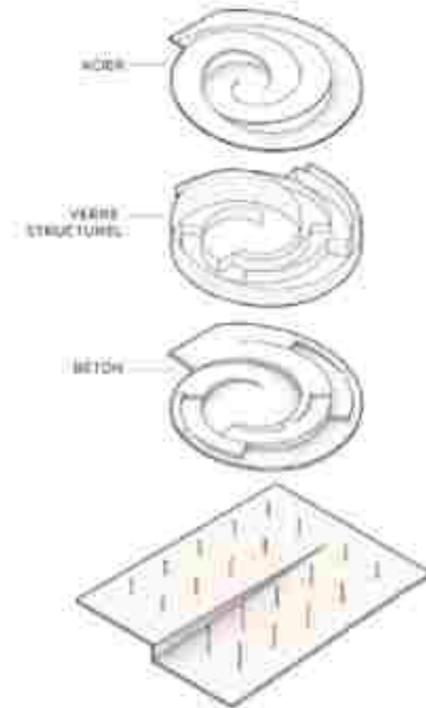
The existing museum building with its original workshops is connected to the exhibition sequence through an entrance hall positioned at the front.



SPIRAL

The exhibition sequence is stretched into a linear spatial experience, then bends to form a continuous spiral.

The brief laid out to the architects were as follows: the organization and architecture of the museum will embody the core values of Audemars Piguet. It must be characterized by the independent spirit of the family-owned company that has retained autonomy over the years, making it a game-changing innovator in a field governed by rules and traditions. It must be rooted in the heritage of watchmaking in La Vallée de Joux, which goes back centuries and is nested in the nature and culture of the place and the people of the valley. And finally, it must incorporate the intention that characterizes Audemars Piguet and resonates throughout the brand, the craft and the design as captured in the motto: to break the rules you must first master them. Musée Atelier Audemars Piguet is conceived as an oxymoron: Striking yet subtle. Contemporary yet timeless. Functional yet sculptural. Floating yet rooted. Local presence with a global resonance. A striking landmark that is seamlessly integrated in the local landscape. A contemporary yet timeless architecture that blends with the historical buildings to create an intuitive sequence of spaces – old and new. A pavilion for the art and science of watchmaking that is conceived as a storyline for the visitors – every element is governed by the functional requirements of the exhibition, while appearing as a striking sculpture conceived in a single gesture.



STRUCTURAL CONCEPT

A lightweight steel structure rests on structural glazing.

The glass curtain walls are protected by a mesh facade



The curved walkway is used to enjoy the scenic views of the Joux valley

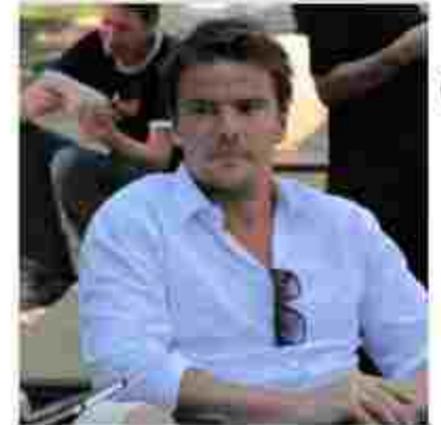




The upward and downward arrangement of the helix
edge to provide views even in the interior of the coil



The building contrasts and compliments with the surrounding landscape



BJARKE INGELS

BIG/BJARKE INGELS GROUP

BIG is a Copenhagen, New York, London and Barcelona based group of architects, designers, urbanists, landscape professionals, interior and product designers, researchers and inventors. The office is currently involved in a large number of projects throughout Europe, North America, Asia and the Middle East. BIG's architecture emerges out of a careful analysis of how contemporary life constantly evolves and changes. Not least due to the influence of multicultural exchange, global economic flows and communication technologies that all together require new ways of architectural and urban organization. They believe that to deal with today's challenges, architecture can profitably move into a field that has been largely unexplored. A pragmatic, utopian architecture that steers clear of the sedating pragmatism of boring boxes and the naive utopian bliss of digital formalism.

The exhibition space itself was envisaged by the architects as a sequence of spaces. They then sought to coil this sequence of spaces within a spiral, which will neatly contain the linear progression within itself. The winding spiral was then elevated and depressed within the terrain to accommodate for natural light, ventilation and views into the spectacular Swiss mountainside. D



The temporal quality of the museum is accentuated by the interior design



The exhibits appear to float within the glass chamber

Gallery

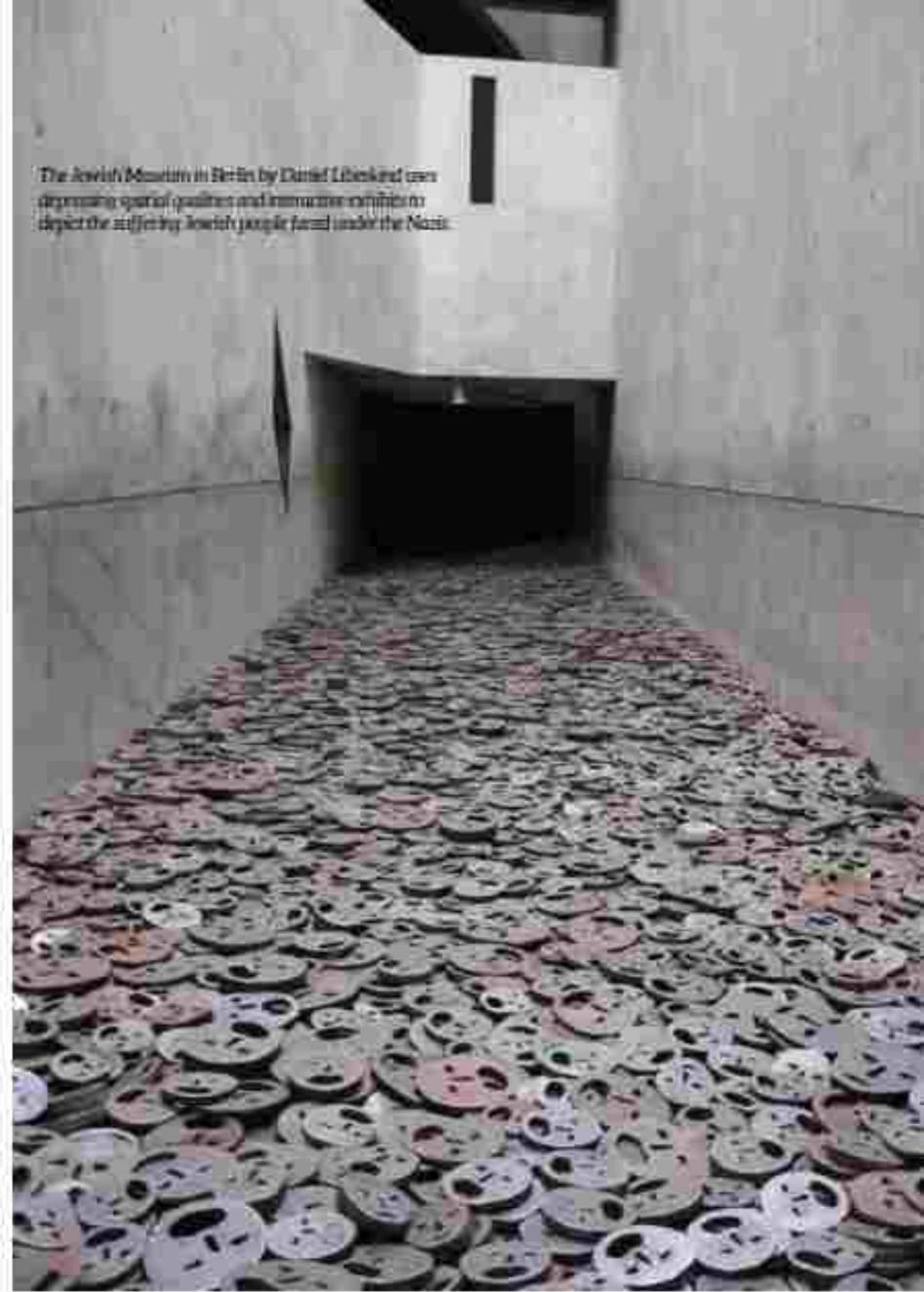
The cultural landmark

YOUNG WRITERS SERIES  *As Riddha Fakhria*

The gallery is a confluence of art, culture, time and space. While spaces of the emotion may look simple for a layman, it is a reckoning for a designer to showcase his skills because galleries maybe more than any other typology in architecture - is about storytelling. The user starts his experience from the entrance and by the time he reaches the exit, he should have grabbed a story from the experience.



The groundbreaking form of the Qatar National Museum is implemented by creating interiors



The Jewish Museum in Berlin by Daniel Libeskind uses depressing spatial qualities and interactive exhibits to depict the suffering Jewish people faced under the Nazis.

Galleries come in many forms, from the humble private art galleries to museums of national importance. The success of a gallery is dependent on the architect to integrate and balance creativity with storytelling. If the spaces are not engaging, there will be less footfall, which is detrimental to the business of the gallery. If it is a private gallery, the art pieces will not get sold, and if it is a public one, it will tarnish the tourism opportunities of the state.

Many galleries are designed with a linear progression of the user in mind so that the exhibits progress in a complementary manner to give the user an engaging experience. The Qatar National Museum, designed by Jean Nouvel is an apt case study in storytelling. While the widely celebrated form of the building has generated pride

for the Qatar state, the interiors incorporate an engaging user experience that brings colour to an otherwise dreary and at times even depressing history of the state. The user progresses from the earliest history to the most recent. While history could be very dull, especially for the children, the designers have added elements for fun and games within the theme of the chapter in history that is being told at that particular space.

The progression of the user experience within the space must be well laid out. A defining aspect that influences this aspect is lighting. The purpose of the gallery is display, a primary visual experience. So it is imperative to set the ambience using appropriate lighting. Most galleries incorporate flexible lighting arrangements



The clean minimalist interior of San Francisco Museum of Art by Louis I. Kahn gives prominence to the art exhibits and offers flexibility and ease of use for every exhibition.

that can support a wide variety of exhibits. Natural lighting may not always be the right choice here as it is varying and inconsistent. Designers often employ clever lighting complemented by materials like glass to emphasise exhibits and downplay the in-between spaces.

A gallery often is built for a long future so designers have to give the spaces an amount of flexibility so that it can accommodate a range of exhibits. Often the architect's vision for the spaces supersedes the practicality and even the acclaimed designer Frank Lloyd Wright is not exempt from this as is evident from historian Lewis Mumford who wrote the following about his iconic Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum when many artists refused to display their work in the museum before its opening.

"Wright has allotted the paintings and sculptures on view only as much space as would not infringe upon his abstract composition. ... [He] created a shell whose form has no relation to its function and offered no possibility of future departure from his rigid preconceptions. [The promenade] has for a museum a low ceiling - nine feet eight inches (295 cm) limiting painting size. The wall slanted outward following the outward slant of the exterior wall and paintings were not supposed to be hung vertically or shown in their true plane but were to be tilted back against it. ... Nor

can a visitor escape the light shining in his eyes from the narrow slots in the wall."

If we approach private galleries, we come upon the sheer variety in purpose and execution of the design brief. There are corporate galleries for displaying products, private art galleries to sell paintings and other art pieces and so on. In private exhibition spaces, we get closer to the retail aspect of the gallery and another challenge presents itself to the designer: the spaces should impress and engage the user as well as potentially help sell the pieces to interested clients.

Galleries also present a tantalising opportunity for adaptive reuse - giving a new lease of life to historically important buildings that are facing dilapidation. The Kooni Muzia Samhale conducted in the historical precincts of Fort Kochi has helped to revive not only the art scene of Kerala but also the old buildings of the place. The Hala Ghoda district in Mumbai evolved as an art district once the historical buildings of the place were converted into art galleries and museums.

Galleries are a necessity for a place to preserve its cultural imprint for the future generations. They are also a promise for outsiders to experience a slice of the identity of the place. The architect's responsibility in delivering to this promise through their design is no small feat.



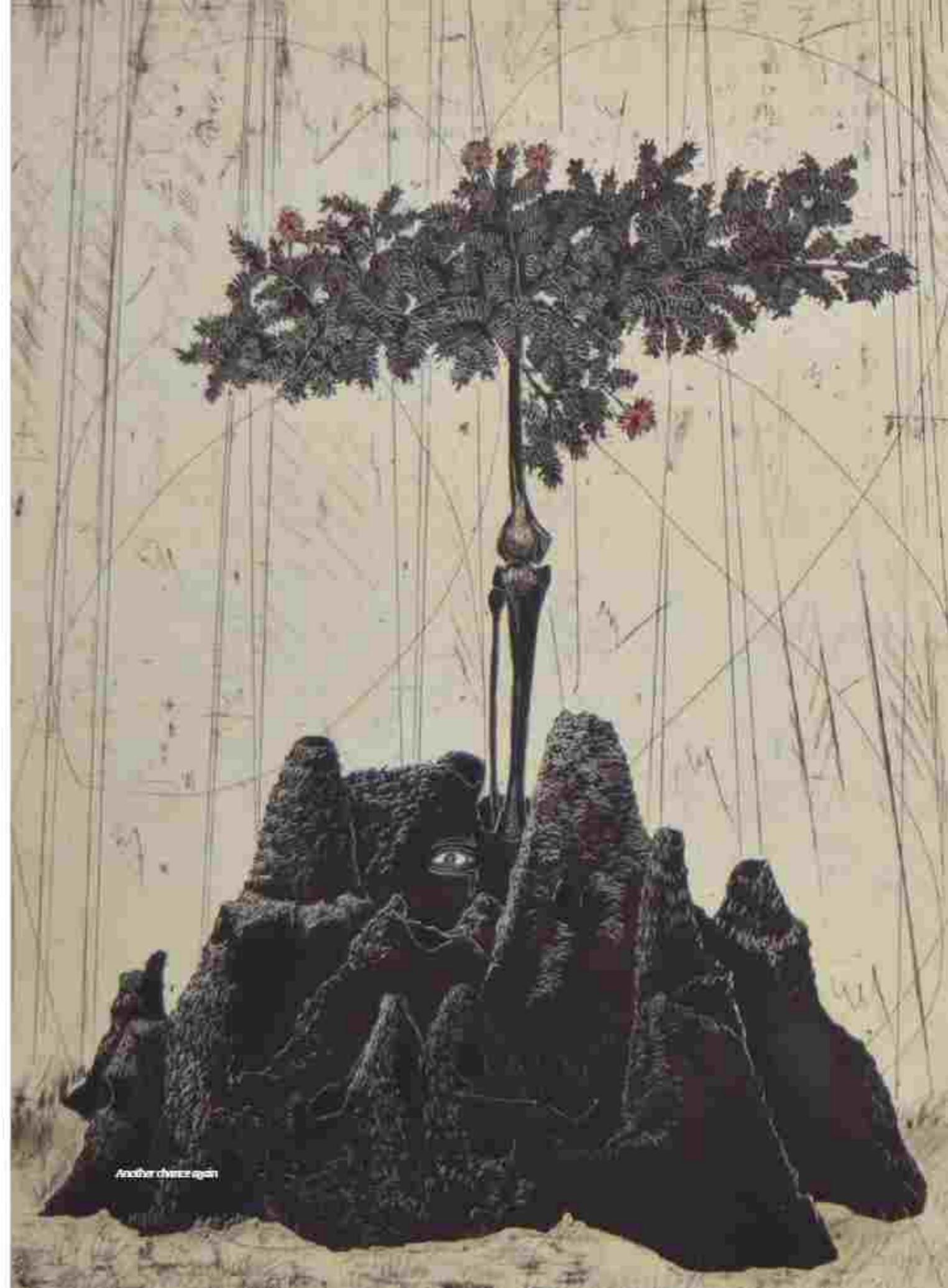
Solomon R. Guggenheim museum by Frank Lloyd Wright remains a lot of fun for the art lovers.



Creativity unbound

 Ritika Pathania  The artist

Vavareth Kuttum hails from Port Blair, Andaman. He completed his Bachelor of Fine Arts in 2013 from Gurukul, Madhya Pradesh and Master of Fine Arts in 2016 from College of Art, Delhi. He spent his childhood and youth in the relatively untouched landscapes of Andaman and Nicobar Islands where he was exposed to the enigmatic mystery of the ocean, exotic flora and fauna, and the unique indigenous culture. The island has a sublime warm and cosy climate, and the ocean presents long stretches of emptiness that present a glorious backdrop for the dynamic colours of the sky.



Avareth Kuttum



A moment of time passing



VISWANATH KUTTUM

The artist's father was a daily wage labourer but supported his artistic aspirations with all the amenities within their disposition. The artist himself became self-reliant at the age of fifteen and devised a vision for his future in art without any financial support from his family, by working full time for two years after high school. Viswanath, armed with savings in art from his maternal uncle, joined Fine arts school with a clean slate. The lack of financial aid in several stages of the artist's life inspired him to innovate in terms of his inventory of tools and materials. The artist has worked with materials such as candles, furniture, Inseed oil, wood, varnish, wood polish, pigment on MDF board or paper board and prepares his mediums in-house. He lives and works out of Delhi.

His paintings showcase recurring motifs like goats, stones (with contours like swirling), ritual flowers, plants, clay pots, skeletons, sometimes using the human form when the concept demands and uses extensive empty backgrounds inspired by the Andaman atmosphere. His paintings represent the contrast between society and individuality and delve into the philosophical and spiritual manifestations of the connections between society and the individual.



Still (Vasanas)



From the individual to society



Till the last moment



Till the last moment

BANGALORE

MATERIAL LIBRARY AT BMS COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE

As part of BRC's institutional engagement program spearheaded by Ar. V. Vishwanath, MC Member IIID BRC, a 600 Sft. Material Library has been proposed within BMS College of Architecture premises inside their exhibition hall at Basavanagudi Campus, Bangalore.

Carefully designed for a wholesome experiential learning of products and materials by students, the design team at Vishwanath Associates has put together a touch and feel experience of Electrical, Plumbing, HVAC, Exterior & Interior Products, Renovation, and flooring series.

Scheduled to get commissioned for use shortly, this initiative was devised by sourcing of Product and Material samples through engagement with trade community by each member of the committee in a category wise manner.



HYDERABAD 03-2-2021

IIID Hyderabad Regional Chapter hosted Reading Master Practices by the students of HAMSTECH, Hyderabad on Wednesday, 3rd February 2021 at 6 PM on Zoom App which is initiated by the IIID Jaipur Regional Chapter. This conceptualized program focuses on students and it provides an opportunity for them to not only study award winning projects of the leading Architects/Designers of India but also to present it live in front of a panel of distinguished Architects/Designers from across the country. The guests will not only witness the presentation prepared by the students but it also interacts with them. This Webinar is Moderated by Ar. Ganjy Thakur, Chairman of Thane Chapter and the panelists are Ar. Jayashankar, Chairman of Chennai Chapter, Ar. Sohanraj Malik, Chairman of Goa Chapter, Ar. Sandeep Saraswat, Chairman of Lucknow Chapter, Ar. Rupal Sagroha, Chairman of Raipur Chapter and Ar. Kamal Revival, Chairman of Kolkata Chapter. Students team of HAMSTECH: Ms. Aashvi Kothari, Ms. Vratika Reddy, Ms. Rochelle Peary, Ms. Sitirah Shah and Ms. Anagha Ramesh presented the works of featured Master Practice: T4O Architecture - Ar. Manish Sariker.



MUMBAI CHAPTER

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27th FEB 2021

IIID MRC STUDY TOUR - TOUCH THE BRICK

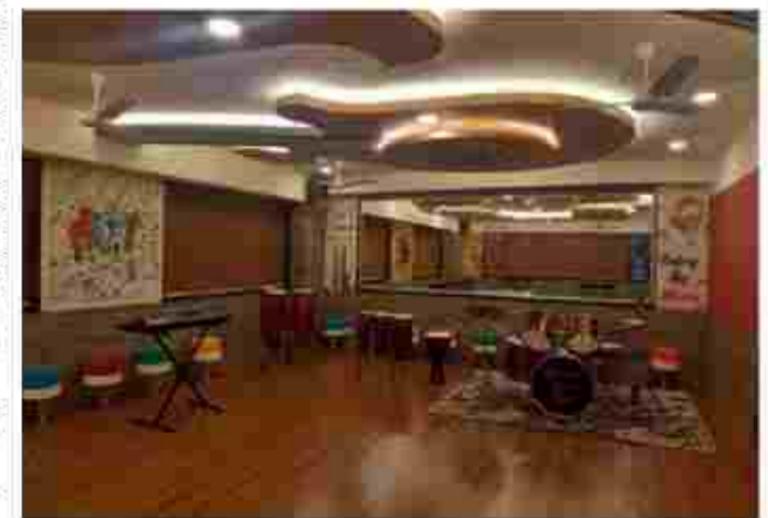
WITTY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL BORIVALI (W), IN COLLABORATION WITH PEATA, SUPPORTED BY IIID TRC.

Newly elected as an EC member on board of Practising Engineers, Architects and Town Planners Association, IIID MRC Chancellor Ar. Leena Kumbhar took a step forward towards introductory collaborative efforts with PEATA, to visit the hi-tech WITTY International School, Borivali (W), under the study tour programme 'Touch the Brick'. Many thanks to PEATA president Ar. Gauri Hingoo and team lead Past President Ar. Shriash Sukhatme, Ar. Ratan Bhalvankar and Ar. Tarun Motta's Jr, secretary IIID mrc to Rajiv Harora was assigned to lead. Her dream team IIID MRC and Ar. Sanjay Thakur's team from IIID TRC supported the event. This was our North Zone activity. It was an open invite from the school, however recent rise in covid cases and strict government norms forced us to curb the overall attendance.

We would like to share the experience like this - As soon as you enter the simple elegant rectangular structure, you are welcomed by a grand lobby meant for the assemblies in school. This is where the journey begins to explore variety of spaces thoughtfully crafted to fulfil the different functions of the school's day to day activities. Every space has unique interiors which is nothing less than an inspiration for the students. Carefully selected materials, door false ceiling designs, furniture and accessories creates the ambience which speaks for the function of the room it is designed for. It is an immersive environment for students by well thought over detailing for different functions such as art room, recording studio, music room, science lab, classrooms, assembly area, cafeteria and especially the library.

Indeed an International look and feel of the spaces enjoyed amidst the hustle bustle of Mumbai city.

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Musings of the galleries

Museums and galleries are the impressions of history.

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Many world-famous museums and galleries - old and new ones - are known to us. As each today becomes yesterday, new ones keep on taking shape - conforming to the new criteria and perspectives. The advancements made in the fields of acoustics and lighting have immensely helped the designers in enhancing the ambience of the galleries and presenting them in an eye-inspiring manner.

The issue of inscape - about galleries - is no doubt a gallery in itself. With the hope this will serve as a feast to your eyes, heart and mind.

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