

OASIS VALLEYS

Architectural Design for a Character Development Institute

Client: M/s O. A. S. I. S.

Chanod, Vadodra, Gujarat Site Location:

35,713 sq m Plot Size:

33,099 sq ft / 3,075 sq m Construction Area:

Confidential Cost of Project:

2017 Year of Completion:

Architectural Planning, Services:

Interior Design, Landscape Design, MEP Integration

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In 1989, a group of 10-12 enthusiastic youths started informal gatherings evolving into weekly self-development sessions for 250-300 youths. Informal organization founded by Sanjivbhai and Sheebaben known as "Oasis-a university of Love, Life & Friendship for youth" was set up. Oasis got involved into a dozen of social welfare activities. Our activities are spread in various cities of India, viz Vadodara, Surat, Navsari, Rajkot, Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Bengaluru and also in Jammu & Kashmir, USA & Europe. At present, more than 30,000 people have directly benefited so far from Oasis Programs and we aspire to reach out to many more in coming years.











THE PROJECT:

OASIS, a wonderful trust working in the sector of character building, approached us with a barren hilly land with a clear idea to make it their head quarters. The first thing that was done was to plant about 5000 trees and then we decided to make a building that would create minimum disturbance to the environment. The building is a rectangular block measuring about 12 m x 80 m sitting North-South, in the valley with the hills sloping down on the East, West and the North to create minimum disturbance to the rain water flowing through these ravines of River Narmada.

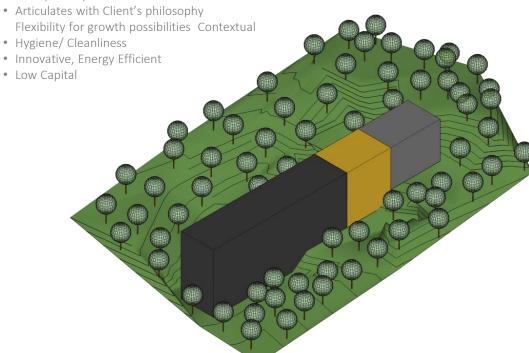
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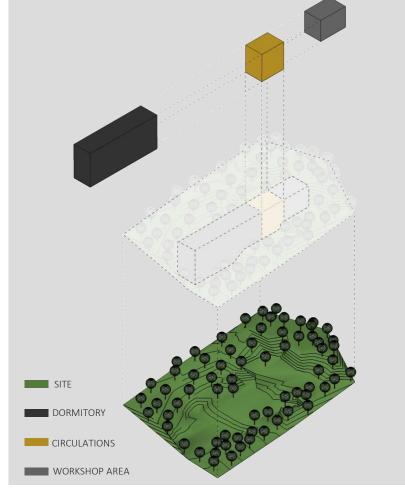
The site is located on a barren hilly land in the ravines of river Narmada with an area of 35,713 sq m, in a village named Chanod in the Vadodra district of Gujarat.

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THE PROJECT REFLECTS

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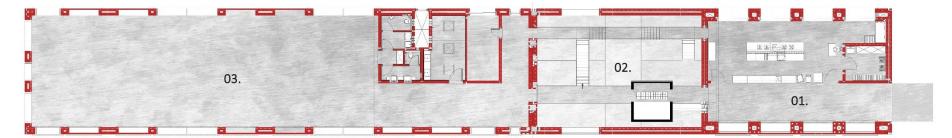
On such a beautiful hilly site of about 7 acres, the design exhibits tremendous restraint of occupying minimum footprint, and doing minimum harm to the environment. This is to create minimum disturbance to the rain water flowing through River Narmada. The building consists of the two set of spaces-Workshops and Residential Spaces, connected by a very interesting 5 storeys tall atrium. The movement across the atrium on various floors are through interestingly composed bridges and landings which encourage lot of interactions across the levels. The entry to the building is through the top floor which is a paradigm shifting experience for the visitor, which is also one of the important aspect of the character building education which is the primary mission of this institute!



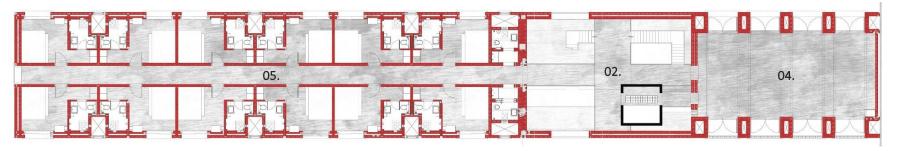
SITE PLAN

MINIMUM FOOTPRINT

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ENTRANCE FLOOR PLAN



The institutes consists of 2 workshop halls, each with about 80 kids capacity, 12 guest rooms, dormitories for about 120 kids, and necessary cooking, dining and sanitation facilities.

- 01. Kitchen
- 02. Atriums
- 03. Dining
- 04. Multipurpose spaces

TYPICAL FLOOR PLAN





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The site being a barren land in the year 2013, was managed by planting 5000+ trees in the 7 acres site area to create an ecosystem of its own.



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EAST ELEVATION



SECTION THROUGH ATRIUM

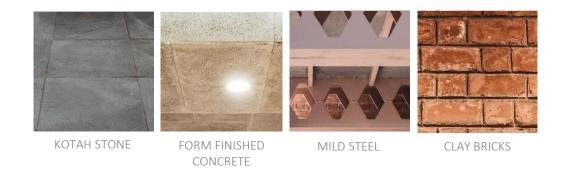
Paradigm Shift, Integrity, Pro-action and Love, we were really moved by the cause and the concept. So, our natural response was to create a building that would amplify these values.











The material palette naturally was selected such that there is nothing to hide and form finished concrete and clay bricks, with basic flooring material like Kotah stone used everywhere in the flooring and in the wet areas.



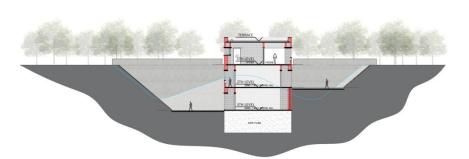






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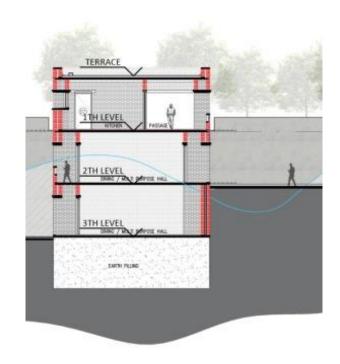


SECTION THROUGH MULTIPURPOSE HALLS

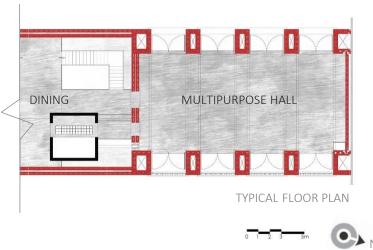


In terms of sustainability, the building tries to take a step in the 'Right' direction at every stage. The building orientation and placement in the valley full of trees ensures that the building is shaded most of the time from direct sunlight keeping the building cool.





The cavity wall structure adds to the thermal comfort levels, thereby reducing heat gain. The part plan and section shows how the cavity walls are strategically planned in order to create a comfortable environment for the users.











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All the bathing water comes through the solar water heaters, and all the food waste, farm waste and the sewage waste is converted to manure through Bio-Compost plant and vermicompost plants. The project reduces the resource consumption by using second quality and discarded Paver blocks for pathways, and using all the reinforcement steel waste for railings and grills.



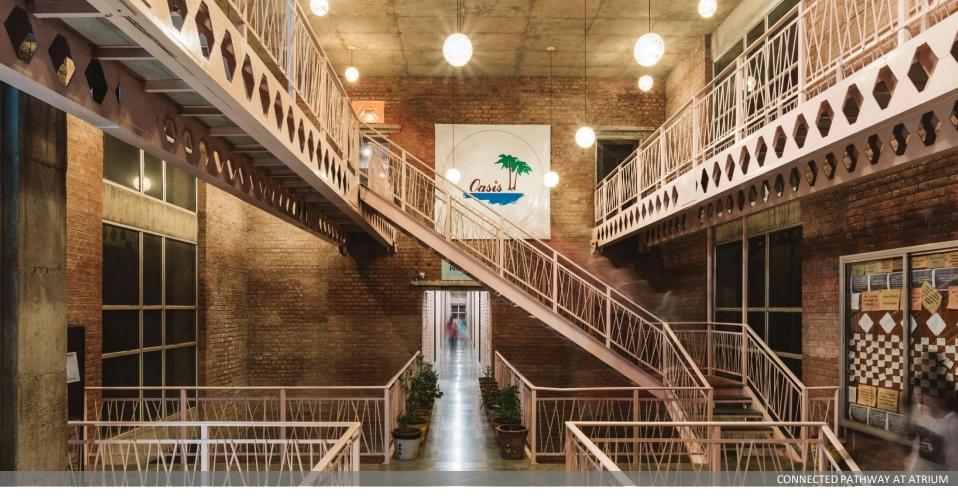


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ONLY THE RIGHT, AT EVERY STEP- REUSE, REDUCE, RECYCLE



There is practically no paint used in the entire building, and hence VOCs are out of the picture. The major construction materials used are clay bricks, kotah stone, form finished concrete and mild steel. Also the green being a major part of the design, elevates the oxygen levels in the entire campus as the building is surrounded by various trees.





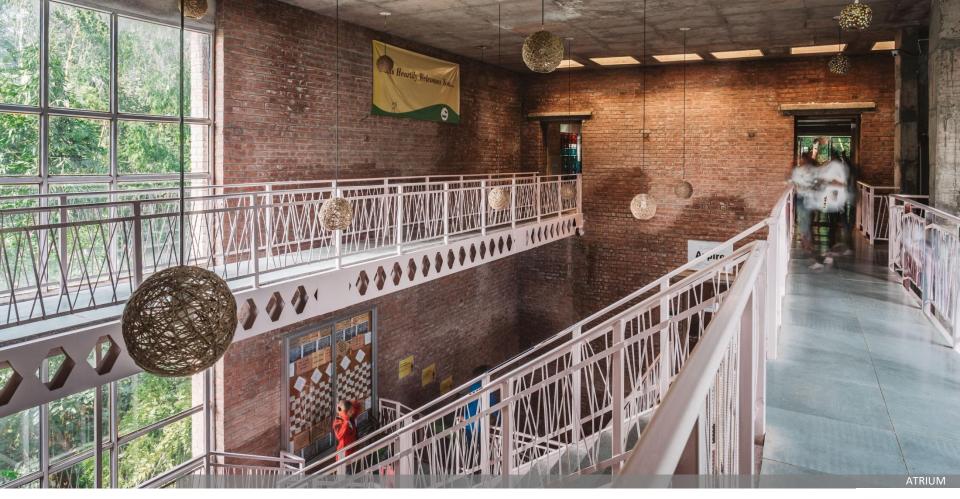




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The building is practically 100% day-lit and used minimum mechanical means of ventilation like Air Conditioners.









OV wash basin Conceal stop cock



OV-Press matic Tap



OV-Wall Mixer



Canal for directing rain water towards percolation well- Then



Canal for directing rain water towards percolation well- Now

The rain water is collected through bunds, and also directed towards percolation wells to store water. The faucets and flushing devices are carefully picked up to reduce the water consumption, making it extremely water efficient.



OASIS VALLEYS INSTITUTE IGBC GREEN HOMES RATING SYSTEM	INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTIAL UNIT POINTS AVAILABLE	INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTIAL UNIT POINTS ACHIEVED
SITE AND FACILITY MANAGEMENT	18	18
WATER EFFICIENCY	26	24
ENERGY EFFICIENCY	30	24
HEALTH AND COMFORT	14	08
INNOVATION CATEGORY	12	12
TOTAL POINTS	100	86



FINAL RATING ACHIEVED - **PLATINUM**



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