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#### **Introduction to meditation**

Meditation is a method for training our minds to have a more beneficial state of mind or attitude. And this is done by getting Into or generating a certain state of mind and repeating it, accustoming ourselves to that. And of course there are many, many different types of states of mind or attitudes that would be beneficial. One state of mind could be just more relaxed, less tense and worried. One state of mind could be one that is more focused. Or a state of mind that is more quiet, without just constant mental chatter and worry. One can be a state of mind with more understanding of myself, of life, etc. And one can be a state of mind with more love and compassion toward others.





#### **Benefits of Meditation**

As many studies show, a regular meditation practice offers numerous health benefits, Including lowering blood pressure, strengthen the Immune system, and releasing stress and fatigue. In fact, meditating for half an hour provides more psychological rest than a full night's sleep. As you meditate on a regular basis, you will notice an Increased sense of well-being as well as greater energy and creativity.

Today doctors are Increasingly citing stress as a major contributing factor to most illnesses. Even though meditation should not be considered a cure by itself, research has shown it to be beneficial for a wide range of health problems. As stress is greatly eliminated through Meditation, our minds and bodies begin to function with maximum effectiveness, creating health, vitality, and happiness.

#### Practicing Meditation on a daily basis can help you to.

Manage stress Reduce anxiety Improve your relationships Create Inner peace Awaken your Intuition

Lower your blood pressure Become less judgmental Connect to spirit Enhance your sleep patterns





#### History

The history of meditation is Intimately bound up with the religious context within which it was practiced. Some authors have even suggested the hypothesis that the emergence of the capacity for focused attention, an element of many methods of meditation, may have contributed to the final phases of human biological evolution. Some of the earliest references to meditation are found in the Hindu Vedas.





Wilson translates the most famous Vedic mantra 'Gayatri' thus: "We meditate on that desirable light of the divine Savitri, who influences our pious rites". Around the 6th to 5th centuries BCE, other forms of meditation developed in Confucian, and Taoist China, Jamism, Buddhism, Christianity

Researchers suggest that primitive hunting and gathering societies may have been the ones to have discovered meditation and its many different states of consciousness while gazing into the flames of their fires. The history of Meditation has evolved over thousands of years, Into a structured practice that people use daily.







#### Baha'i Faith

In the teachings of the Baha'i Faith, meditation along with prayer are both primary tools for spiritual development and mainly refer to one's reflection on the words of God. While prayer and meditation are linked, where meditation happens generally in a prayerful attitude, prayer is seen specifically as turning toward God, and meditation IS seen as a communion with one's self where one focuses on the divine. The Baha'i teachings note that the purpose of meditation is to strengthen one's understanding of the words of God, and to make one's soul more susceptible to their potentially transformative power. Baha'u'llah, the founder of the religion, never specified any particular form of meditation, and thus each person is free to choose their own form.

"Gather ye together with the utmost joy and fellowship and recite the verses revealed by the merciful Lord. By so doing the doors to true knowledge will be opened to your inner beings, and ye will then feel your souls endowed with steadfastness and your hearts filled with radiant joy".

#### Bahå'u'llåh





#### **Buddhism**

Dynamic tranquillity: the Buddha in contemplation.

Buddhist meditation refers to the meditative practices associated with the religion and philosophy of Buddhism. Core meditation techniques have been preserved in ancient Buddhist texts and have diversified through teacher student transmissions. Buddhists pursue meditation as part of the path toward enlightenment and nirvana. The closest words for meditation in the classical languages of Buddhism are vipassana.



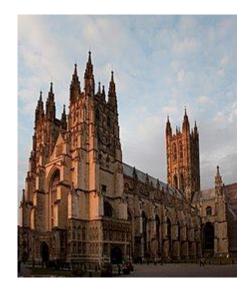
Buddhist meditation techniques have become increasingly popular in the wider world, with many non-Buddhists taking them up for a variety of reasons. There is considerable homogeneity across meditative practices — such as breath meditation. In the Theravada tradition alone, there are over fifty methods for developing mindfulness and forty for developing concentration, while in the Tibetan tradition there are thousands of visualization meditations.



## Christianity

Christian meditation is a term for a form of prayer In which a structured attempt is made to get In touch with and deliberately reflect upon the revelations of God. Christian meditation is the process of deliberately focusing on specific thoughts (e.g. a biblical scene Involving Jesus and the Virgin Mary) and reflecting on their meaning in the context of the love of God. Christian meditation contrasts with Eastern forms of meditation as radically as the portrayal of God the Father in the Bible. Unlike Eastern meditations, most styles of Christian meditations do not rely on the repeated use of mantras, and yet are also Intended to stimulate thought and deepen meaning. Christians believe in justification by faith - that through their belief in Jesus as the Son of God, and in his death and resurrection, they can have a right relationship with God whose forgiveness was made once and for all through the death of Jesus Christ.









#### **China- Taoist**

Taoist or Daoist meditation has a long history, and has developed various techniques including concentration, visualization, qi cultivation, contemplation, and mindfulness meditations. Traditional Daoist meditative practices were influenced by Chinese Buddhism beginning around the 5th century, and later had influence upon Traditional Chinese medicine and the Chinese martial arts.

Livia Kohn distinguishes three basic types of Daoist meditation: "concentrative", "Insight" and "visualization". Meditation seeks to merge and attain unity with the Dao. It was developed by Tang Dynasty. Daoist masters based upon the Tiantai Buddhist practice of Vipassana "insight" or "wisdom" meditation. A meditator visualizes or actualizes solar and lunar essences, lights, and deities within his/her body, which supposedly results In health and longevity.

Taoist meditation are ding ('quiet, stillness, calm') and ding ('concentration, focus').







#### Hinduism

Meditation IS a science practiced by followers of Santana Dharma (now called Hinduism).. Miraculous powers were said to have been acquired through diligent practice of yoga and meditation. There are many schools and styles of meditation within Hinduism. Yoga is generally done to prepare one for meditation, and meditation IS done to realize union of one's self, one's atman, with the omnipresent and non-dual Brahman. This experience is referred to as moksha by Hindus The earliest clear references to meditation In Hindu literature are In the middle Upanishads and the Mahabharata, the latter of which Includes the Bhagavad Gita. Meditation when it states that "having become calm and concentrated, one perceives the self (atman) within oneself'

These are ethical discipline (yams), rules (niyama's), physical postures (asanas), breath control (pranayama), withdrawal from the senses (pratyahara), one-pointedness of mind (dharana), meditation (dhyana), and finally Samadhi, which is often described as the realization of the identity of the Self (atman) with the omnipresent (Brahman), and is the ultimate aim of all Hindu yogis.







#### Islam

Remembrance of God in Islam, which is known by the concept Dhikr is Interpreted in different meditative techniques In Sufism or Islamic mysticism. This became one of the essential elements of Sufism as it was systematized traditionally. It is juxtaposed with fikr (thinking) which leads to knowledge. By the 12th century, the practice of Sufism Included specific meditative techniques, and its followers practiced breathing controls and the repetition of holy words. The concentration technique, Involving high-intensity and sharply focused Introspection. Meditative is said to have a quality of healing and—in contemporary terminology—enhancing creativity. Tafakkur or tadabbur in Sufism literally means reflection upon the universe: this is considered to permit access to a form of cognitive and emotional development that can emanate only from the higher level, i.e. from God. The sensation of receiving divine Inspiration awakens and liberates both heart and intellect permitting such Inner growth that the apparently mundane actually takes on the quality of the infinite. Meditation In the Sufi traditions is largely based on a spectrum of mystical exercises, varying from one lineage to another.



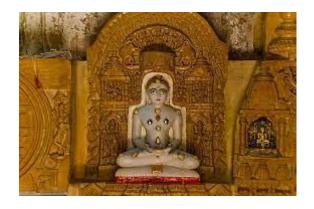


#### **Jainism**

In Jainism, meditation has been a core spiritual practice, one that Jains believe people have undertaken since the teaching of the Tirthankara, Rishabh. All the twenty-four Tirthankaras practiced deep meditation and attained enlightenment. They are all shown In meditative postures In the images or idols. Mahavira practiced deep meditation for twelve years and attained enlightenment. The Acaranga Sutra dating to 500 BCE, addresses the meditation system of Jainism in detail.

Jain meditation and spiritual practices system were referred to as salvation-path. It has three important parts called the Ratnatraya "Three Jewels": right perception and faith, right knowledge and right conduct. Meditation in Jainism aims at realizing the self, attaining salvation, take the soul to complete freedom. It aims to reach and to remain In the pure state of soul which is believed to be pure consciousness, beyond any attachment or aversion. The practitioner strives to be just a knower-seer (Gyata-Drashta).



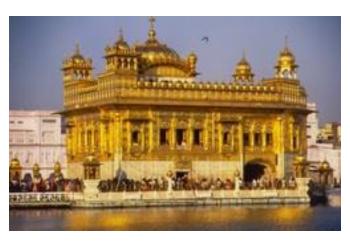






#### Sikhism

In Sikhism, Simran (meditation) and good deeds are both necessary to achieve the devotee's Spiritual goals; without good deeds meditation is futile. When Sikhs meditate they aim to feel God's presence and immerge In the divine light. It is only God's divine will or order that allows a devotee to desire to begin to meditate. Guru Nanak in the Japji Sahib daily Sikh scripture explains, "Visits to temples, penance, compassion and charity gain you but a sesame seed of credit. It is hearkening to His Name, accepting and adoring Him that obtains emancipation by bathing in the shrine of soul. All virtues are Yours, O Lord! I have none; Without good deeds one can't even meditate. The practices of Simran and Nam Japana encourage quiet internal meditation but may be practiced vocally in the sangat (holy congregation). Sikhs believe that there are ten 'gates' to the body, the nine visible holes (nostrils, eyes, ears, mouth, urethra, anus) and the tenth Invisible hole. The tenth Invisible hole is the topmost energy level and is called the tenth gate or Dasam Duaar. When one reaches this stage through continuous practice meditation becomes a habit that continues whilst walking, talking, eating, awake and even sleeping.







#### Meditation

Meditation is many things, but it is not always relaxing. It restores clarity, relieves stress, changes our brains for the better, encourages creativity and calms our nervous system. But a new study has found that we experience elevated heart rates during certain types of meditation.

Participants in the study were asked to practice loving-kindness meditation, thoughtobservation meditation and a relaxing breathing meditation technique.

The neuroscience researchers found that heart rate and effort were higher during loving-kindness meditation and observing thoughts meditations.

"In contrast to implicit beliefs that meditation is always relaxing and associated with low arousal, the current results show that core meditations aiming at Improving compassion and metacognitive skills require effort and are associated with physiological arousal compared to breathing meditation," The results support the idea of a 'meditation paradox', where, like the 'sleep paradox', restoration appears to activate and Intensify biological processes.







In the case of meditation, certain techniques activate rather than calm cardiac rhythms In one recent study, 201 people with coronary heart disease were asked to either participate in a health education classes or transcendental meditation classes. When researchers followed up with the participants five years later, they found the meditators had reduced their risk of heart attack, stroke or premature death by 48 per cent. While meditation might not be relaxing as far as our heart IS concerned, even if it is healthy for our hearts, many also find meditation hard in others ways. Contrary to popular belief, meditation is not about an iron-fisted ability to stop thought or fidget.

"Most people assume that meditation is all about stopping thoughts, getting rid of emotions, somehow controlling the mind, but actually it's much different than that," says Andy Puddicom be\_, the founder of Headspace.

"It's more about stepping back, seeing the thought clearly witness it coming and goring - without judgment, but with a relaxed, focus mind. "

A relaxed, focused mind, but an activated heart



#### **SYNOPSIS**

#### INTRODUCTION

An ancient traditional system of medicine, Ayurveda is considered to be the oldest system of health care, with literature going back 5000 years and an oral tradition that is much older. This healing system has been practiced in daily life in India for more than 5000 years.

Ayur' means 'Life' and 'Veda' means 'Science'. Thus, Ayurveda is the 'Science of Life'.

In Ayurveda, health is a state of spiritual and physical attainment. It is a medical, metaphysical healing life science - the mother of all healing arts.

The practice of Ayurveda is designed to promote human happiness, health and creative growth.

Ayurveda helps the healthy person to maintain health and the diseased person to regain health. The design of this Centre involves the responsibility of an Interior designer to mélange architecture with sophisticated elements of technical know-how and to make the space follow certain order to satisfying purpose go in marking of an ideally designers which caters to the needs of health centre.

# History and background

Meditation is an ancient practice that is believed to have originated in India several thousand years ago. Throughout early history, the practice was adopted by neighboring countries quickly and formed a part of many religions throughout the world.

The terminology used today to "meditate" was not introduced until the 12th century AD, coming from the Latin word meditatum.





## **NEED OF TOPIC**

meditation is a way to get rid of misery, to overcome problems. Meditation has been the way to improve one's abilities. Leaving aside enlightenment, you see the social ills of today.

The stress and tension call for one to meditate. Meditation brings better health to us. Meditation is food for the soul. It is an energizer for the mind. It is a lifeline for the body. It keeps your body in shape, helps your nervous system, helps your mind, your alertness, improves your perception and helps you to express yourself properly.

A professional meditation business provides a location for **clients to practice different forms of meditation** in order to become more relaxed and focused. Different clients seek out meditation centres for different purposes. Some clients merely want to achieve a better sense of relaxation and peace.

## **AIM AND OBJECTIVES**

- Breaking the monotony of right angles in hill architecture and establishing a holistic dimension to Indian spiritual architecture.
- The underlying goal of all these centre's is to create proper physical, mental and spiritual balance of human being with the necessary resistance and immunity from disease.
- Treat people, not just their disease.
- Treat causes, rather than symptoms.
- Maintain good health through prevention.
- Educate the people towards eco-friendly life style, where the individual takes the responsibility of his/ her own health.
- The main idea being to do away with the rigmarole of the daily city life so that one is able to rest and renew one's body, mind and spirit.
- The patient's comfort should not be neglected. They should feel pampered to such a point that they feel relaxed



## **LIMITATION AND SCOPE**

It has a limited scope as it can be only opted in civil cases. Also because of its nature, it depends heavily on the will of the parties, whether or not they themselves are ready to solve a dispute peacefully through consensual negotiation or not which, in many cases, is not possible.

Usually, the parties to the dispute are not willing to choose mediation. This is because usually a litigant feel's that he or she has a strong chance of winning the case and thus choosing to settle a dispute through mediation may lead to a lessor award than what can be granted by the court.

It is usually seen that in cases of Lok Adalats, as due to the time constraint, the parties in order to delay the trial, falsely choose mediation and after some time deny the procedure of mediation



## **METHODOLOGY**

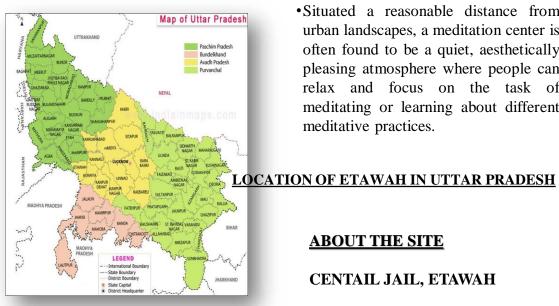
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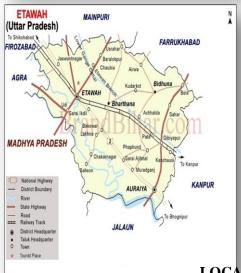


# **SITE ANALYSIS**

#### INTRODUCTION OF ETAWAH CITY

- Etawah is a city on the banks of Yamuna River in the state of Western Uttar Pradesh in India.
- Etawah is 118 m above sea level and located at 26.80° N 79.10° E. Etawah has a population of 257448
- Cotton, oilseeds, Potato and other agricultural produce are grown and exported. [6] Special breed of goat Jamunapaari and special breed of buffalo Bhadawari are raised and exported.





#### ABOUT MEDITATION CENTER

- •A meditation center is a place where people meet to learn about meditation and practice it. At a center, a person may take formal classes, listen to lectures and engage with a community of others who share an interest in meditation.
- •many meditation centers are located in places that are surrounded by nature.
- •Situated a reasonable distance from urban landscapes, a meditation center is often found to be a quiet, aesthetically pleasing atmosphere where people can relax and focus on the task of meditating or learning about different meditative practices.

#### ABOUT THE SITE

#### CENTAIL JAIL, ETAWAH

This jail is designed for 2000 capacity prisoners. Skill development centre is planned for Prisoners.

**LOCATION**- The proposed site is about 51 acres of land situated in the bank of Yamuna river.

**SITE AREA** - 51 ACRES

**SITE LOCATION** – Etawah city, uttar pradesh

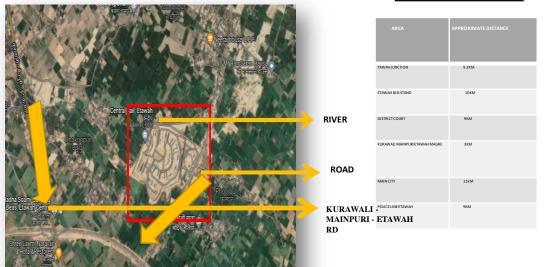
**CLIENT** – Uttar pradesh rajkiya nirman nigam ltd

**LONGITUDE** & **LATITUDE** 26°47'14"N 79°01'05"E

LOCATION OF UTTAR PRADESH IN INDIA

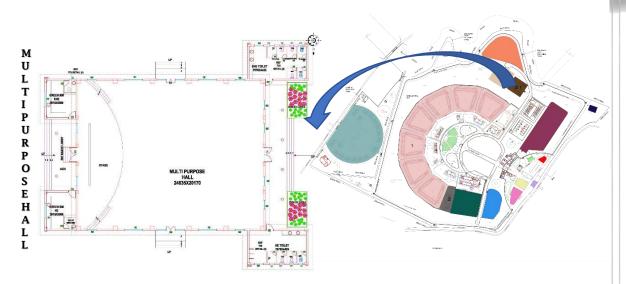


#### SITE ACCESSIBILTY



#### LOCATION OF JAIL IN ETAWAH







#### **SITE SURROUNDING IMAGES**



**ELECTRIC POLE** 



**INNER VIEW** 



**MULTIPURPOSE HALL** 



**COURTYARD** 



FRONT VIEW



TOP VIEW OF JAIL



WATER TANK



**INNER VIEW** 



# **CLIMATE DATA**

#### **CLIMATE OF ELAWAH**

CLIMATE: The climate of **ETAWAH** is particularly **humid in** the year The average Temperature of Etawah **is around 25°C** although it vary from around 14°C during Winter (January) to 35°C during the Monsoon (June). The hottest month of the year is June with temperature varies from 28.0°C to 42.2°C. The coolest month is of the year is January, with temperature varies from 5.6°C to 24.0°C.

**WIND SPEED:** The average wind speed in Etawah is 2.4 m/s with the maximum wind speed of around 9 m/s.

**TEMPERATURE:** The average ambient temperature remains 25.4°C, varies from 5°C to 43.3°C.

**<u>HUMIDITY:</u>** He average reletive humidity remains around 66%, varies from 14.8% to 98.9%.

The graph below shows the average values of various meteorological paramateres over the year in Etawah

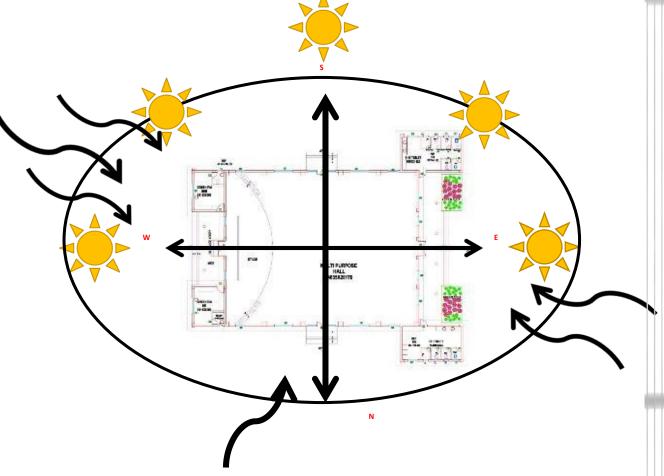




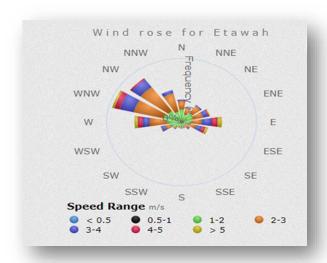


# **CLIMATE DATA**

SUNLIGH AND WIND DIRECTION FOR THE SITE



<u>The annual wind rose below showing how wind speed and direction are typically distributed in Etawah</u>



Windrose of Etawah shows that predominantly wind blow from the WNW - about 15.75% of all wind directions.



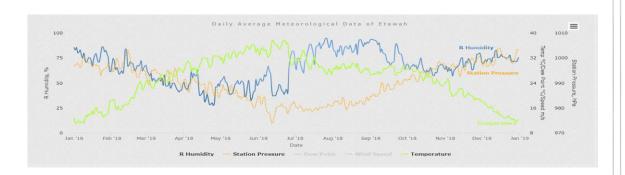
# **CLIMATE DATA**

#### **METEOROLOGICAL DATA SUMMARY**

Parameter	Min	Max	Avg
Wind Speed m/s	N/A	8.9	2.4
Temperature °C	5	43.3	25.4
Dew Point °C	4.4	29.4	17.7
Humidity %	14.8	98.9	66
Pressure hPa	971.5	1005.7	990

The selected coordinates i.e. lat  $26^{\circ}46'60"N$ , lon:  $79^{\circ}1'60"E$  is found within the limit of Etawah of Etawah district, in the state Uttar Pradesh, India.

# The graph below shows the daily variation of meteorological paramteres over the year in Etawah





# LITERATURE STUDY-1

MATRIMANDIR soul of the city ARROVILLE

NATURVEDA



#### **LITERATURE STUDY-1**

#### **MATRIMANDIR**

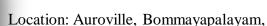
soul of the city ARROVILLE

#### INTRODUCTION

- 'The name "Matrimandir' means literally "Temple of the Mother'. According to Sri Aurobindo's teaching, the "Mother' concept stands for the great evolutionary, conscious & intelligent principle of Life, the Universal Mother, which seeks to help humanity move beyond its present limitations into next step of its evolutionary adventure, the supra-mental consciousness.
- At the very centre of auroville, one finds the 'soul of the city', the matrimandir, situated in a large open area called 'peace', from which the future township will radiate outside.
- the exterior is completely covered with a thin sheet of gold. It is placed as small square tiler on the discs.
- The architect gave the shape of a lotus in full bloom to matrimandir with its twelve large petals, symbolizing the divine consciousness.
- There are winding staircases inside leading to the main meditation chamber. Inside the chamber complete silence.
- The chamber has 12 pillars to symbolize unity.
- There are no images, no organized meditation, no flowers, no incense, no religion and no religious forms.
- The mother named the four p f pillars which support the matrimandir after her four aspects of personalities. They are Maheshwari. Mahakali, Mahalakshmi and mahasaraswati.
- The whole structure is completely made of concrete.

### SITE LOCATION

#### PROJECT DETAILS:



Tamil Nadu.

Site Area: 22 ACRES. Climate: Tropical climate.

Latitude: 12.007208. Longitude: 79.810658.

Architect: Mirra Alfassa, Roger Anger.

Completed: 2008.



#### **APPROACH TO THE SITE**

ROADWAYS: Site is well connected by the

Matrimandir rd.

**RAILWAYS:** Villupuram junction, (32 km). **BUSWAY**: Pondicherry bus stand, (13.5 km). **AIRPORT:** Pondicherry airport, (8.0 km).







#### MATRIMANDIR DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS

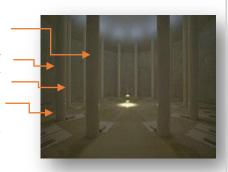
1.Inner chamber

2.outer chamber

Inner chamber has 12 meditation room and the main hall of matri mandir Outer chamber has 12 gardens, amphitheatre, banyan tree, inner park and the future lake

#### **INNER CHAMBER**

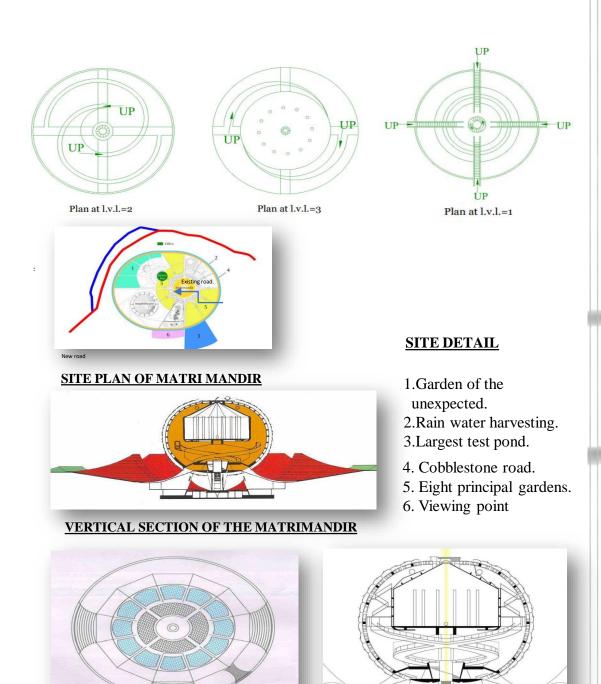
- Its white ceiling also has 12 facets each one resting on one of the wall's facets at 30 degree angle upwards towards the centre.
- It has 12 large steel cylindrical column of 60cm diameter covered with white lacquer which stand halfway between the centre of the room and each one of its 12 corners.
- The wall is 8.65m height. It has 12 facets which represent the 12 months of the year and clad with white marble.
- It has 12m radius. The floor is covered with a white woollen carpet
- Two double doors of thick white marble slabs. When closed the door are more or less invisible.





#### **MATRIMANDIR PLANS**

The form of the structure symbolically represents a "cosmic egg" or "egg of Vishnu" The bottom of egg is always narrow than the top, so they place the staircase at the base and the spiral staircase comes up to the temple She positioned the meditation chamber floor at around the chamber much in the same way as a Pradakshina path in Hindu temples.





#### **INTERIOR IMAGES**

- •The spacious inner chamber is the uppelhemisphere of the structure is completely white, with white marble walls and white carpeting
- •The room is air conditioned and there is one translucent oval disc made up of glass reinforced plastic for concentration at eye level. This object is placed in front of small window through which natural light enters in during day time.
- •At the bottom of the matrimandir they have provided an artificial lotus pond. Which can also be used as a meditation space with the natural sounds of water flowing, wind etc.





- •In the centre a pure crystal glass globe, suffuses a ray of electronically guided sunlight which falls on it through an opening at the apex of the sphere.
- •"the most important thing is this: the play of the sun on the centre. Because that becomes the symbol, the symbol of future realizations."
- •There is a crystal globe 17cm dia at centre of pond.

#### THE GOLD DISCS

The golden disc which is covered with small tiles of gold leaf covered with glass tiles

Disc frame : stainless steel tubes Disc material : stainless steel sheet

Gold leaf: 28 gm of gold per 1000 leaves

Leaf size: 85x85 mm

Total number of discs: 1415

Small convex discs: 954

Large concave discs: 461

Average diam. (large discs): 2.3 meter Average diam. (small discs): 1.5 meter





#### **INTERIOR IMAGES**

#### THE MOTHER'S SYMBOLAND **PETALS** ( meaning of colour)

The meditation rooms inside the twelve stone-clad 'petals' surrounding the matrimandir carry the names and colours of the 'petals' in the Mather's symbol:

Sincerity

- light blue

Peace

- deep blue - blue violet

Equality

- pure violet

Generosity Goodness

- reddish violet

Courage

- red

Progress

- orange red

Receptivity

- orange

Aspiration

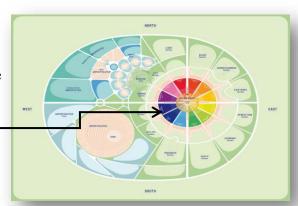
orange yellow

Perseverance – pale yellow

Gratitude Humility

– pale green

- deep green



#### THE GARDENS OF MATRIMANDIR



The Mother named the 12 Gardens around the Matrimandir: Existence, Consciousness, Bliss, Light, Life, Power, Wealth, Utility, Progress, Youth, Harmony, Perfection.

#### **AMPHITHEATRE**

The Amphitheatre's inner dia is 75m and outer is 98m and 2.2 m deep. Rainwater is evacuated by toward the northwest by underground pipeline.

# 12 FLOWERS CHOSEN BY THE MOTHER

The Mother chose a particular flower – mostly varieties of hibiscus – as the main flower to represent the significance and energy for each garden.





Four sets of pillars



Up to Chamber level



Up to the top



# LITERATURE STUDY-2

WINDHOVER CONTEMPLATIVE CENTER
CALIFORNIA

NATURVEDA



#### LITERATURE STUDY-2

#### WINDHOVER CONTEMPLATIVE CENTER **CALIFORNIA**



#### INTRODUCTION

This spiritual refuge by Aidlin Darling Design at California's Stanford University features vertical cedar slats and thick walls made of soil excavated from the building site (+ slideshow)

Called the Windhover, the building sits at the heart of the university's campus, located in the city of Stanford in northern California. Sitting on the site of a former parking lot and next to an oak grove, it is designed to facilitate meditation through art and nature

"It is intended for quiet reflection throughout the day for any Stanford student, faculty or staff member, as well as for members of the larger community," said Aidlin Darling Design, a San Francisco-based studio founded by Joshua Aidlin and David Darling in 1997

Encompassing 4,000 square feet (370 square metres), the rectilinear building features rammed earth walls that were made of soil excavated from the site. The heaviness of the earthen walls is contrasted with large expanses of glass and screens made of thin cedar strips

#### **SITE LOCATION**

 LOCATION: California's Architects: Aidlin Darling Design, Aidlin Darling Design

• Area: 4000 ft2 • Year : 2014

•Latitude: 37.42500915957359

•Longitude: 122.17466667375106



#### APPROACH TO THE SITE



San Jose Airport; 26.55418km







LAKESIDE DINING



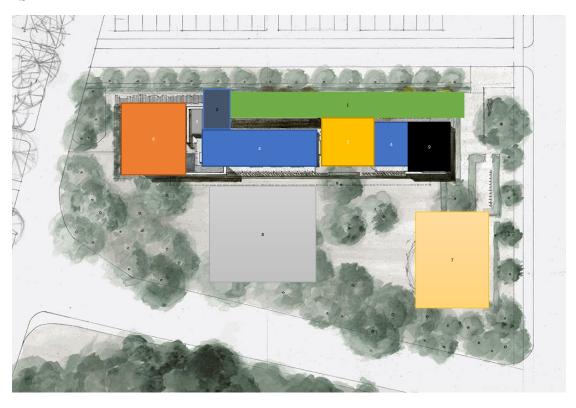
Palo Alto railway station; 0.5 km



ROBLE HALL



#### SITE DETAIL



#### 5. EXTERIAOR COURTYARD

- 1.ENTRY GARDEN
- 2.ENTRY
- 3.INFORMATION VESTIBULE
- 4.GALLERY

- 6. REFLECTING POOL
- 7. MAEDITATION
- LABAAAAAAYRINTH
- 8. CONTEMPLATIVE GROVE
- 9. TOILET



**SITE PLAN** 





#### **INTERIOR**

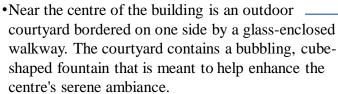
• Visitors enter the pavilion by passing through a long garden lined by tall bamboo plants.







•Inside, the building features a series of galleries, flanked on one end by a reflecting pool. Interior finishes include dark-stained oak flooring and slatted wooden ceilings







• "Water, in conjunction with landscape, is used throughout as an aid for contemplation," said the firm. "Fountains within the main gallery and the courtyard provide ambient sound, while a still pool to the south reflects the surrounding trees."





#### **SITE DETAIL**



#### **PAINTING**

•The paintings – each 15 to 30 feet in length (4.5 to 9 metres) – are from his windhover series, which was inspired by kestrels flying above the Stanford foothills. The series was named after a poem written by the British poet Gerard Manley Hopkins in 1877







•Within the galleries, skylights with motorised louvres enable natural light to wash over five large paintings by the late American artist nathan oliveira, who taught at Stanford for more than three decades.



- •"The centre is conceived of as a unification of art, landscape and architecture to both replenish and invigorate the spirit," the firm said.
- •The paintings, which were a guiding force during the design process, are visible from outside the facility.
- •"From the oak grove to the east, visitors can view the paintings glowing within the centre without accessing the building," the firm said





•While Oliveira's paintings are illuminated, other areas of the centre were kept intentionally dark in order to direct visitors' attention to the artwork and the landscape. Throughout the centre, visitors are afforded views of the outdoors.

## **CASE STUDY -1**

## SWAYAMBHU MAHACHAITYA LUMBINI,NEPAL

NATURVEDA



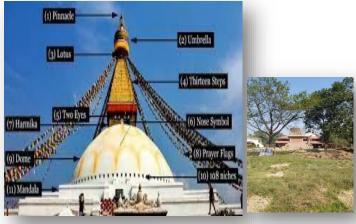
# CASE STUDY -1 **SWAYAMBHU MAHACHAITYA**LUMBINI.NEPAL

#### **INTRODUCTION**

- •Theravada, (Pali: "Way of the Elders") major form of Buddhism prevalent in Sri Lanka (Ceylon), Myanmar (Burma), Thailand, Cambodia, and Laos.
- •Theravada, like all other Buddhist schools, claims to adhere most closely to the original doctrines and practices taught by the Buddha.
- •Buddhist temples usually contain numerous Buddha statues. The central Buddha images are often surrounded by burning incense sticks and offerings of fruit and flowers. Some contain the ashes or bone reliquaries of popular holy man. Many Buddhist temples face south and sometimes to the east, but never to the north and west which are regarded as unlucky directions according to Chinese feng shui. Many temples are entered through the left door and exited through the right.
- •Many Buddhist temples contain large bells, which are rung during the New Year and to mark other occasions, and cemeteries. The pathway to the temples is often lined with stone or paper lanterns donated by worshipers, or strung with prayer flags. Many temples are filled with small shops selling religious items.

#### STUPA PARTS

#### PROJECT DETAILS



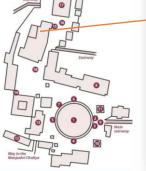


#### **PROJECT DETAILS:**

Location: LUMBINI, NEPAL Climate: subtropical latitude



- Buddha Akshobya
   Buddha Vairocana
   Buddha Ratnasambhava
   Buddha Amitabha
   Buddha Amoghasiddhi
   Green Liberatrice (Tara)
- Shri Karma Raja Maha
   Vihara Monastery
   Dorje
   Malla Tower (Shikara Anantapura
- Maiia Tower (Shikara Pratapura)
   Museum
   Drukpa Kagyu Monastery
   Hariti Shrine
- [15] Avalokiteshvara[16] Buddha Akshobya[17] Shantipura building[18] Stone inscriptions





**FRONT** 



MEDITATION CENTRE IN JAIL

#### **PROJECT DETAILS**







**FRONT VIEW** 





**FRONT GATE** 







### APPROACH TO THE SITE





- •Via railway station shohratgarh .- 62.7 km
- ${}^{ullet}$ Via bhairawaha airport and bus stop 20 km

Via Buddha chowk near Lumbini .



I N T E R I O R

#### **SITE DETAILS**

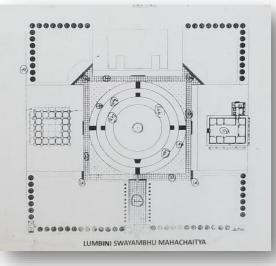




#### **SITE PLAN**

#### **SECTION AND ELEVATION**

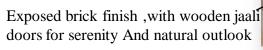


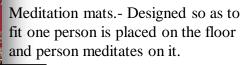


## INTERIOR DETAILS

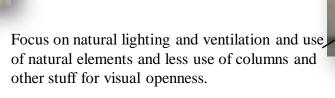
#### **PLAN**

Placement of buddha statue in the middle On a pedestal signifying supremeness.





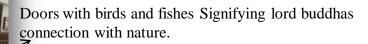
Exposed dome framework Colored in light colors With buddhist flags all aroung.







#### **INTERIOR DETAILS**





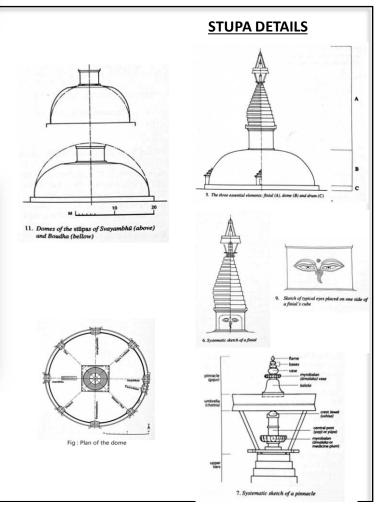
Use of coffered ceiling for classic outlook and white coloured for simplicity and peace.

Well lit inside of the statue pedestal area so it remains on focus .











MEDITATION CENTRE IN JAIL

## **CASE STUDY-2**

VIPASSANA MEDITATION CENTRE: DHAMMA SHRINGA LOCATION: KATHMANDU (NEPAL)





#### **CASE STUDY-2**

#### Vipassana Meditation Centre: Dhamma Shringa

**Location: Kathmandu (Nepal)** 





- The Nepal Vipassana Centre Dhammashringaj is located in the foothills of the Himalayas, overlooking the Kathmandu valley, about 12 kilometre north of Kathmandu City. The
- Centre's land covers nearly four acres and is bordered by a beautiful wildlife reserve. An abundant water supply nourishes the gardens, where flowers bloom throughout the year. Various buildings serve for residences, ranging from dormitories to single rooms, two separate dining halls for men & women, and a few meditation halls. The centre can comfortably accommodate about 250 people. Nepali-style vegetarian meals are served during courses.



A halfling shaped building containing 84 meditation cells, is available for the old students, as well as a separate complex for long and special courses, complete with accommodations and meditation facilities. Information about the Vipassana courses is available at the Vipassana City Office in Kathmandu. Course participants register in the City Office. On the day the course starts, a chartered bus takes them to the center. Dharmashringa is situated at an approximate altitude of 5200 ft. During the summer months of April to September, the maximum temperature remains between 23°C to 32°C and the minimum temperature between ICC to 16°C. During the winter months of October to March, the maximum temperature remains between IO°C to ICC and the minimum temperature between O'C to S°C.

#### **Objectives of the Case Study**

To learn about the built environment

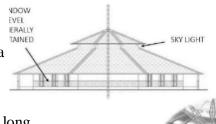
- •Master Plan and Zoning
- Different Spaces
- •Observe and Analyze the

Accommodation Areas

- •Kitchen and Dining Areas
- Meditation Hall

#### **Types of Courses**

- Single and Group Meditation
- Interview With Teachers
- Guided Meditation
- Ten Day Course
- Old Students Short Courses
- Satipatthana Sutta
- Special Long Courses
- Children's Course



#### **Information of the Centre**

Location: Muhanpokhari, Budhanilkantha

Access: 2km north from Budhanilkantha

Area: 40 Ropani

Capacity: 350 meditators short course 22 long

course

Topography: Sloping down from North to South



#### Semi privet Meditation hall Meditation Hall

There are many meditation halls including the main Sunya Ghar and Dhamma hall.

#### **Zoning of spaces**

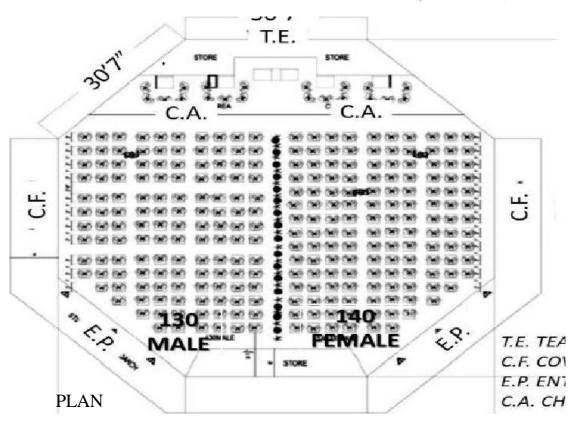
#### **Dhamma Hall**

- Octagonal Shape of 5000 sq. ft hall
- •Capacity of up to 354
- •Divided between two equal halves for male and female practioners
- •Partition through flower pot
- Separate entrance for male and female students as well as teachers
- •White colour is used on the wall and greyish blue at the border
- Lighting through ribbon window and central sky lighting
- •No large window in the hall
- The auxiliary window around the hall act as sound insulation
- Blue carpet and cushions used
- Central column which support the CGI sheets and provide lighting





#### SITE PLAN



# Elevation and interior photograph of Dhamma hall

**Summary of Dhamma hall:** 

Capacity: up to 354 comfortably: 280 Total Area: 5100 sq.-Ft. or 473.8 sq. M Area per Person: 1.3 Sq. M To 1.7 Sq. M.

#### **Mini Halls**

It is mainly used for orientation, meditation, discussion for volunteers and visitors. It has symmetrical layout. There is separate space for male and female practitioners. In interior white colour is used. The dimension of the hall is 30'x70'. It is square in shape. It has a capacity of 100.





#### Sunya Ghar

It is concentrative mobile cell which is used by long term course practitioners. It is a half building arranged in three levels. It contain meditation cell of  $5'x3^ix8^i$ . In meditation cell ventilation is managed by louver in the door. It has vault in three levels. Mostly lower level is used by practitioners and upper level is used by teachers and volunteers. Lighting in the corridor is provided by openings in the wall.

Kitchen and Dining

#### Separate kitchen for male and female

Separate kitchen for short term and long term courses

- •Self-service and dish washing area
- •Provisions of dining tables and traditional sitting system
- •For short term course two kitchen room and two storage room
- •Accommodation areas for kitchen staff provided in the upper floor of same building

NO. OF PEOPLE IN KITCHEN 7 AREA 80 SQ.M. 11.4 SQ.M PER PERSON

Warm Storage: 25 sq m Cold Storage: 27 sq m

Hand-Washing area: 1:10 ratio

Teacher's Quarter
Provided around the meditation hall
Separate for Male and female teacher
Living room and bedroom with
attached bathroom
Consultant and confession space

**TOILET RATIOS:** 



#### CONCEPT

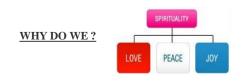
#### WHAT IS MEDITATION?

Meditation is a practice of concentrated focus upon a sound object, visualization, the breath, movement, or attention itself in order to increase awareness of the present moment, reduce stress, promote relaxation, and enhance personal and spiritual growth.



#### <u>AIM</u>

I want to create an environment which help prisoners meditate as they need mental health for their overall development which requires a meditation centre



#### **BENEFITS OF MEDITATION**

- Increases situational awareness
- Reduces stress
- •Makes you more positive in attitude
- Teacher to do more objective
- •One is more energetic, mental faculties are sharper
- •Problem don't seem problem anymore. Attitude change



#### A HEALTHY BODY LEADS TO HEALTHY LIFE





#### **WHAT IS PRISON?**

Prison is a facility in which inmates are forcibly confined and denied a variety of freedom under a authority.

#### **PRISONER**

A person deprived of liberty and kept under involuntary restraint, confinement, or custody especially : one on trial or in prison.

#### WHY IN JAIL?

- •In prison what is commonly observed in that there is that there is no design differentiation for gender based classification, all spaces are designed similar manner leaving the characteristic of the gender or the end user in place.
- All person depraved of their liberty shall be treated with humanity and with respect for the inherent dignity of the human person.
- The most important thing which is required for prisoners inside a prison is that he/she should have a peaceful environment so that they could have time to think about themselves and recover.



#### TYPE OF MEDITATION

#### **♦**Mindfulness meditation

- A 7-minute practice for responding to stress
- · Eight-week evidence-based program
- The course can be offered either to children only or to
- Children and one or both parents
- **❖**Spiritual meditation
- Spiritual meditation is an experience that takes you to the depths of who you are
- **❖** Focused meditation
- **❖** Movement meditation
- Walking
- Gardening
- Oi gong
- Tai chi
- Other gentle forms of movement
- It is good to walk for at least 10 minutes.
- A subset of older adults (n = 25, mean age =  $72.4 \pm 6.45$ , age range = 66-89, 84% female, 84% white)



- The tm technique involves the use of a silently-used sound called a mantra, and is practiced for 15–20 minutes twice per day.
- Above 10 years

#### **❖**Loving-kindness meditation

• Loving-kindness meditation (sometimes called "metta" meditation) is a great way to cultivate our propensity for kindness. It involves mentally sending goodwill, kindness, and warmth towards others by silently repeating a series of mantras.

#### **❖** Visualization meditation

• "Visualization meditation is the method of picturing positive images, ideas, symbols, or using affirmations and mantras to help calm the mind while the body is in a relaxed state,"

#### The first life science

#### **AYURVEDA**

Ayurveda is a holistic system of medicine that is indigenous to and widely practiced in India. The word ayurveda is a Sanskrit term meaning "science of life." Ayu means "life" or "daily living." And Veda is "knowing." Ayurveda was first recorded in the Vedas, the world's oldest extant literature. This healing system has been practiced in daily life in India for more than 5000 years. In ayurveda it is believed that everything in universe is created from 5 basic elements" panchambhutas". Even man is created from these 5 basic element and they represent 5 senses











#### AYURVEDA AND HUMAN POTENTIAL

Ayurveda teaches that man is a microcosm, a universe within himself. He is a child of the cosmic forces of the external environment, the macrocosm. His individual existence is indivisible from the total cosmic manifestation.

Ayurveda, every human being has four biological and spiritual instincts: religious, financial, procreative and the instinct toward freedom. Balanced good health is the foundation for the fulfilment of these instincts.



#### THE FIVE ELEMENTS



<u>Water Gala)</u>: The second most important element is "water", Jala in Sanskrit This element has no odor (smell) but can be heard, felt, seen and tasted, In human body, blood and other fluid are refer to Water,

<u>Fire. (Agni):</u> The next higher element in human body is "fire" Agni in Sanskrit, In human body the temperature, jatharagni are refers the fire, It can be heard, felt and seen.

Air (Pavan): The fourth element of panchmahabhuta is "air", Pavan in Sanskrit Air can be felt and heard only; one cannot see the air. In human body, the oxygen and carbon dioxide In the body refers to Air. It is considered as one of the most Important factor In Pranayama.

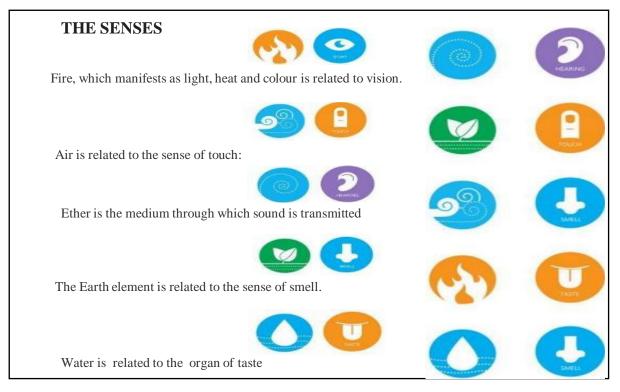
<u>Sky (Aakash):</u> The fifth and last element of panchmahabhuta is "space" which is translated in Sanskrit at Aakash Space is the medium of sound but is inaccessible to all other senses.

And as in human body the Athma (Soul) refers to Space

The combination of these 5 elements makes our body and will dissolve into respective element upon death

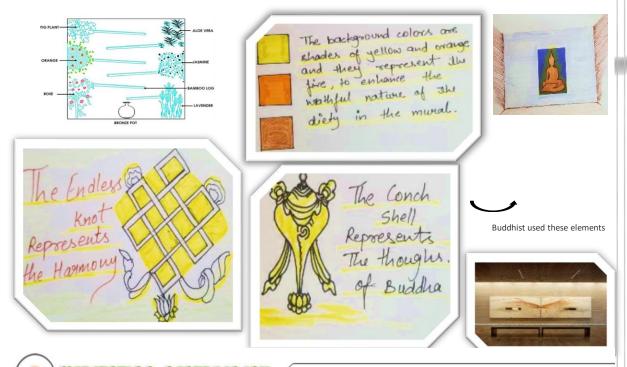


the basic elements – Ether, Air, Fire, water and Earth - are related to hearing, touch, vision, taste and smell, respectively.



#### **DESIGN ELEMENT**

- The play of light and shadow creates an innate sense of movement in space.
- •use of light in the form of a buddha that is formed by an opening in the wall. That is so impactful and creates a memory in the user's mind that can be used for meditation purposes even when he/she isn't physically present in the structure in the future.



#### AIR PURIFYING PLANTS IN INTERIORS

#### HEALTH BENEFITS OF PLANTS

In 1989, the NASA Clean Air Study found that the power of plants went far beyond absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen; many can also filter harmful chemicals from the air, such as benzene, formaldehyde, and trichloroethylene—all commonly found in everyday objects that surround us all the time in cities such as furniture and building material.





#### **AYURVEDIC HERBS**

Ayurveda is a traditional Indian system of medicine. It aims to preserve health and wellness by keeping the mind, body, and spirit in balance and preventing disease rather than treating it.

• Ayurvedic herbs and spices are also an important component of this approach. They're thought to protect your body from disease and offer a variety of health benefits, including improved digestion and mental health.

#### **AYURVEDIC VALU:**

Energetics: bitter astringent, pungent heating

Spiritual aspects: happiness, joy, success, beauty,

compassion, devotion

Action: stimulant, carminative, alterative, vulnerary

#### **AYURVEDIC VALU:**

Energetics: better, cooling

Action: bitter, antipyretic, alterative, anthelmintic,

antiseptic, antiemetic

Spiritual aspect: pure refreshing ,heart opening





#### PLANTS THAT CAN HELP YOU MEDITATE BETTER

#### **BASIL PLANT**

Basil is a sacred plant and has antioxidant properties. It spreads positivity and removes all negativity. It will help you in focusing on positive things while meditating.

#### **VASTU - NORTH-EAST DIRECTION**

#### **ALOE VERA**

It protects a space from negative vibes and is perfect for meditation space. They also absorb large quantities of carbon dioxide emitting equal amount of oxygen.

#### **VASTU- NORTH OR EAST**

#### **LUCKY BAMBOO PLANT**

Bamboo grows at a very fast pace. It is believed that it symbolises growth and the way you can overcome your problems easily



#### **LOTUS**

Lotus stand for strength, morality, and purity. The presence of lotus is believed to bring in wealth and prosperity.



#### JADE PLANT

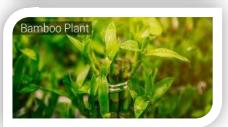
Jade Plant is a symbol of joy, brings luck and attracts positive vibes. It not only purifies the air but will help you in attracting luck and positivity while meditating.

### LAVENDER

Lavender is a gorgeous plant that removes toxins, reduces stress levels, induces relaxation, and cures depression. It is one of the most popular anti-anxiety plants.











**MINT** 

#### MEDITATION CENTRE IN JAIL

Mint is refreshing and is a

symbol of revival and freshness.

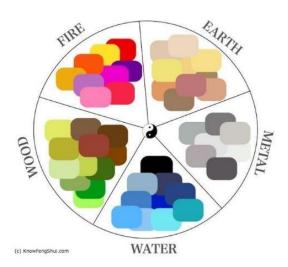
#### COLOUR





#### FENG SHUI COLORS FOR YOUR MEDITATION SPACE

(The Chinese words "feng" and "shui" translate to mean "wind" and "water,")



One way to approach feng shui and color is to look at the five element color theory. The five elements system comes from Taoism, and it's a way of understanding the different energies that make up the world. Each element is connected to specific colors, as well as certain qualities

#### WOOD ELEMENT

WATER ELEMENT

The wood element is related to green and blue. Wood represents vitality, growth, and healing...

#### FIRE ELEMENT

connected to the color red. It's also related to passion and inspiration, so adding red to your space is a great way to invite more of these qualities into your life. Red is also a very powerful, active color, and a little bit goes a long way.

Water is represented by the color black. If you want to cultivate more wisdom and intuition. Water is also related to depth,

#### METAL ELEMENT

The metal element is related to white and metallic colors. Metal is connected to joy and precision, so bringing in metal colors can be helpful if you want to enhance these characteristics. Metal can also help to improve focus, which can be supportive in a meditation space.

#### **EARTH ELEMENT**

The earth element is connected to the colors yellow and brown. Earth represents stability and roundedness. . Earth is also connected to self care and boundaries.



#### MATERIAL BOARD

















WOODEN **CLADDING** ALUMINIUM

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#### **GRASS**

- •Walking barefoot on grass regulates your heart health
- •Helps in preventing insomnia
- •Helps to improve your mental well-being
- •It's great for your eyes

#### **SAND**

Sand provides resistance that strengthens your arches, ankles and leg muscles. Your foot will be going through its full range of motion, and every time your foot sinks into the sand, your muscles have to work extra hard to push you back up and move you forward

#### WATER

The water body adds a calming static effect and creates a very interesting pause point that mark the transition of exterior and interior space

#### **BAMBOO**

AMBIENCE

BRICK

SANSKRIT TEXTS

**INSCRIBED ON** 

WOOD

Eco-friendly and sustainable flooring option. used in versatile ways conservatories, with underfloor heating)

#### **NATURAL LIGHT**

**LIGHT** Scented candles Hanging string lights. Dimmable lamps.

natural light is the best kind of light. Unless you wanted to create a windowless room on purpose,

NATURAL

CONCRETE

**FINISH** 

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BROWN KOTA

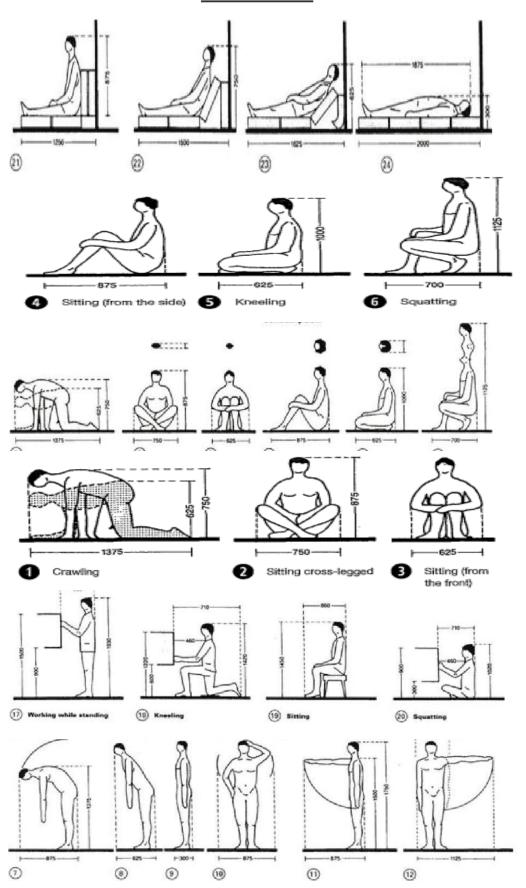
RIVER WASH



RUSTIC

**BRICKS** 

### **STANDARDS**





#### WHAT IS THE PROPER MEDITATION POSTURE?

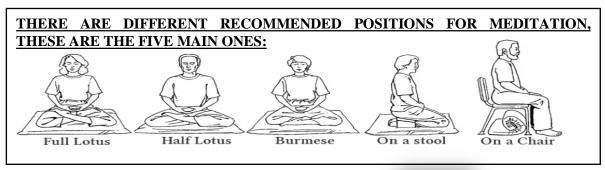
The most important element for the meditation posture is sitting with the back and neck straight and unsupported. The legs can be in any position that make you feel stable and comfortable.

#### **MEDITATION POSTURE**

The meditation seat you need depends on the posture you use for meditation. So let's start by discussing posture.

As mentioned, good meditation posture needs to be:

**STABLE** — so that your brain feels safe, and is able to turn inside without distractions **STRAIGHT** — so that your body helps you be more present, focused, and alert **COMFORTABLE** — so you can sit for longer periods of time, in a relaxed manner, without needing to move and without feeling pain.



#### **BURMESE / BALINESE**

Zafus come in different shapes, sizes, and colours.

**CLASSIC** — the one used in Zen temples all over the world.

**WEDGE OR CRESCENT** — wider support for you hips and legs

WHEEL — it gives less, so usually better if you need a higher or tighter seat

CHOOSING A MEDITATION

CHAIR OR BENCH

#### KNEELING / SEIZA

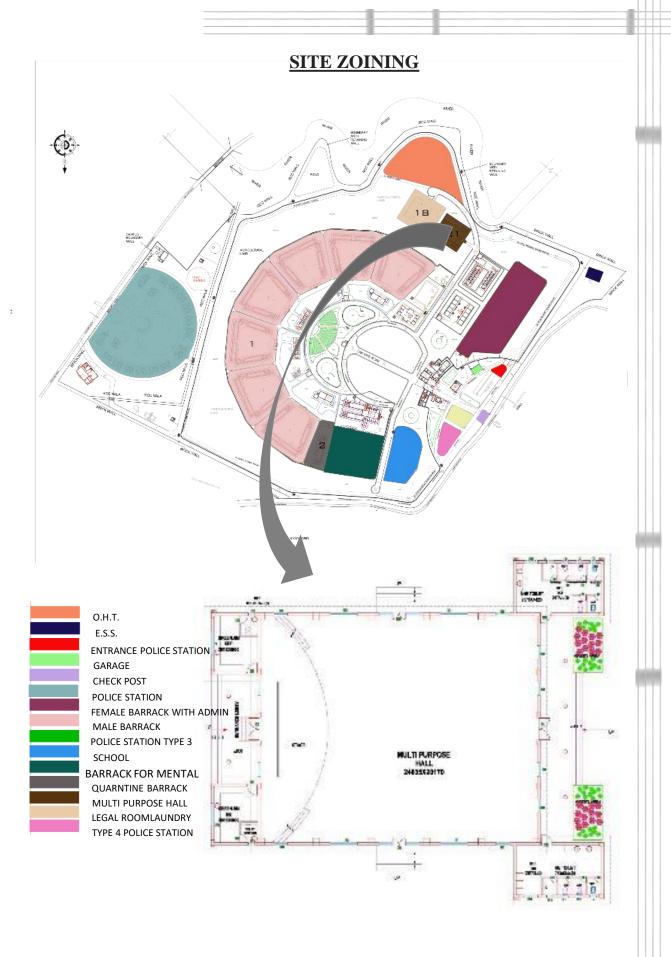
For those that find hard to sit cross-legged, you can sit on the Japanese sitting posture, known as seiza.

#### **CHAIR**

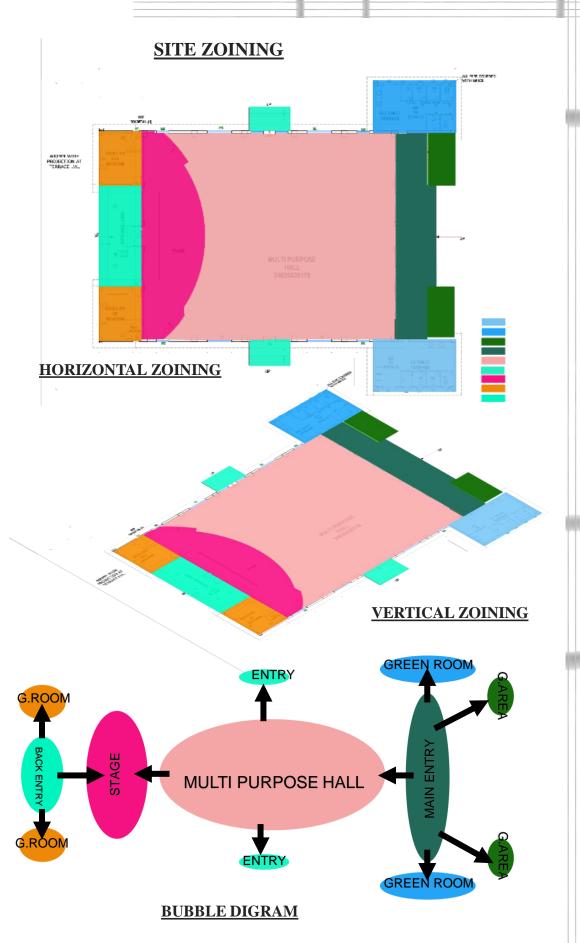
If your knees don't agree with any of the positions above, or if you need a backup seat for longer meditation sessions, you can use a chair.





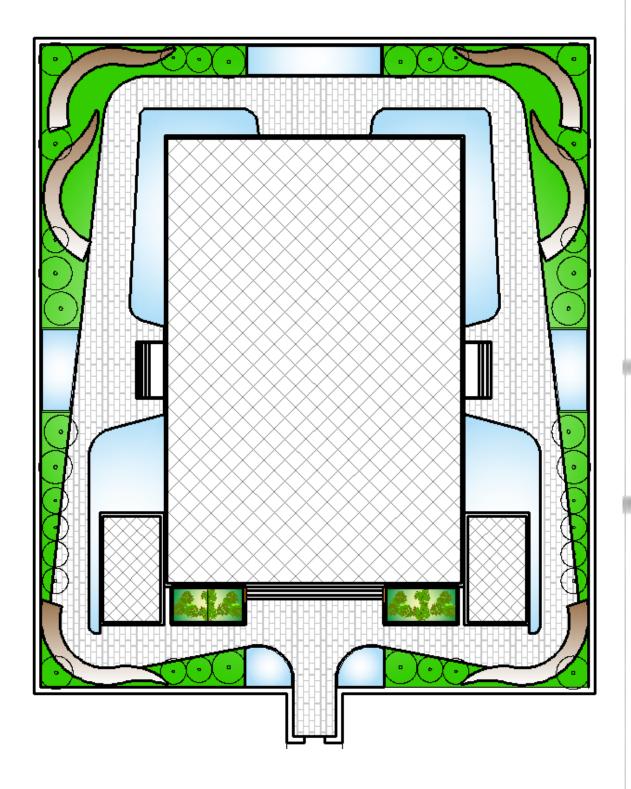






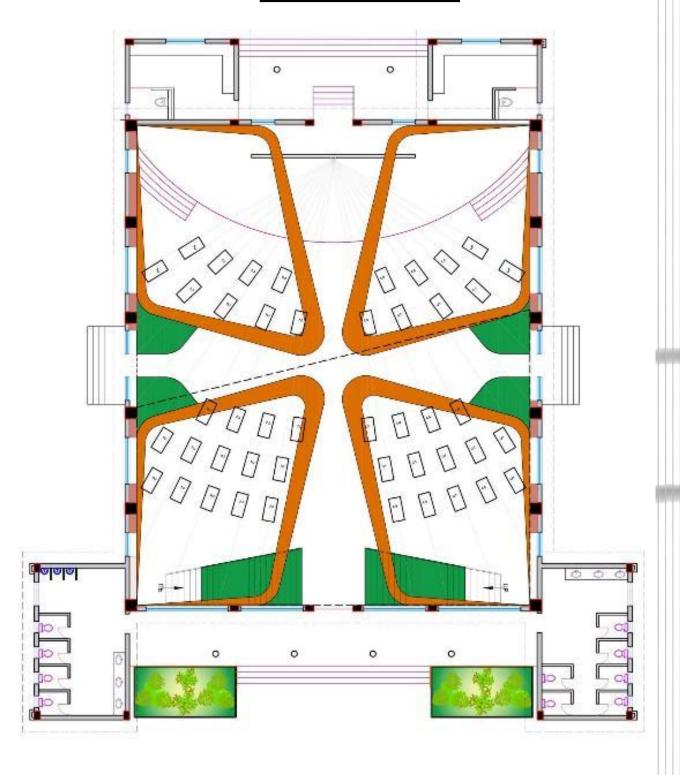


## **SITE PLAN**



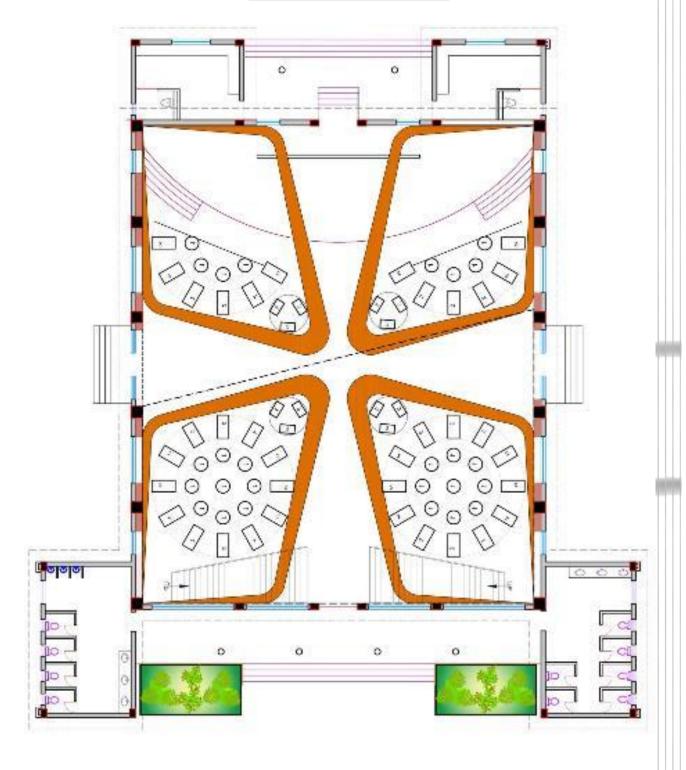


# GROUND FLOOR PLAN (OPTION 1)



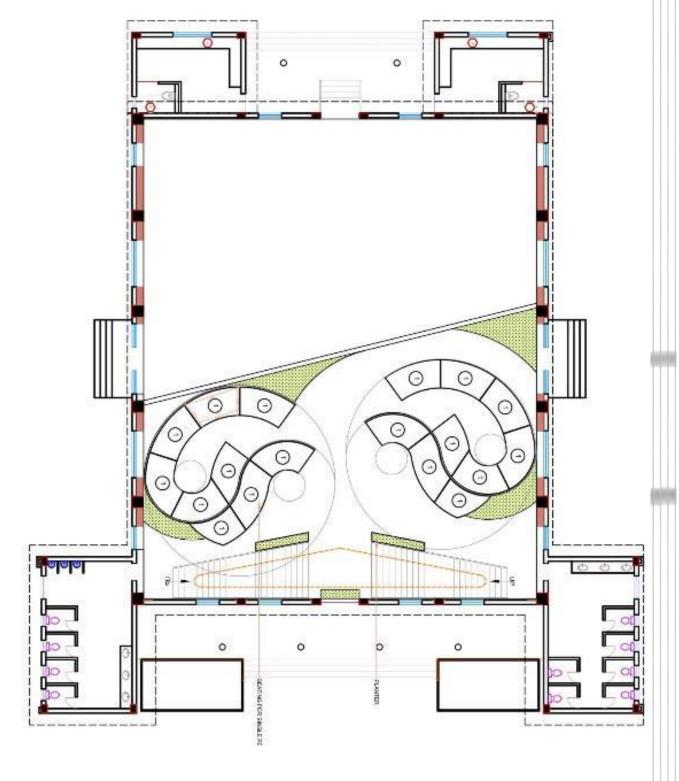


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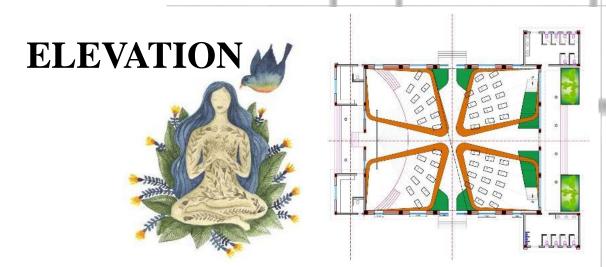


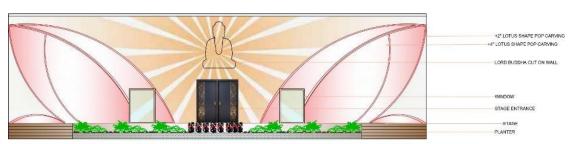


# MEZZANINE FLOOR PLAN





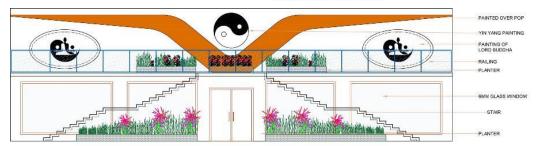




WALL ELEVATION D



WALL ELEVATION B



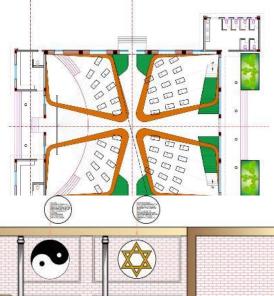
WALL ELEVATION C

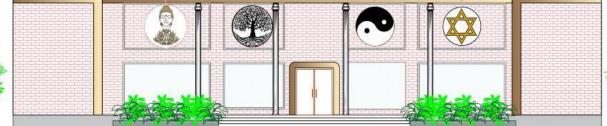


WALL ELEVATION A





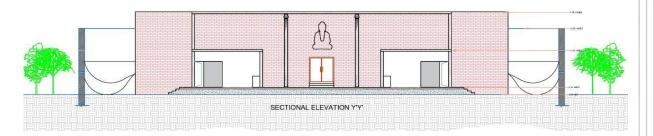




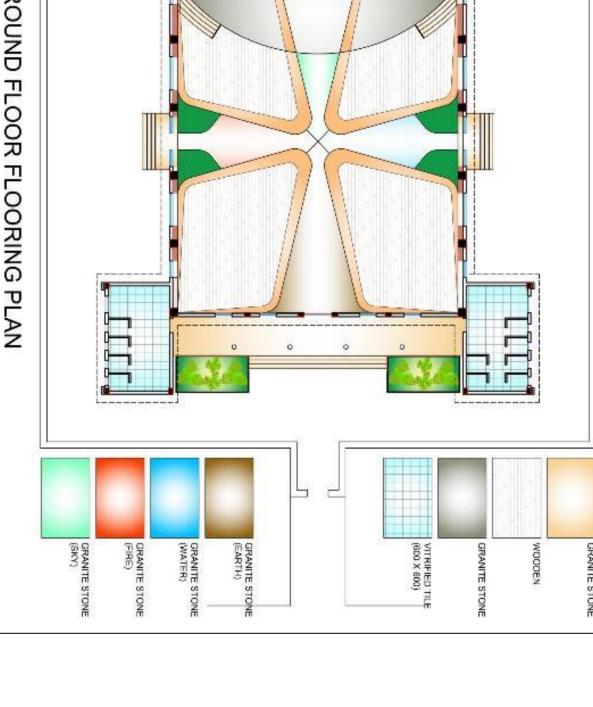
FRONT ELEVATION





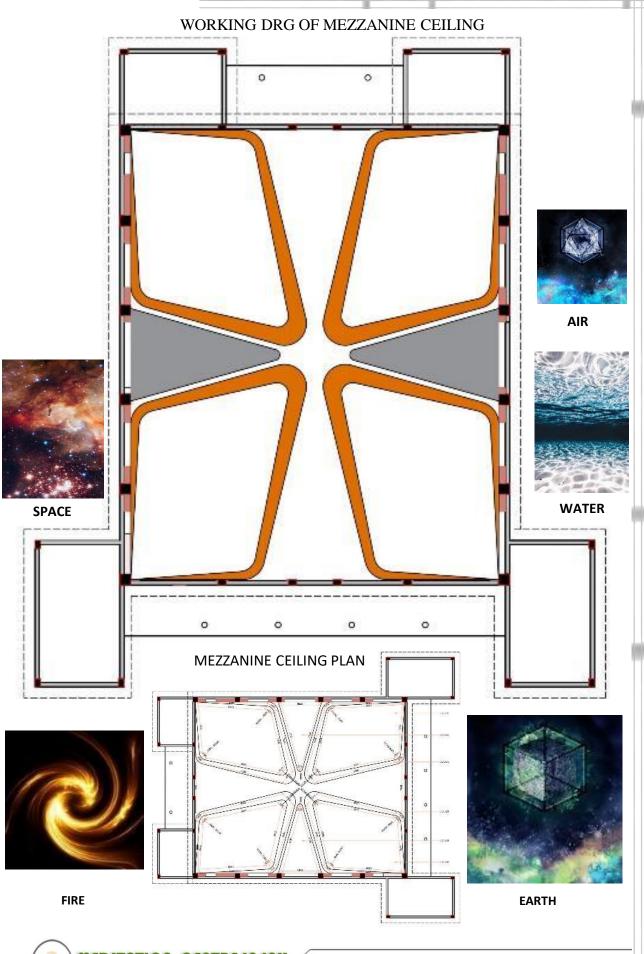










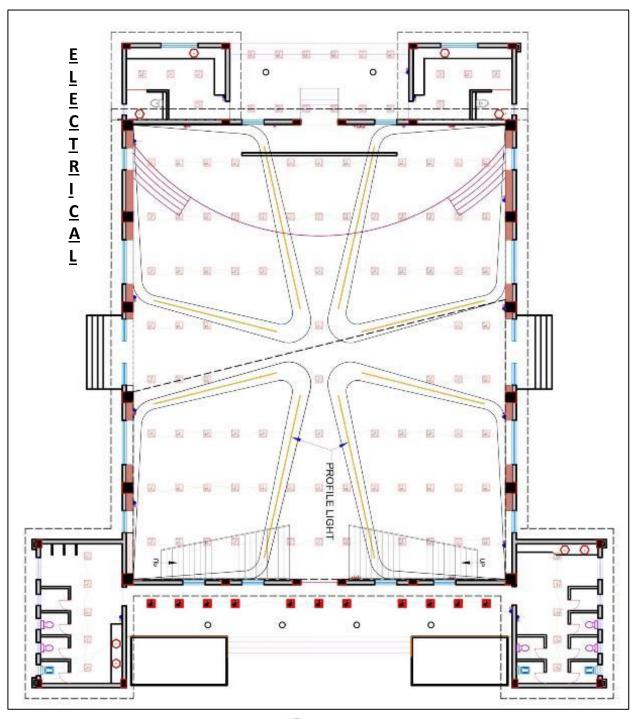




# MEZZANINE CEILING PLAN 0 0 0 0 0 AIR **FIRE** WORKING DRG OF MEZZANINE CEILING



# ELECTRICAL GROUND FLOOR PLAN



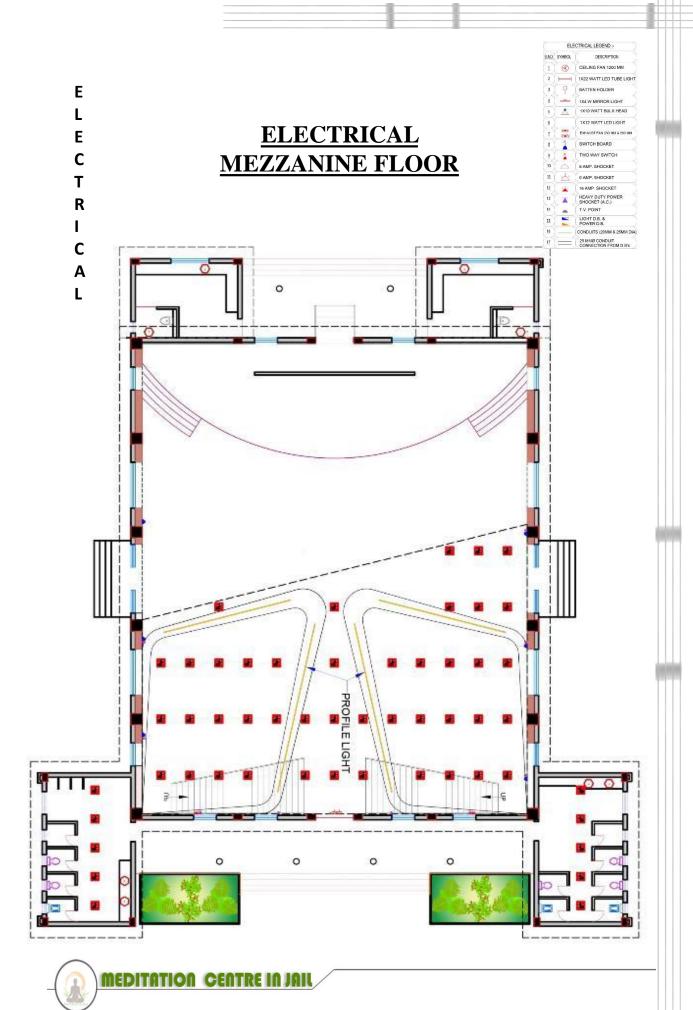




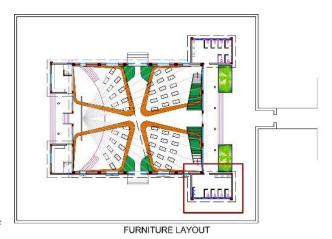


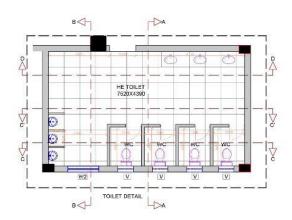
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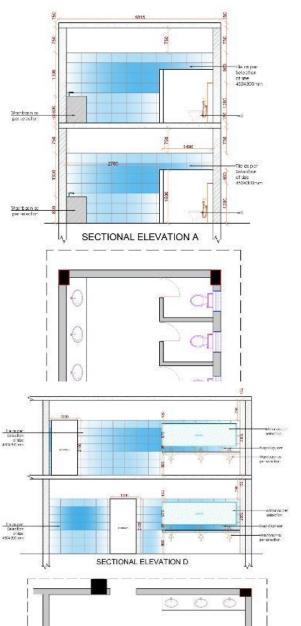


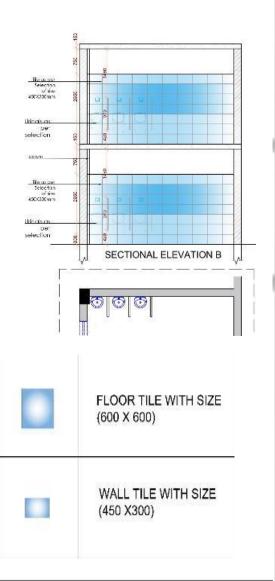


## **TOILET DETAIL**

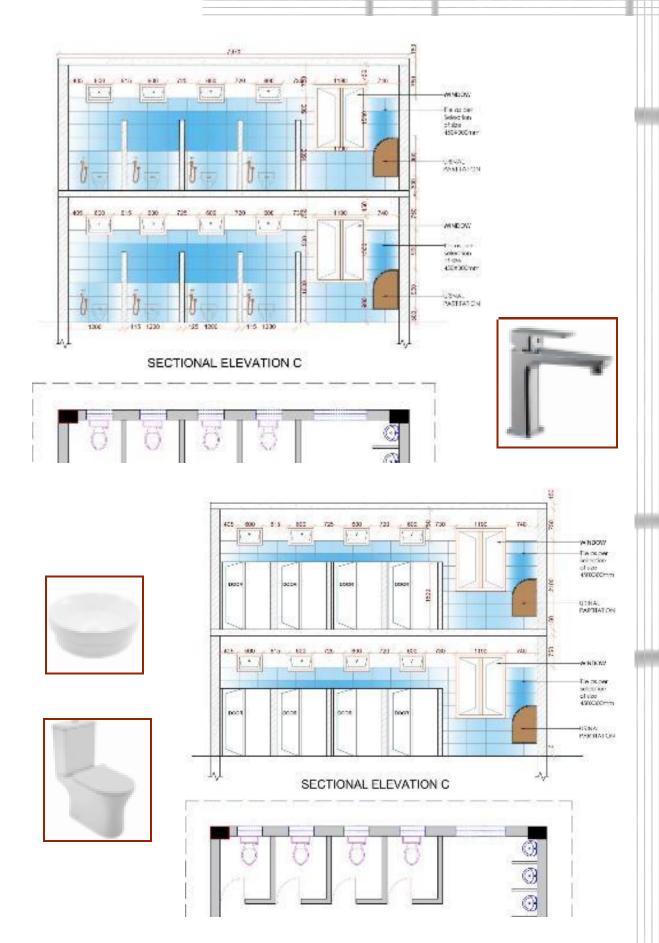














### **3D VIEWS**









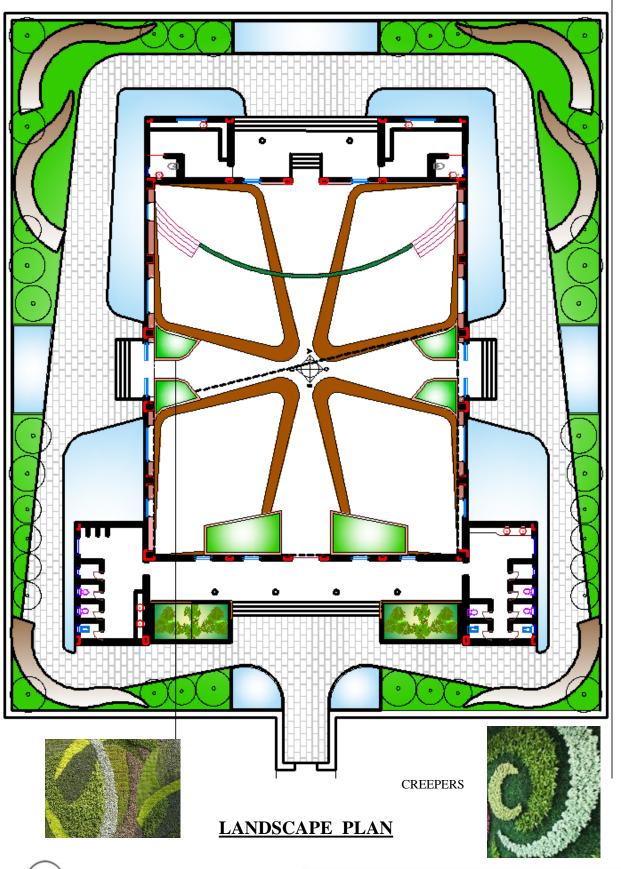








## **LANDSCAPE**





## **WALL ELEVATION**



**BOUNDARY WALL ELEVATION A** 



BOUNDARY WALL ELEVATION C



**BOUNDARY WALL ELEVATION D** 





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BOUNDARY WALL ELEVATION B

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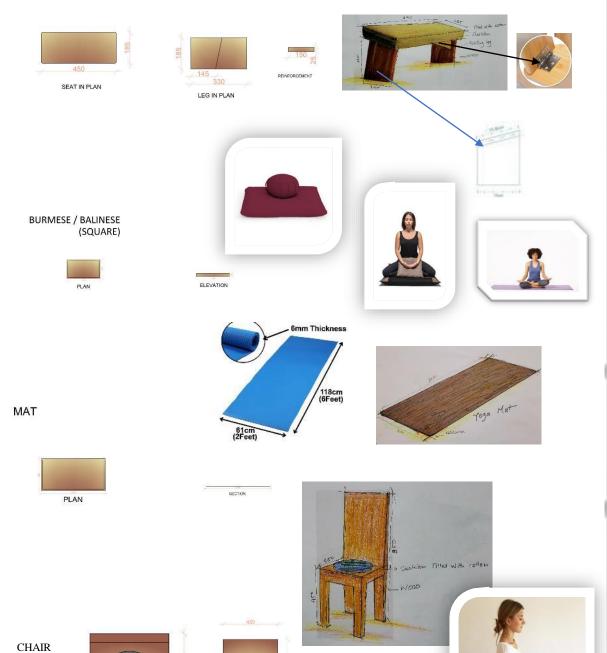




## **FURNITURE DETAIL**



**BENCH** 





**PLAN** 

**ELEVATION**