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Landscape design projects range from housing, integrated townships, hospitality, institutional, recreational, commercial, farmhouses and residences. Some of the important projects include Marriott Courtyard Hotel at Gurgaon, Rajasthan High Court at Jaipur, Sneh Resort at Udaipur, Arcadia and Nirvana Commercials, Metropolis Mall at Gurgaon, Urban Design report for Jama Masjid and Environs, and, part of the study undertaken by Delhi Urban Arts Commission which was aimed at recognizing the landscape issues and potentials of open space systems of Delhi.

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Design Philosophy

Landscape Design Projects

Response to the existing cultural landscape, amalgamating it with the natural landscape summarizes our philosophy. The idiom of expression varies accordingly with the context, though remains modern in outlook. Ecological concerns and evaluation, and judicious use of natural resources are important ideals in our design process.

Urban Design Projects

Acts of building and urban expansion create an irrevocable mark on the existing cityscape and the natural environment. Urban design exercise by way of ecological urban structuring helps in the development of a frame-

work to harmoniously facilitate the process of change, which is nothing, but society's most materialized form of interaction with the natural environment.

Our methodology involves studies, documentation and careful analysis and subsequent identification of issues and opportunities to prepare structure plans and master plans. The service also incorporates the planning and design of circulation systems, social and physical infrastructure. Master Plans are also prepared for large-scale architectural development, campus and township designs as well as for urban conservation zones.



Featured Project

SNEH RESORT

U D A I P U R

A seven-acre land along the National Highway-8, the site is located about 8 kms from the city of Udaipur towards Ahmedabad. The north part of the site is a ridge which forms the spur of Aravalli with a small plane tract of land below, to the south of which is a shallow seasonal rivulet. The approach to the site is from the South-East over a bridge across the rivulet. It is a very picturesque and serene environment.

Programme

The resort is designed to cater to tourists with thirty rooms, three executive suites, four hill-top cottages, multi-cuisine restaurant, a coffee shop, conference room, health club, spa and banquet hall for 500 persons in addition to outdoor and poolside party facilities.

Design and Planting Concept

The shape of the building follows the profile of the ridge and is nestled at its foot with extensive views of the landscape towards the South and view of hills towards the North. The central circular core of the building houses the lobby and other common facilities like the health club and the restaurant. The room block is towards the West, while the banquet and the suites block is on the East.

The natural levels of the site have been utilized to create the entry to the central lobby at the mid level with a landscaped terrace designed as a chess board which overlooks the magnificent view of the poolside and the health club area. The pool deck, the front garden and the banquet lawn are arranged along the shallower slope providing an expansive foreground to the built form.

The levels of the site and the fort-like retaining walls have been utilized in landscape design to functionally segregate the different outdoor areas while at the same time form a

sculptural composition. The *teeri* stone local masonry work has been extensively used as the idiom both in landscape and in the built form. The natural topography of the site has been taken into consideration in landscape design. The rain water and the large run-off, resulting from the hill slope and the building terraces are tapped for surface recharge.

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Except for the front gardens, pool side and the banquet lawn, the other areas have been densely planted to minimize maintenance and to make the landscape more sustainable. An orchard has been planned towards the South-West corner of the site along with planting of native and other naturalized flowering and shady trees on the hill slope. The four cottages have been planned on the top of the ridge with gentle pathways leading up to them. The cottages have been designed with sloping RCC roofs covered with thatch to maximize climatic comfort and small patios have been planned at the cottage entries as sit-outs and enjoy the view of the landscape and the hill on the other side of the highway.

Tall shady trees have been proposed to screen the view of the resort from the highway and also to provide a pollution and noise buffer. Groves of flowering and shady trees have been provided to structure the spaces, give relief and add colour.

