



THE EXPERIMENT USES THREE DIFFERENT BATS WITH UNIQUE CHARACTERS.

SOUND ANALYSIS:

BATS USING FREQUENCY MODULATED (FM) SIGNALS DURATION AS THEY APPROACH AN OBJECT, THUS CONTINUALLY AVOIDING AN OVERLAP BETWEEN OUTGOING CRY AND RETURNING ECHO. THE TIME OR SPACE IN WHICH SUCH AN OVERLAP WOULD OCCUR, HAS BEEN REFERRED TO AS THE PULSE-ECHO OVERLAP ZONE OR THE INNER WINDOW.

INNER WINDOW:

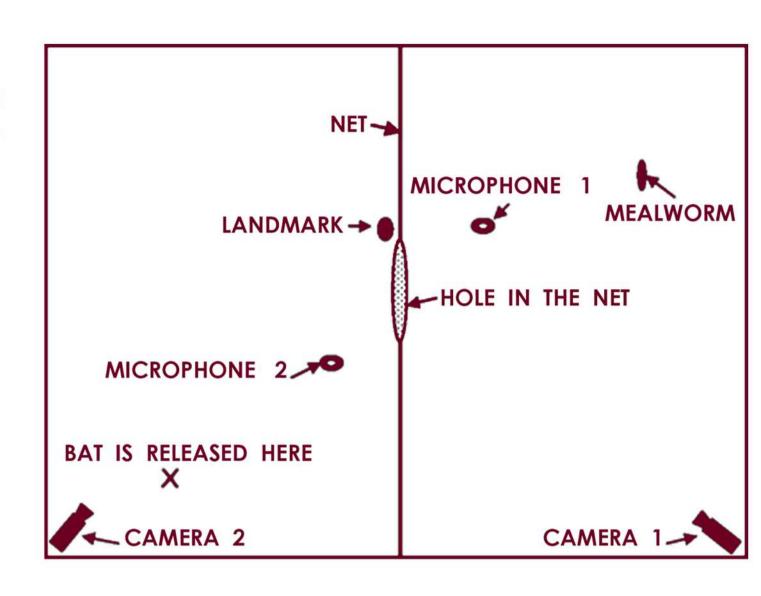
INNER WINDOW IS AN INDICATOR OF THE SHORTEST RANGE AT WHICH A BAT IS SEARCHING FOR PREY. WE USED THE BATS' PULSE DURATION TO CALCULATE THE SIZE OF THE INNER WINDOW AS

1/2 x SIGNAL DURATION x SPEED OF SOUND

THAT IS THE MINIMUM TARGET DISTANCE IN FRONT OF THE BAT WHERE THERE IS JUST NO OVERLAP BETWEEN OUTGOING PULSE AND RETURNING TARGET ECHO.

EXPERIMENTAL SETUP:

DURING EXPERIMENTS THE FLIGHT ROOM WAS ILLUMINATED WITH LOW LEVEL (LESS THAT 0.05LUX) LONG-WAVELENGTH, PRECLUDING THE BATS FROM USING VISION TO PERFORM THE TASK. THE ROOM WAS DIVIDED BY A MIST NETMADE OF 0.1MM DIAMETER THREAD WITH A HOLE WITH A DIAMETER OF 35CM IN NET.



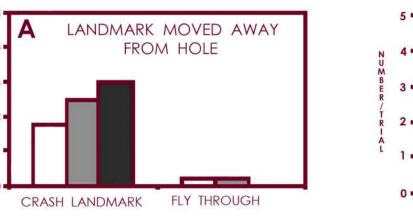
THE BATS WERE TRAINED TO FLY THROUGH THIS HOLE TO GAIN ACCESS TO A FOOD ON THE OTHER SIDE. THE POSITION OF THE NET OPENING WAS ADJACENT TO A LANDMARK

BEHAVIOUR:

ECHOLOCATION TO REPRESENT SPACE

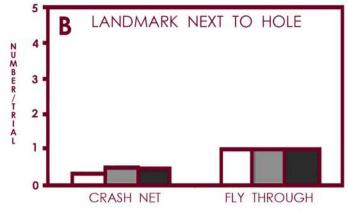
WITH HIGH RESOLUTION.

BEHAVIOURAL DATA:

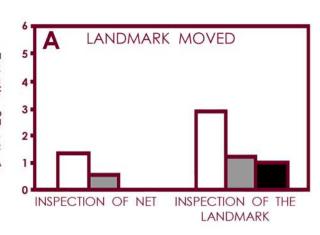


FLY THROUGH

NO LANDMARK



FROM HOLF



LANDMARK NEXT TO

HOLE



USE OF ACOUSTIC LANDMARK FOR SPATIAL **ORIENTATION**



SENSORY INFORMATION TO BUILD REPRESENTATION

RESPECT THE UNIQUENESS R OF EACH INDIVIDUAL

OS SPACE IS IMPORTANT

LANDMARK NO LANDMARK INSPECTION OF NET WITH THE LANDMARK ADJACENT TO THE NET OPENING, THE BATS QUICKLY FOUND THE HOLE. IN THE SECOND EXPERIMENT, BATS WERE TESTEDIN CONTROL TRIALS IN WHICH THE LANDMARK WAS MOVED INDEPENDENTLY OF THE HOLE, BREAKING THE ESTABLISHED SPATIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO. IN CONTROL TRIALS THE BATS REPEATEDLY CRASSHED INTO THE NET NEXT TO THE LANDMARK, AND INSPECTED THE ARE AROUND IT. IN THE

THE BEHAVIOURAL DATA SHOW FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT THE ECHOLOCATING BAT CAN LEARN TO RELY ON AN ACOUSTIC LANDMARK TO GUIDE SPATIAL ORIENTATION.

FNAL EXPERIMENT, THE LANDMARK WAS REMOVED ALL TOGETHER FROM THE SET-UP. HERE THE BATS SPENT

MORE TIME PER TRIAL SEARCHING FOR THE NET OPENING WITH AN INCREASED NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS AS WELL AS CRASHES INTO THE NET. HOWEVER, OVER THE COURSE OF A TEST DAY WITHOUT LANDMARK, BATS REDUCED THE TIME SPENT PER TRIAL AND FOCUSED INSPECTIONS AND CRASHES AROUND THE HOLE.

GENERAL BEHAVIOUR:

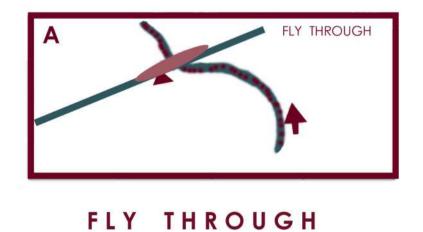
V/S HUMAN

SPATIAL MEMORY CREATING A BETTER

UNDERSTANDING OF THE SPATIAL

ORIENTATION.

THREE TYPES OF BEHAVIOUS WERE POSSIBLE IN EACH TRIAL: (1) INSPECTION OF THE NET, (2) CRASHING INTO THE NET AND (3) FLYING THROUGH THE HOLE. A BAT MIGHT SHOW ALL THREE IN ONE TRIAL, THAT IS FIRST CRASH INTO THE NET, THEN MAKE AN ISPECTION OF THE NET, AND FINALLY FLY THROUGH THE OPENING. WE WOULD THEN RECORDA COUNT OF ONE FOR FINDING THE HOLE, BUT ALSO COUNTS FOR EACH CRASH AND INSPECTION.

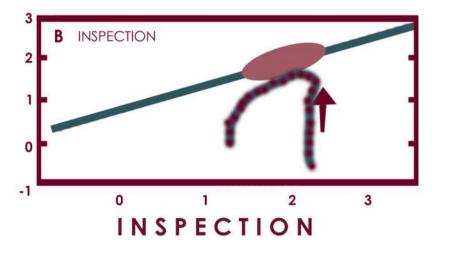


INSPECTION OF UNKNOWN SPACES TO

IDENTIFY AND LOCATE THE LANDMARK

WHICH HELPS THEM ORIENT THROUGH

SPACES.

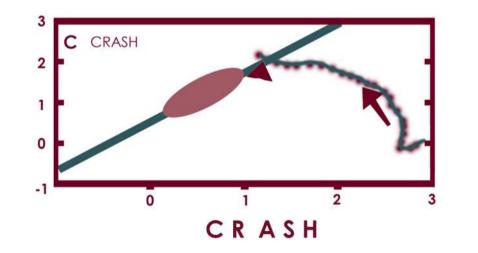


USE OF SENSORY INFORMATION AS A

GUIDE HELPS ONE SEE THE SPACE

AROUND THEM.

LANDMARK AT







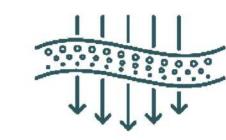


OUTGOING CRY SHOULD **NOT COLLIDE**

ABILITY TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES TO

ADAPT INTO VARIOUS SITUATION.

MATERIAL:



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SOUND ABSORBING MATERIALS CAN BE USED FOR BETTER ACOUSTICS AND TO CONTROL ECHO GENERATION AS PER THE DESIGN



BRITTLE MATERIALS PRODUCE AN AMPLE AMOUNT OF ECHO.THE MATERIAL CAN BE USED WHERE MORE ECHO NEEDS TO BE PROVIDED.

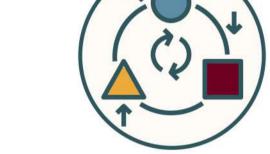




BRITTLE MATERIALS PRODUCE AN AMPLE AMOUNT OF ECHO.STEEL CAN BE USED WHERE MORE ECHO NEEDS TO BE PROVIDED.

THE INNER WINDOW SHOULD BE FREE OF SOUND EMITTING BODIES.



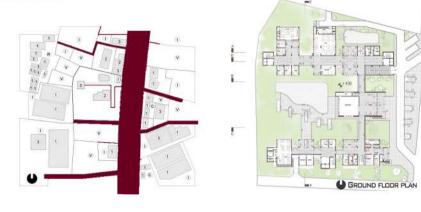




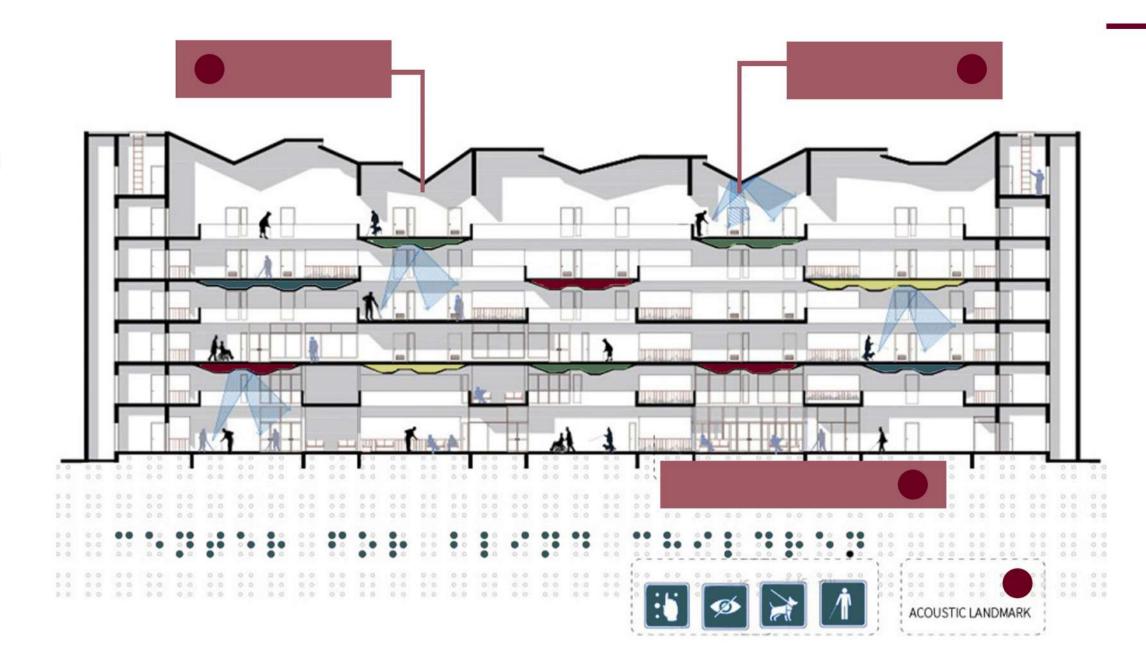
ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATE FOR THE BLIND:

SOME CONSIDERS A 'PROTECTIVE' ENVIRONMENT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED PEOPLE. SOME CONSIDERS A 'PROTECTIVE' ENVIRONMENT WHERE THE ARCHITECT ESIGN AN ARTIFICIAL ENVIRONMENT COMPLETELY TAILORED TO THE SENSORY NEEDS OF THE BLIND PERSON ALTOGETHER. ANOTHER SET OF DESIGNERS ROPOSE THAT THE SUITABLE ENVIRONMENT IS PERHAPS ONE THAT IS 'PROGRESSIVE' WHICH SERVES TO INTEGRATE THE BLIND MINORITY INTO THE SLIGHTED MAJORITY.

JOYDEVPUR CIRCLE



THE PROGRESSIVE METHOD IS APPLIED IN THIS THESIS PROJECT. SUCH **ENVIRONMENTS ARE 'PROTECTIVE'** WITHIN THE CENTRE AND 'HOSTILE' TOWARDS THE EXTERIOR WHEN INTRODUCING THE INDIVIDUAL TO THE SIGHTED ENVIRONMENT



CENTRE FOR BLIND CHILDREN

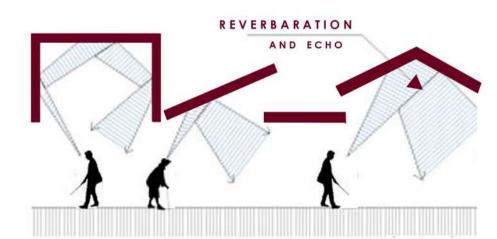


THE INSTITUTION LOCATED IN GAZIPUR CONSISTS OF EDUCATIONAL, TRAINING AND RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES, AIMS TO PROVIDE A SUPPORT ETWORK FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSON. THE PURPOSE IS TO EMPOWER THEM SO THAT THEY CAN LEAD INDEPENDENT LIVES THROUGH THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES.

HROUGH THE EXPLORATIONOF SENSORY ARCHITECTURE, IT IS EVIDENT THAT VISUALLY IMPAIRED USERS BENEFIT FROM POSITIVELY FROM ARCHITECTURE THAT COMMUNICATES WITH THEM THROUGH THEIR REMAINING FUCTIONAL SENSES. HENCE ACOUSTIC ARCHITECTURE ALONG WITH OLFACTORY HAS BEEN GIVEN PRIORITY IN THIS DESIGN. A CONCEPT OF SINGLE SPINE DESIGN AND COGNITIVE MAP IS USED IN THIS DESIGN. FOR A BLIND PERSON, THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPATIAL REPRESENTATIONS OCCURS THROUGH A COGNITIVE MAP CONSISTING OF ROUTES AND LANDMARKS. A BLIND PERSON DEFINES THIS DESTINATION POINT THROUGH MENTAL REPRESENTATION OF ROUTE, WHICH IS PHYSICALLY DEFINED BY VARIOUS ACOUSTICS, TACTILE AND OLFACTORY LANDMARKS. OTHER FACTORS LIKE CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PARAMETERS, SITE FORCES SUCH AN EXISTING VEGETATION AND FLORA FWAUNA AS WELL AS THE FINDINGS FROM SITE ANALYSIS ARE TAKEN UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR THIS DESIGN.

A UNIT OF 1 METER AND A MODULE FOR DORM ROOMS HAS BEEN DEVELOPED ACCORDING TO THE ERGONOMICS OF BLIND CHILDREN AND USED THROUGHOUT THE DESIGN PROCESS.

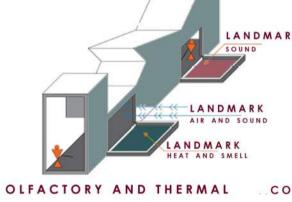
SPECIAL FEATURES:





ACOUSTIC LANDMARK

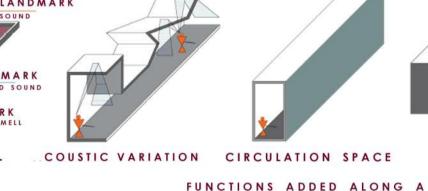
EASIER NAVIGATION



COGNITIVE MAP: ROUTE AND MAP

ROUTE: ENCODING TO SEQUENTIAL

OBJECTIVE LANDMARK



COUSTIC VARIATION CIRCULATION SPACE

SINGLE-SPINE CIRCULATION

MAP: RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN ROUTE AND LANDMARK TACTILE LANDMARK





SINGLE-SPINE

CIRCULATION

SINGLE-SPINE ROUTE

DESIGN: 1 METER





ANCHOR CENTRE FOR BLIND:





SITUATESD ON A 2.2-ACRE SITE, THIS SERENE FACILITY HAS BEEN METICULOUSLY DESIGNED TO

SUBTLE, STRATEGICALLY PLACED SENSORY ELEMENTS AND CHILD-SIZED DETAILING THROUGHOUT THIS "TOUCH-FRIEND" BUILDING AND SITE SERVE AS INTUITIVE GUIDES AND INTEGRATED

TEACHING TOOLS.BRACING THE SENSE OF SIGHT, SOUND, TOUCH, SMELLAND TASTEN

INNOVATIVE WAYS, DAVIS PATNERSHIP, S SEAMLESS MARRIAGE OF INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR

SPACES PROVIDE THE IDEAL CONTAINER FOR ANCHOR CENTRE, S SPECIALIZED MULTI-SENSORY

CURRICULUM.

EXTERIOR PROPERTIES

DESIGN AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF ITS NEIGHBOURHOOD, THIS ONE STOREY STRUCTURE ALIGNS WITH THE STREET EDGE, RESPECTFULLY MIRRORING THE ADJACENT RESIDENTIAL SCALE. CLASSROOM "PODS", CLAD IN A SUBTLE BRAILLE-INSPIRED-PATTERN OF BOND MASONRY THAT PLAYS LIGHT AGAINST SHADOW, REACH SKYWARD, WHILE REVEALING THE BUILDINGS INTERIOR SPATIAL

ORGANIZATION. THE ELONGATESD SERIES OF PODS, CONNECTED BY A CENTRAL

CIRCULATION SPINE, ARE FLOODED IN DIFFUSED NORTHERN LIGHT THROUGH A SERIES OF FILTERED CLERESTORY WINDOWS JUST BELOW THE ANGLED ROOFLINE.

VARIATIONSIN SCALE, MATERIALS AND LIGHTING ASSIST CHILDREN WITH

ORIENTATION.

THE BUILDING'S INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE IS INTENTIONALLY CLEAN, SIMPLE AND

SERVE AS WAY FINDING ELEMENTS WHILE VISUALLY SEPERATING THE THREE

@MIND,SPIRIT AND BODY@ PODS OF THE BUILDING. CHOSED BASED ON A CAREFUL

STUDY OF COLOUR THEORY AND THE ACTUAL PASSIVE OR ACTIVE NATURE OF

EACH POD, THIS TRIAD OF HUES IS INTEGRATED THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING IN THE

FORM OF SKYLIGHTS, DOOR LIGHTS AND WALL SCHONES.

FREE OF OBSTRUUCTIONS. INTERNALLY, THREE COLOURS -BLUE, YELLOW AND ROSE -



SIMPLE DESIGN APPROACH HELPS IN EASY NAVIGATION.



USE OF COLOUR POD SYSTEM AS A LANDMARK ELEMENT



ANGLED WALLS HELPS IN NOISE REDUCTION AND WILL HELP TACLE NOISE DUE TO A COMBINATION OF DIRECT SOUND AND ECHO.



CREATE ACOUSTIC **ZONES USING** FLOORING MATERIAL



WAY-FINDING SIMPLE



ORGANIZATION

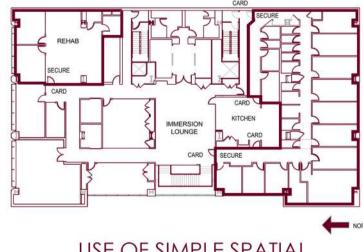






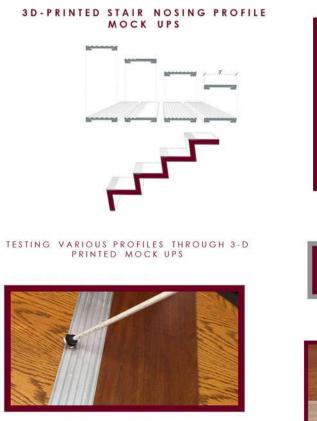
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LIGHTHOUSE FOR BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED



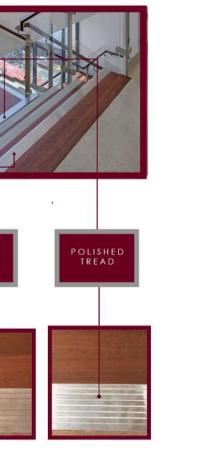
USE OF SIMPLE SPATIAL ORIENTATION MAKES THE SPACE LEGIBLE.

TACTILE MARKING USING USING SIMPLE ELEMENTS.

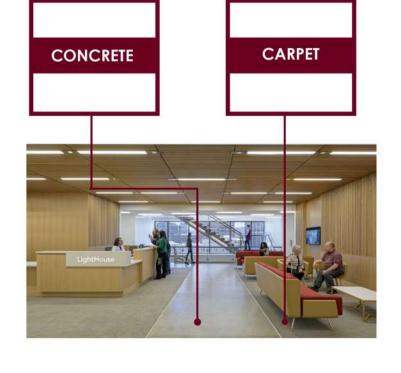


STAIR MOCK UPS SHOWED THAT STANDARD NOSINGS WOULD CAUSE CANE TIPS TO CATCH

SOUND AS YOU WALK ON IT.







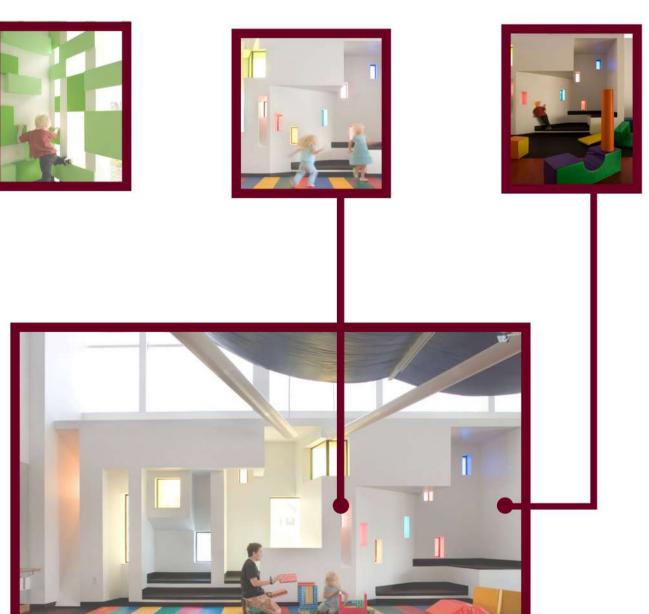
CORRIDOR OPENING TO A LARGER

USE OF CONCRETE AND CARPET TO INTEGRATE BETWEEN SPACES.

THE NOISE OF THE CANE IN THE CORRIDOR DIFFERES AS IT REACHES AND OPEN SPACE. THIS PRINCIPLE OF ACOUSTIC MODULATION THUS ACTS AS A LANDMARK OR A WARNING.

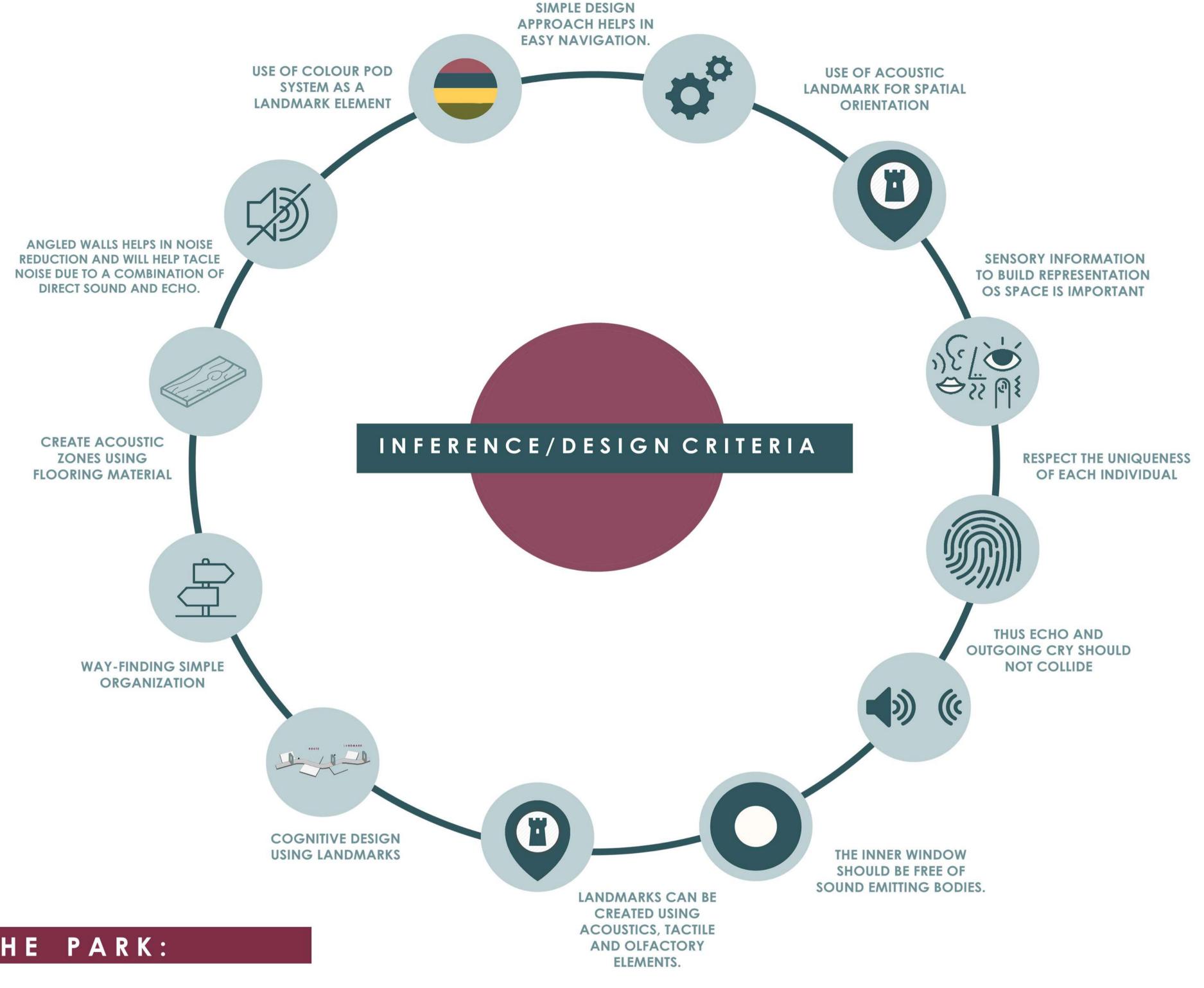
THE SPACE IS PROTCTED FROM NOISE WHICH MAKES IT EASIER TO CONTROL THE INTERIOR ACOUSTICS. THEY ARE MANIPULATED AND MODULATED ACCORDING TO THE USER,S REQUIREMENT.

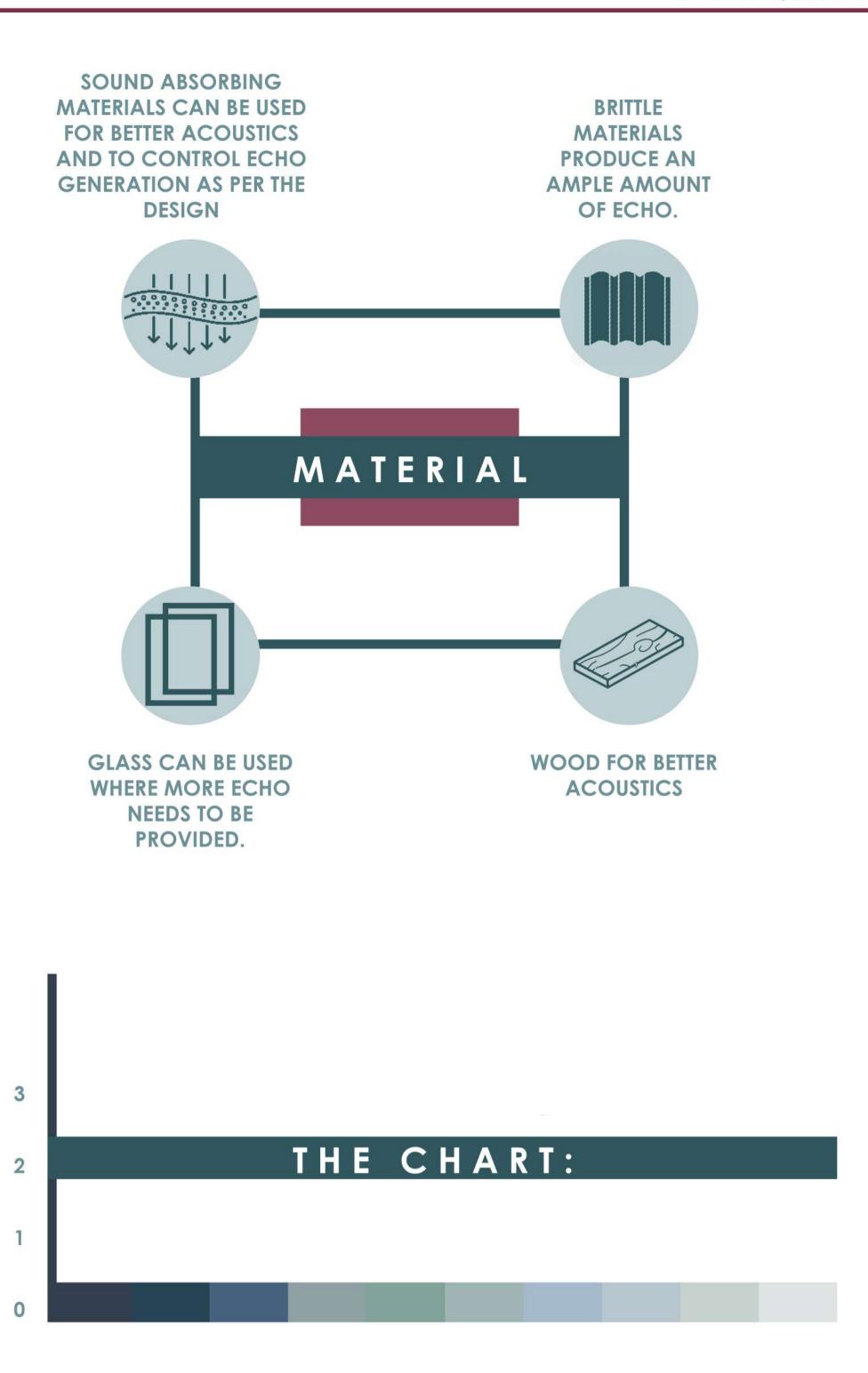
SPACE.





LANDMARKS CAN BE CREATED USING ACOUSTICS, TACTILE AND OLFACTORY





THE PARK:



USE OF FLAURA AND FAUNA FOR EMOTIONAL HEALING AND AS A LANDMARK



SIMPLE ART INSTALLATION GIVING THEM AN EXPOSURE TO THEIR WORLD OF ART.



MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS THAT CAN BE EASILY INSTALLED AND EXPERIENCED IN THE PARK.



ELEMENTS LIKE ROPE CLIMBING WILL HELP DEVELOP A FEELING OF FREEDOM.

SOLUTION FOR URBAN PROBLEM:



USE OF TACTILE MAPPING AND OTHER IDENTIFIABLE TEXTURE FOR WAY-FINDING.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS WITH AUDITORY SIMULATION.





USE OF ECHOLOCATION IN PATHWAY USING SOUND REFLECTING PANELS.

THE PROPOSED CHART WILL HELP ANALYSE THE FUNCTIONALITY OF THE **BUILT SPACE. THIS MULTISENSORY** APPROACH WILL THUS FOLLOW THE NORMS ACCORDING TO THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, 2016

SENSORY MULTI-SENSORY **AUDITORY**

LEGEND:

OLFACTORY WAYFINDING

TACTILE

KINAESTHETIC LEARNING

CIRCULATION LOCOMOTION

SOUND / NOISE



SCOPE FOR IMPROVEMENT

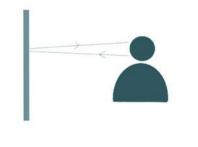
THESE INFERENCE WILL NOW SERVE AS THE DESIGN CRITERIA



EXPOSURE















LEGEND:



PATHWAY

SCHOOL GROUND

HEIGHT VARIATION

BUILT SPACE

VEGETATION

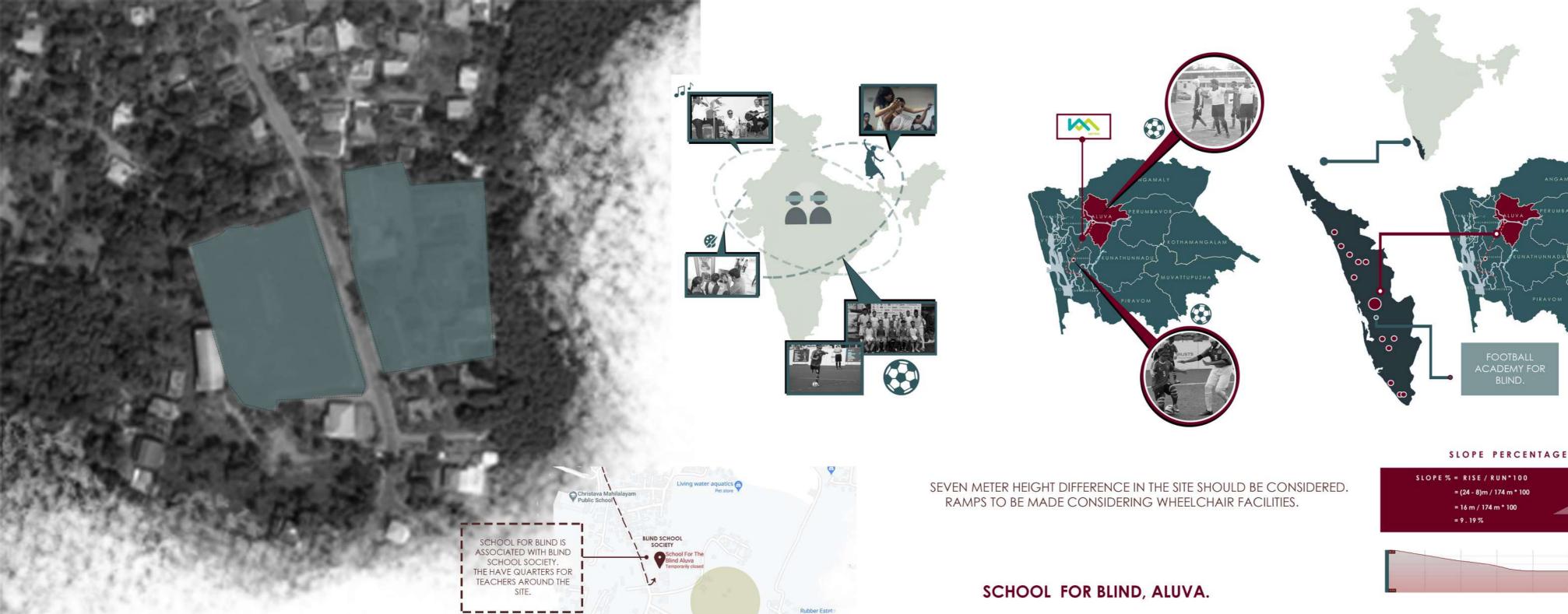
VEHICULAR MOVEMENT

MULTI-SENSORY ARCHITECTURE

ACOUSTICS

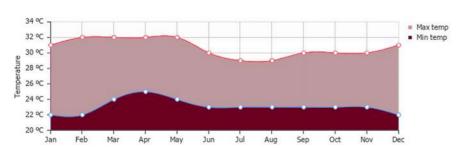
FOCUS ON TACTILE DESIGN

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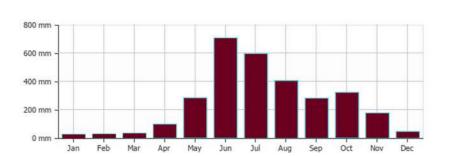


SLOPE PERCENTAGE:

SUMMERS ARE EXPERIENCED WITH VERY HIGH TEMPERATURE. THUS DESIGN ELEMENTS SHOULD BE SUCH THAT IT MAINTAINS THE AVERAGE TEMPERATURE OF THE ROOM. OVERHEATING OF SPACES CAN CAUSE DISCOMFORT TO THE USER GROUP.



MONSOONS ARE VERY HARSH IN KERALA. THUS DESIGNS SHOULD CONSIDER THE RAINS THAT LAST ALMOST FOR FIVE TO SIX MONTHS. OVER FLOODING OF WATER CAN MAKE WAY FINDING AND SPATIAL ORIENTATION DIFFICULT FOR THE BLIND.



CONNECTIVITY



EST HOSPITAL IS 3.2 KMS FROM THE SIT



NEAREST URBAN SPACE IS 17.4KM



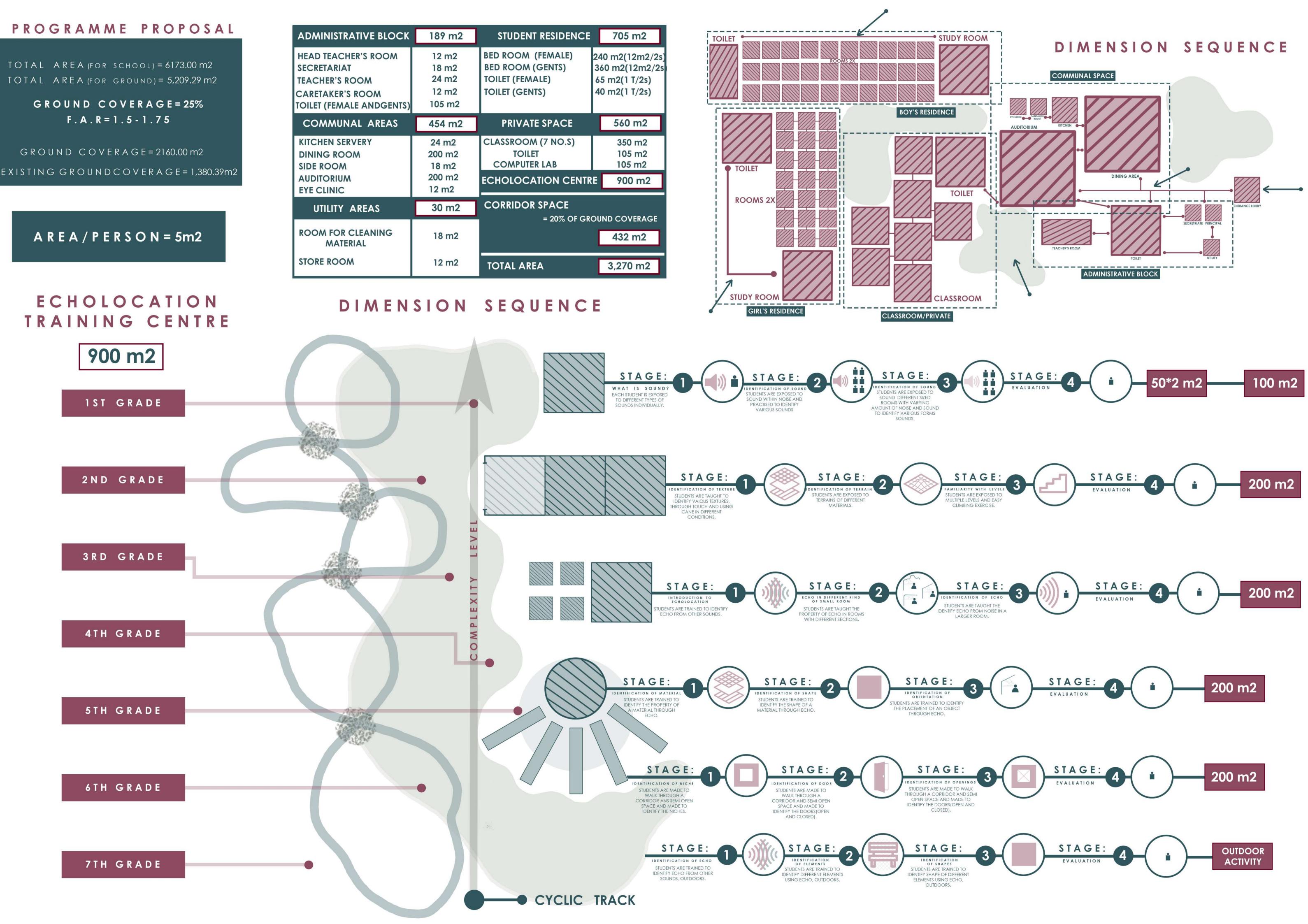
NEAREST METRO STATION IS 7.2KM

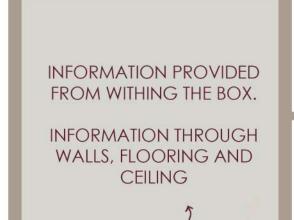
THE SCHOOL ALSO OFFERS A REHABILITATION CENTRE WITH THE AIM OF TEACHINGKILS TO THE STUDENTS. THE SCHOOL MAINTAINS A PHYSIOTHERAPY CENTRE. THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM GIVES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO COMPUTER EDUCATION, ARTS AND CRAFTS IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR ACADEMICS.

THE TWO CONCEPT OF 'PARAMBU' WHICH IS A BACKYARD AND COURTYARDS ARE COMMONLY FOUND IN KERALA. THE CONCEPTS WILL HEPL SUSTAIN A COMFORT THROUGH TEMPERATURE.

PLANS AROUND KERALA TRIES TO INCLUDE THESE ELEMENTS IN THEIR DAILY ARCHITECTURE AND THUS THIS BECOMES ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPT FROM WITHIN THE CONTEXT.









INFORMATION THROUGH

FLOORING USING TACTILE

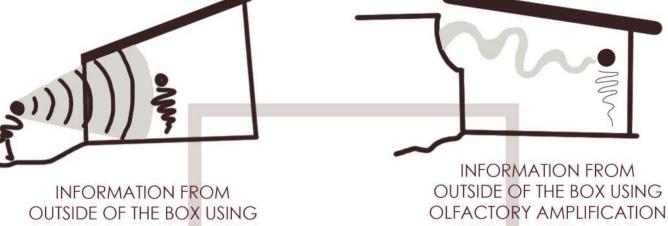
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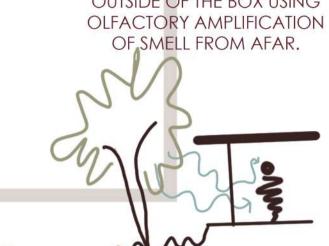
BEYOND THE BOX



INFORMATION FROM OUTSIDE OF THE BOX USING SIMPLE ELEMENTS LIKE OLFACTORY, TEMPERATURE, ACOUSTICS ETC.



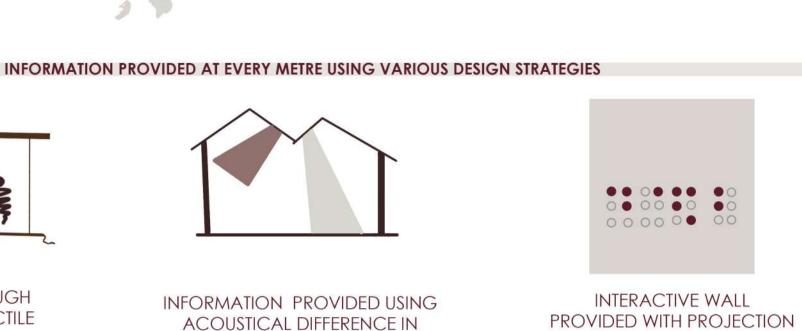
ACOUSTICS AMPLIFICATION OF SOUND FROM AFAR.



INFORMATION FROM OUTSIDE OF THE BOX USING **ACOUSTICS AMPLIFICATION** OF SOUND FROM AFAR.

INFORMATION FROM OUTSIDE OF THE BOX USING TEMPERATURE VARIATION.

THE POLYGON





INFORMATION PROVIDED USING COLOURED GLASS, WHICH EXPOSES THEM TO VARIOUS COLOURS

- LANDMARK-

LANDMARK USING THE SAME

DESIGN PRINCIPLES TO

DEFINE SPACES



INFORMATION PROVIDED USING

ACOUSTICAL DIFFERENCE IN

SPACE

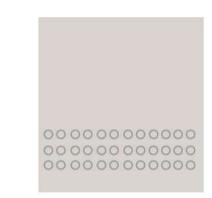
TEXTURE ALONG THE WALL AT A HEIGHT SUITABLE FOR KIDS AND ADULTS.

ACOUSTIC LANDMARK FO

COMMON SPACE USING

DIFFERENT ROOF HEIGHT AND

SOUND REFLECTIVE BUILDING



OF BRAILLE.

BRAILLE PROJECTIONS SUCH THAT DIFFERENT WORDS CAN BE MADE USING BOTTLE CAPS.

TEMPERATURE, OLFACTORY

LANDMARK FOR OPEN

SPACES.

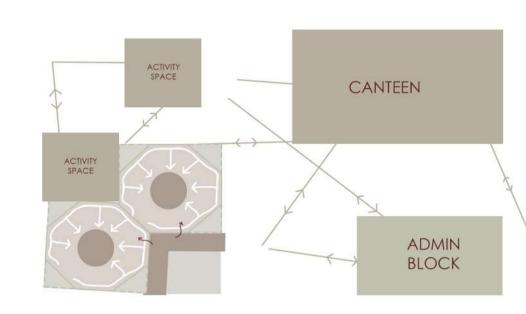
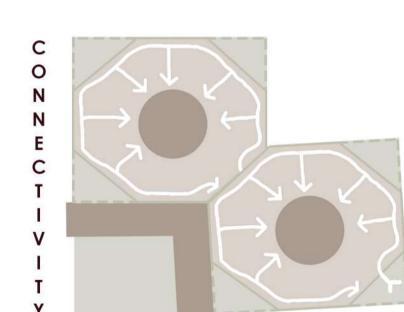
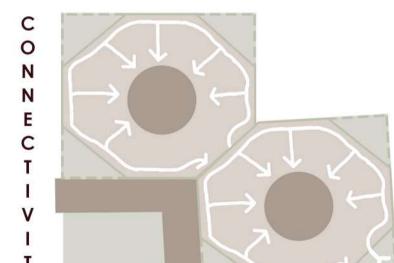


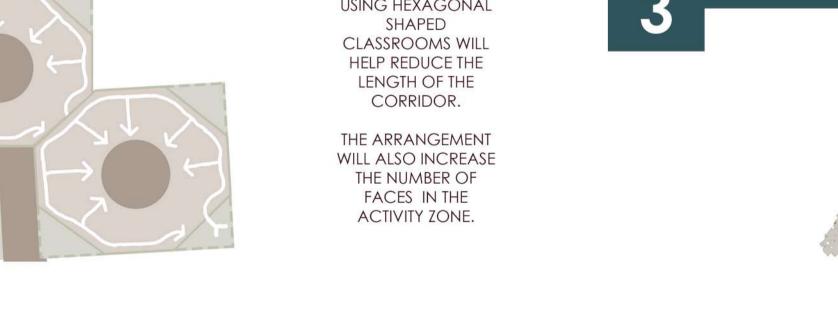
CHART SHOWING TH CONNECTIVITY AMONG SPACES. CLASSROOMS ARE PROVIDED WITH TWO DOORS EACH EACH OF IT OPENING TO A FORMAL AND INFORMAL SPACE.

FORMAL AND INFORMAL SPACES ARE CONNECTED TO THE COMMON AREAS, DECRESING LENGTHS TO TRAVEL.



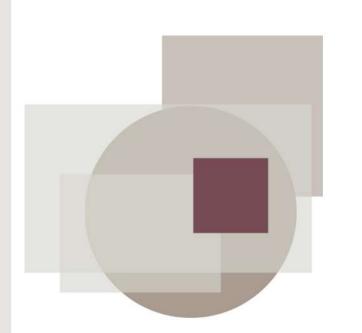
THE ARRANGEMENT USING HEXAGONAL SHAPED LENGTH OF THE



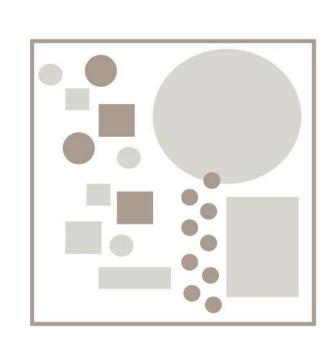




'THE MUSE' HELPS DEVELOP A FEELING OF FREEDOM WITHIN EACH STUDENT. THE SPACE PLAYS WITH MULTIPLE LEVELS TO STEP UP AND CLIMB. USING MATERIALS LIKE FOAM WILL MAKE THE SPACE SAFER FOR THE SAME. THE IDEA IS TO LIBERATE THEM FROM THE FEAR WITHIN BY PROVIDING EXPOSURE TO THE ELEMENTS AS A DAILY ACTIVITY.

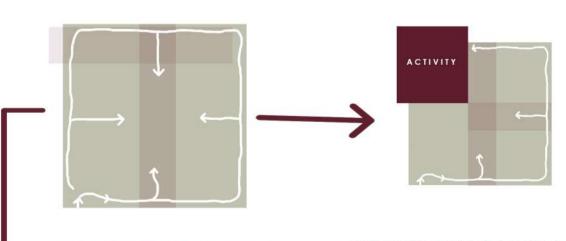


STEPS IN PLAN

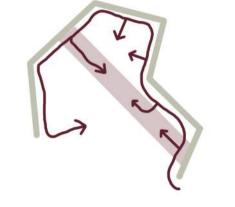


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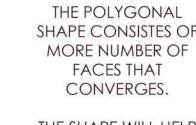
CLIMBING WALL USING NICHE AND PROJECTION

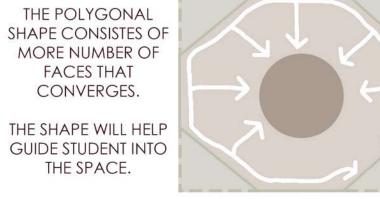


THE PATH CAN LEAD TO AN DESIREABLE PATH USED BY ACTIVITY. THE VISUALLY CHALLENGED.



MAXIMUM INFORMATION CAN BE PROVIDED BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE FACES.







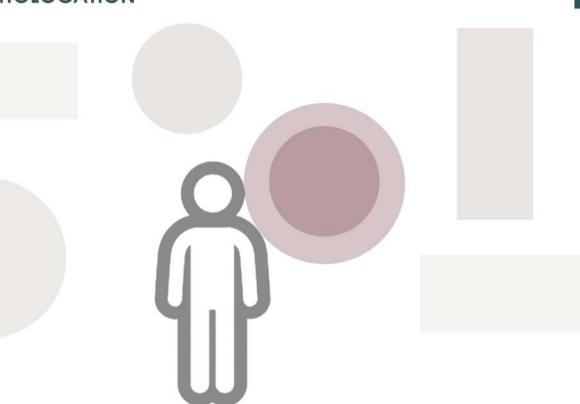


BASIC THEORY AND INDOOR EXERCISES IN ACTIVE **ECHOLOCATION**

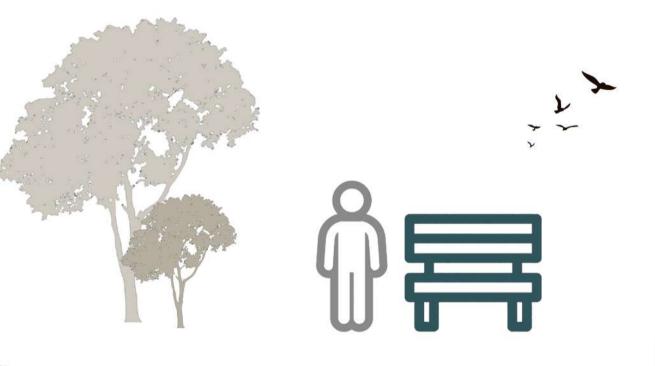
Determination of a useful signal/sound; the learner's preferred Awareness of echoes; Stimulation exercises; Basic skills inside;

> Basic skills in a corridor; Basic skills outside in different surroundings.

BASIC INDOOR EXERCISES IN ACTIVE ECHOLOCATION

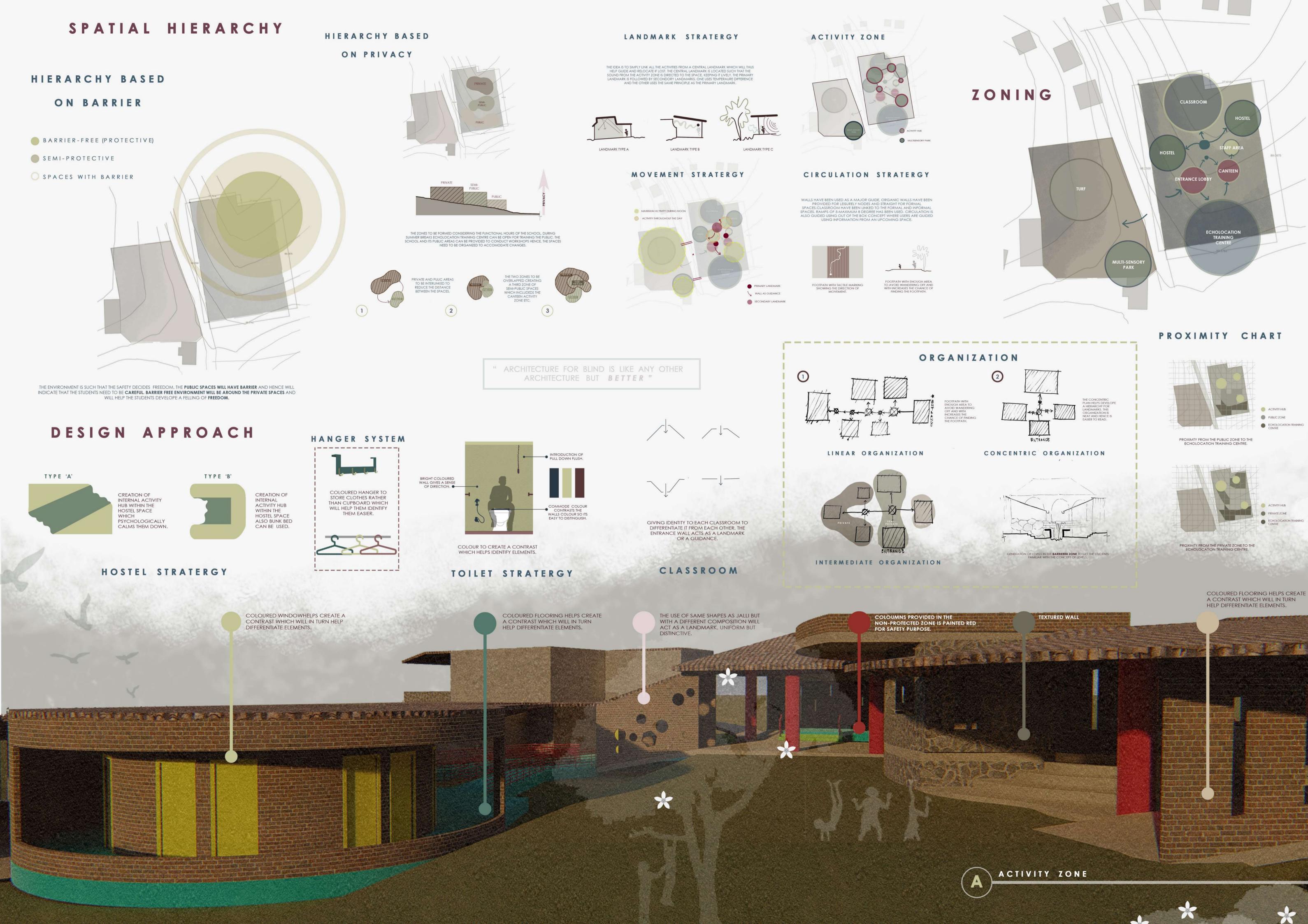


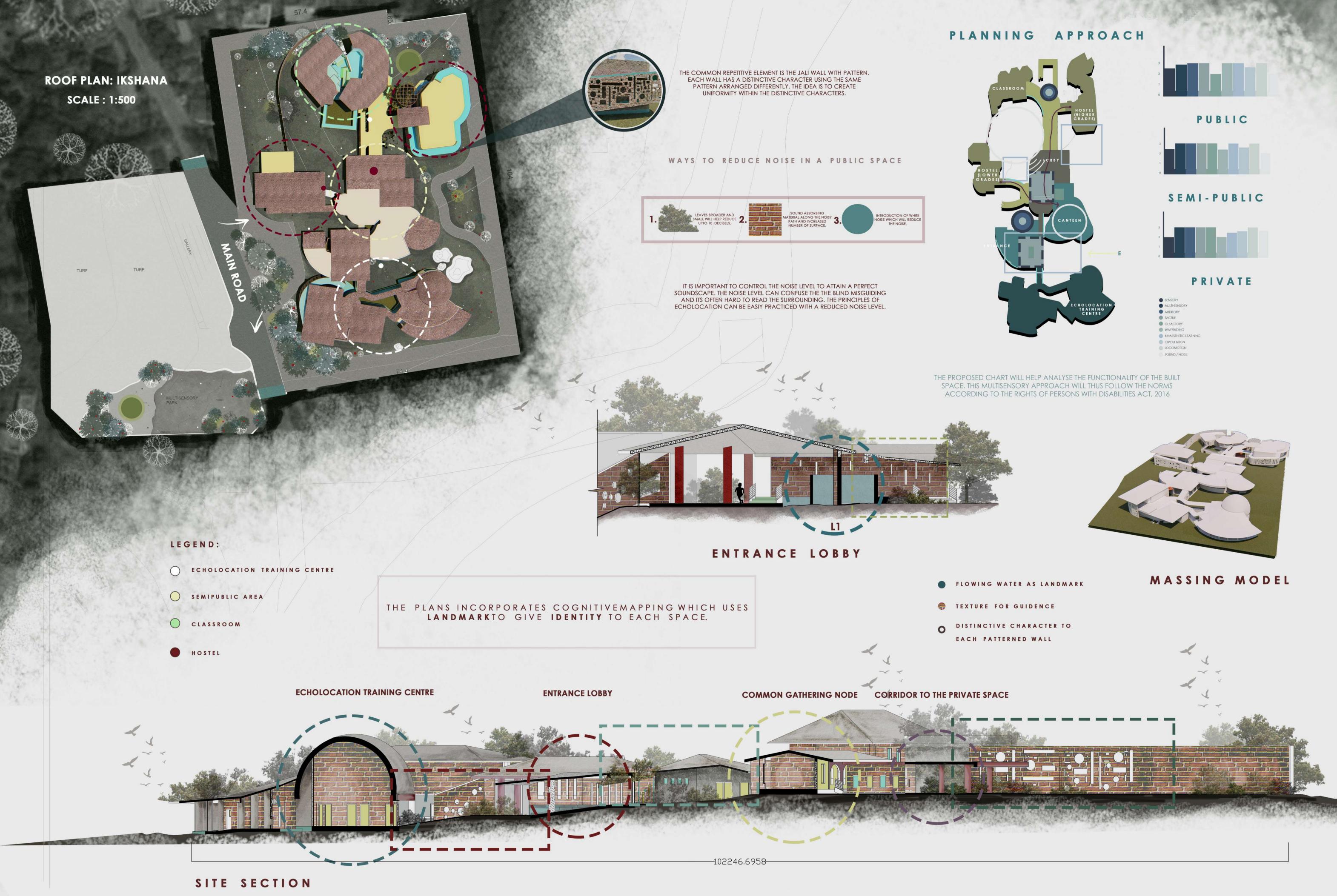




COMPLEX ROUTE LEARNING ASSESSMENT, PORTFOLIO







SCALE: 1:150



