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AN EXAMINATION OF COLOUR EXPRESSIONS AND ITS  
IMPACT ON USER, IN THE CONTEMPORARY SRI LANKAN  
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## **ABSTRACT**

"Colour in particular is so much part of our lives that we often take it for granted - until such time as we are deprived of it." Parikh A. (1996) p 13

All of natural environment and built environment is colourful. We cannot find place without colours. If there is place with out colour, it will be feeling as very boring, meaningless and dead place. Sometimes colour hide the reality and sometimes colour improve the reality

Colour defines boundaries, progression, and orderliness. Most important thing is colour effect the psychology of user. It is an amazing thing human had to experience the world. Both natural environment and man made environment.

Benefits of colour are wider in present. It may more widely in future. Everything in the world has a certain characteristics. From the scientific finding says character of colour and when it use proper way it gives much more positive effect to people and their by it is increase their life as well as up lift their productivity.

Power of colour can be use as to give advices, healing purposes etc... In addition, colour is a one of the represents of emotions. In particular, occasions colour express the required meaning & it effect to the mood of people.

In today most of building tend to use of colour. Use of bright hues only concern about attract to people and to take attention people. However, it may Qstinable. Is this the proper way of using colour? Using colours may not give effect but controlled use of colours may give exact meaning or a mood.

Architecture is the most closed art to a man. Even element of architecture is effect to user than any other art. Architecture is feels, because it has sense. This study is done for examine the use of colour which related to concepts of the building, is expressions its massage correct way. Also these studies rather see how these expressions effect to user's psychology.

Thus, it is responsibility of the designer to think deeply about the present trend and actually, what architects should do with colours to get maximum expressive quality of the space and to move up to its meaning to user with out inconsistency.

*Handwritten notes:*  
The use of colour in architecture is not just for aesthetic purposes but also for functional purposes. It can be used to create a specific atmosphere or mood in a space. The use of colour can also be used to highlight important features or areas in a space. The use of colour can also be used to create a sense of depth and dimension in a space. The use of colour can also be used to create a sense of movement and direction in a space. The use of colour can also be used to create a sense of rhythm and balance in a space. The use of colour can also be used to create a sense of harmony and unity in a space. The use of colour can also be used to create a sense of contrast and tension in a space. The use of colour can also be used to create a sense of mystery and intrigue in a space. The use of colour can also be used to create a sense of drama and excitement in a space. The use of colour can also be used to create a sense of calm and relaxation in a space. The use of colour can also be used to create a sense of energy and vitality in a space. The use of colour can also be used to create a sense of peace and tranquility in a space. The use of colour can also be used to create a sense of joy and happiness in a space. The use of colour can also be used to create a sense of love and affection in a space. The use of colour can also be used to create a sense of respect and admiration in a space. The use of colour can also be used to create a sense of awe and wonder in a space. The use of colour can also be used to create a sense of awe and wonder in a space. X