

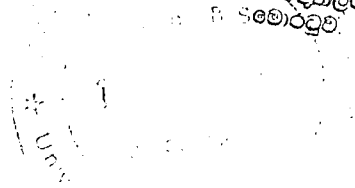
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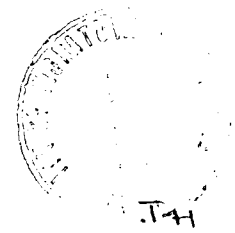


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## ABSTRACT

*"People also engage in common activities through cultural social & interest groups, by attending meeting and other public events".<sup>1</sup>*

Communal life leads to increased the understanding & the greater tolerance of the society. The common space serves as a social binder with different groups of people with different cultures and different societies. So that it helps to uplift one's personality with providing their lives meaningful & powerful.

Therefore common space is an essential part of a design which contributes to both esthetical and functional & aspects. Thus success or failure of a building reasonably depends on the common spaces & gathering spaces. The way of providing the appropriate common spaces to a design depends on the type and the function of a building.

According to Lovis Khan (Indian educational buildings) expresses the common spaces in academic institutions create more opportunity for informal discussions, conversations etc.

Further it explains that common spaces creates more and more opportunities for user's behaviour and living pattern. (These academic institutions mostly used by younger generation.)

With the prevailing open economic policy, whole social structure inclines into rapid development. With parallel to such development available lands become invaluable physical resource. This matter pushes to minimise allocation of spaces in designing.

With growing land value, maximum use of space becomes essential feature in designing. It minimises circulation spaces in a building. As a result the concept of “interesting place making” has to be purposely neglected by architects to overcome functional aims. Above reasons cause to create failure building products.

Scarcity of lands creates the problem of “Scarcity of common spaces”. It directly influences to user’s behavioural attitudes. This affects to the over all failure of a out come of a project. So it is time to discuss the importance of common spaces and it’s contribution to behavioural attitudes of user.

Considering the vast area subjected to above topic this attempt is limited to study the age category of youth and their academic environments.

