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# Architectural Case Study Ramakrishna Math, Nagpur

(23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023)

Date: 23/01/2023

Venue: Ramakrishna Math, Nagpur

The students of B. Arch. III Year, have done a case study of Ramakrishna Math, Nagpur, on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023. The case study was a part of their studio project titled- "**Nature Care Retreat**" in Architectural Design VI. 15 students along with 2 faculty members were involved in the study at Ambazari Lake. The main focus of the study was to study the functional spaces for designing a Naturopathy centre.

The Ram Krishna Math was established in the year 1928 by the architect – G. Venkatram Reddy. The objective of math was to serve society in various ways without any discrimination. The symbol is the epitome of Swamiji'S message of harmony and he really preached, what he wanted every man and woman to be, to realize, either in the East or in the West. The goal is to realize, even in this very life, real Self, Atman, the Swan in the emblem and through this realization to be free of all limitations, all bondages and all littleness. This spiritual freedom is one thing to be aspired for and achieved in this very life. The meaning behind this emblem, in the language of Vivekananda. "The wavy waters in the picture are symbolic of Karma, the lotus of Bhakti, and the rising-sun of Jnana. The encircling serpent is indicative of Yoga and awakened Kundalini Shakti, while the swan in the picture stands for Paramatman. Therefore, the ideal of the picture is that by the union of Karma, Jnana, Bhakti and Yoga, the vision of the Paramatman is obtained." This is the whole of religion' said Swamiji. Meditation hall was established in 1928 as a small hut and reconstructed in 2006 by architect G.V Reddy.



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It is a two storied structure with a basement having a lecture hall. It has a plinth of 3.75 m which leads to the meditation hall (12.9\*18.2 m) with a capacity of 500 people. The hall has seven doors on each side which also act as a window. On the left-hand side ramp is provided for differently abled people and on the other hand staircase is provided. On the top there are small windows having jalis for ventilation right below the dome. The ceiling over mediation hall is similar to that of chaitya hall consisting of vault. There is a garbhagriha facing the meditation hall. The existing site was extended by purchasing the land from adjacent landowner. The figure above shows the publication department, which consists of medication center.

Further there is medicine sorting center and in front of that storage is the main library. The library is connected to the physiotherapy and multi-dispensary center through a passage (bridge). The library has a hostel block on the first floor which connects to the center besides. The library that was started in a small room with only 50 books in the year 1932 is now housed in a spacious building with 70,000 books, including valuable reference books. It contains books on philosophy, religion, education, culture, literature, sociology, history, arts, science, biographies, agriculture, and computer science in various languages such as Sanskrit, Marathi, Hindi, English, Bengali, etc. At present, the library has 1333 members. There are two separate Study Rooms for ladies and gents in this library. There is a free Reading Hall on the first floor, which provides one hundred sixty-two decals and newspapers to the readers. The distance between the two shelves is 3m. The depth of one shelf is 0.6m, which was open from both the sides. The internal passage is 1.2m. Drawbacks: 1.the internal passage which was 1.2 m should preferably be 1.8 or 2m.



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#### **Annexures:**



Site and its surroundings



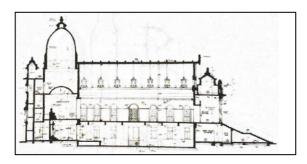
Math site plan



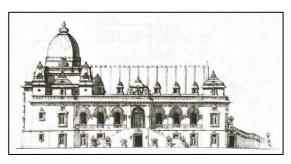
Site plan showing the main library



Services on site



Longitudinal section through meditation hall



Side Elevation



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# Architectural Site Visit (Case Study Documentation of Ramakrishna Math, Nagpur) Attendance Sheet Date: 23/01/2023

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#### A request to get the permission of site visit for AD-VI studio project.

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Dear Madam

The students of B.Arch. VI Sem. are required to do a site visit & case study for their ongoing AD-VI Studio Project. The site visit is planned on 16th January 2023 & the case study is on 23rd January 2023, as per the scheduled session plan. I request you kindly consider the request for

Kindly find the below schedule of visit.

16.01.2023 - Visit to Botanical Garden, Futala lake, Nagpur (2:00 PM - 5: 00 PM)

23.01.2023 - Visit to Ram-Krishna Math, Dhantoli, Nagpur (9:00 AM - 12: PM)

Thanks & Regards

Akshay Revekar

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