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E. g. - Example

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NNC - National Craft Certificate

NC - National Certificate

D - Diploma

CC - College Certificate



ABSTRACT

Social spaces have been created and existed form the beginning of the early settlements of human beings through the history up to the present days in order to have securing of own being, social interaction, exchanging and sharing each others ideas, knowledge and materials, providing opportunities for relaxation and entertainment which would carry a major contribution in providing social harmony. The Those social groups with in a country can categories according to race, religion, occupation, education and topographical situations. Further it can categories under age, sex etc. out of these societies, social group of tertiary educational level which highlight the education system encompasses another significant community which are the most affect able social group that helps to being betterment of future of the whole society.

Out of that community the social group of technical college are also more important, that providing significant contribution to society and future betterment. User group of the youth in that category is more specific with their active and cozy behavior pattern. Therefore the social spaces are essential bath of a design which contributes to both aesthetical and functional aspects while providing learning environment in such groups.

Architecture as a art of space making, making of space to continue the activities of man and his experiences in the space that need to create a meaningful connection between user and space. So this study directs to examine the connections between the space and youth behavior to understand the most appropriate and meaningful environment for youth in technical colleges.

Further, this study orients towards to understand the contemporary issues relating to tertiary education system, such as land scarcity development proposals in both physical and educational environment system etc. Through this study have an opportunity to understand the ways using spaces in specific behavioral environment and ultimately the study help to create the social spaces more meaningful and aesthetically pleasant with enhancing the behavior of users in technical college.