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Telangana
AN URBAN MICROCOSM

Tusce is a unique opportunity to represent as a microcosm as an experiment towards a deeper understanding of the future urban role.

All too often we operate at a purely theoretical plane. Too much material has been generated without multiple studies yet the situation on the ground is dismal. One look at the chaos of our cities bears testament to this.

The primary objective is to interrogate, analyze and search for the balance between Nature, Site and Program in a matrix region that has a long and textured Cultural and Social History and a rich repository of material and Building Traditions.

A first glance at the site speaks of its unique character. The undulating rocky terrain and the sculptural outcrop of boulders. On my many visits to Hyderabad its terrain has held me captive but this creates a huge responsibility on the designer as to how he can envisage the diverse nature of the architectural program whilst maintaining the integrity and nature of the Landscape and Terrain.

The first originality line of our concept stemmed from a detailed study of the site. Its contours, valleys and hillocks, water streams and the flora. It is almost as if the terrain guided the pencil.

The next step was a detailed analysis of the program, its diversity and as to how these diverse functions could be melded in to specific parts of the site whilst maintaining not only an overall integrity and unity of the complex but equally importantly to visualize the merging of the institutional and public / civic spaces.