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ABSTRACT:

- (a) Objectives: i) To reduce the numerous accommodation problems faced by the Postgraduate students at the University.
- ii) The design aims at affording the residents greater social interaction with a view to cultivating a feeling of comradeship which is currently lacking among the postgraduate students.
- iii) Give each resident student a chance to create his/her own pictorial Environment by the provision of extensive display area.
- iv) Provide each student resident with a beautiful view of the valley below and the thick forest along the river in an endeavour to make him temporarily forget the busy noisy life of the City within which the hostel is located.
- (b) Evaluation: i) Social interaction is encouraged through the provision of various shared facilities, e.g. Common Rooms, Dining Hall, Multi-purpose Hall, Games rooms; which in addition to providing recreation, also gives the students the opportunity to meet each other often.

- ii) The extensive softboard area provided on the walls on the student's room should be sufficient for the student to create his own environment.
- iii) Every room faces the river-valley, thus affording each student the beautiful view mentioned in (a) iv) above.
- iv) An interesting informal space has been created between the Hostel and the river. This is good for outside small-group discussions.
- v) The river has been cleared of weeds and trees immediately within its banks and a stone-paved walkway has been provided for students to walk leisurely along when passing time.
- vi) The Tennis Court has been shifted to a better position.
- vii) The old, delapidated houses have been demolished to give a neat environment all round the site.

- Problems:
- i) Due to site constraints, it has been impossible to accommodate all the postgraduate students on the site.
 - ii) I have found it impossible to give the wardens and the nurse private compounds on the ground floor, but this has been compensated with the provision of open terraces on the third floor where the flats are located.