

Indian Courts – Case study

A study of the new age Court buildings in India

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Delhi High Court, New Delhi

As the nation's judiciary system strives to evolve and expedite legal procedures, architectural interventions become crucial to support these endeavors. The New Courts Complex at the eminent Delhi High Court brings with it a quiet, refined architectural vocabulary, augmenting the existing block. The Delhi high court embarked on an ambitious plan in 2013 to increase capacity by 40 percent in four years and 60 percent by 2020 which has been met precisely through a comprehensive master plan. It envisaged a combination of redevelopment, relocation of functions within the existing complex and building from scratch on new land.



Front View



Amalgamation of the new building with the existing

Delhi High Court, New Delhi

The New Courts block sits adjacent to the main High Court building and houses the following:

- 15 new courts
- 9 joint registrar courts
- 16 judges' chambers
- Judicial staff areas
- Lawyers and litigant facilities
- Judges' facilities

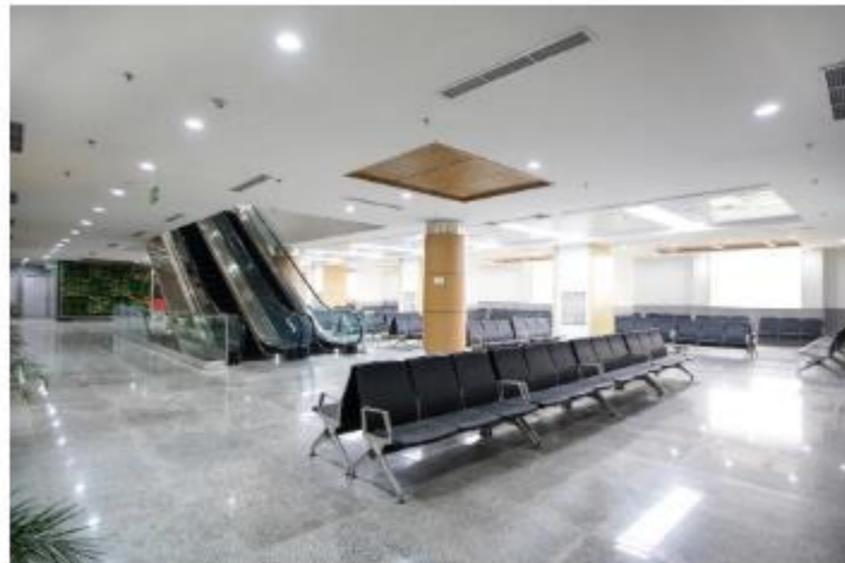


View from front road



View from entry

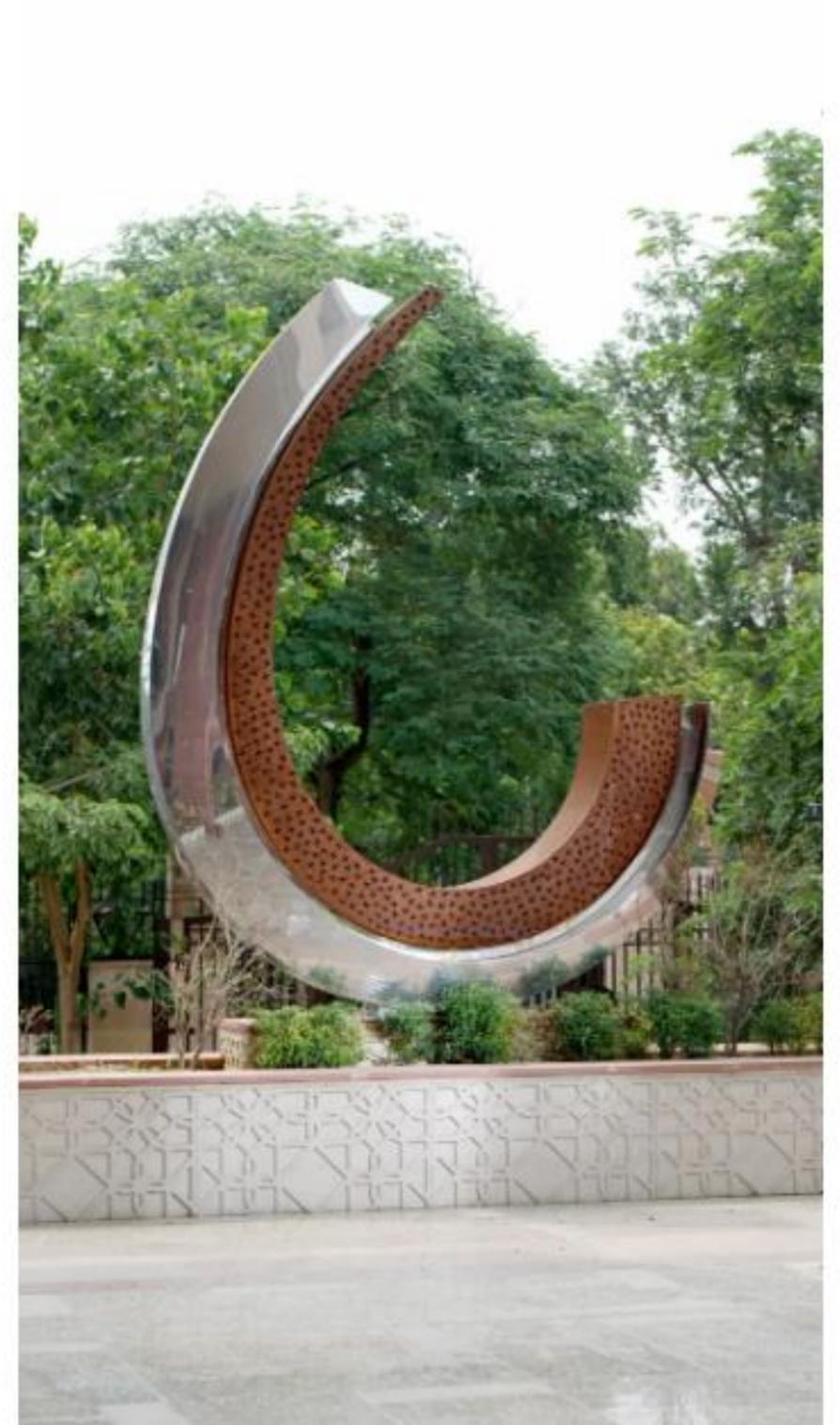
Spacious public areas with ample waiting space & escalators for vertical movement



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Rajasthan High Court , Jodhpur

- Inaugurated on 07 December 2019
- The new building of the High Court spread over the 168.20 bigha area on Jaipur National Highway is not only artistic but also unique and full of amenities. The main building of the High Court has been constructed in the area of 22.61 bighas, with 22 courtrooms including the courtroom of the Chief Justice, where complete details of the cases going on in the courtroom will be seen on the digital software-based display board. The main dome of the High Court is 35 meters from the ground i.e. 120 feet and the diameter of the dome is 118 feet.



Grand approach



Contextual Jodhpur Architectural elements within the grand facade

Rajasthan High Court , Jodhpur

- The walls of the court complex have been decorated with the style of Marwar in the medium of displaying the cultural tradition and artistic surroundings of Marwar.
- In addition, fountains and artistic lights have also been installed in the outside garden
- Equipped with state-of-the-art equipment and furniture, this building has been made up of famous Jodhpur sand stone (Chittar Stone).
- Equipped with air-conditioning and Wi-Fi
- 14 Elevators with High-Tech Equipment
- Special Arrangements for Women Employees
- Separate kids' zone



Escalators provided for ease of vertical movement



Grand steps at entrance



Use of technology for security

Rajasthan High Court , Jodhpur

- Banks, Post Office
- E Seva Kendra
- Dispensary, Canteen
- Photocopy center
- Stationary shops
- Auditorium
- Library with 1.25 lakh books



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Wide corridors & large waiting & movement spaces



Grand central dome finished with painted artworks from traditional art forms

Gujarat High Court , Ahmedabad

- Symmetrical and formal composition, befitting an institution meant to perform the 'rituals of justice'.
- The Main Court building features 33 courtrooms, of which 32 are identical, with 60 seats each, and one has 200 seats, for the First Court.
- Each courtroom is connected to a judge's chamber, an anteroom and a personal assistant's office.



Interior of a typical court room



Gujarat High Court , Ahmedabad

- In addition, the courts feature offices for key administrative personnel, a judges' lounge, committee rooms, a library, 18 additional chambers, a computer center, space for Gujarat Government offices and staff, a bank and a post office, offices for the Bar Council and Bar Association and chambers for advocates.
- The campus has five entrances: two ceremonial, one for the use of judges and two for general use.
- The design seeks to evoke a sense of order and dignity and lays an emphasis on shaded public space.
- Main court building, aligned on the East–West axis and fronted by spacious gardens
- Built-up Area: 55,000 Sq.m.



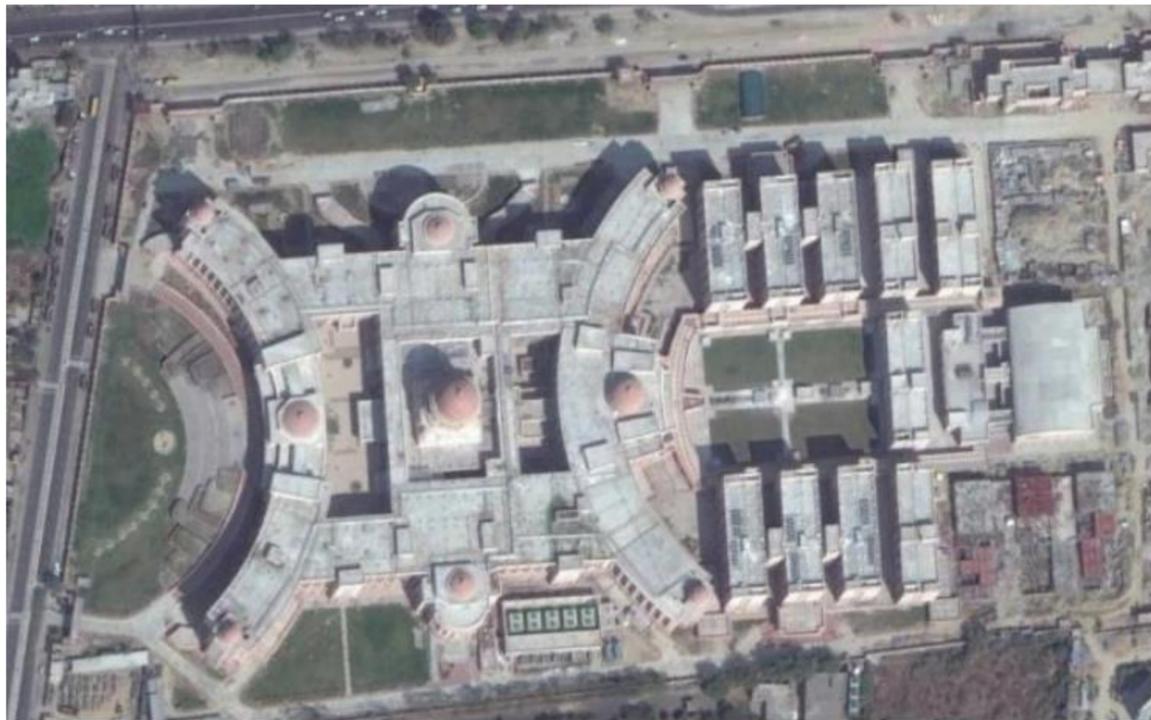
Grand steps at arrival



View of large internal courtyard

Uttar Pradesh High Court , New Building at Lucknow

- Site area – 40 acres
- Built up area = 110000 sq.m.
- Completed – 2015
- Budget - 1300 Crores
- Physiotherapy center
- Symmetrical facades on all faces
- Contemporary courtroom interiors with wood as primary material
- Gymnasium, library(100000 books)
- WIFI enabled campus
- Parking for 3000 cars



Andhra Pradesh High Court , Amravati

- It is a G+2 structure, which can be further extended to G+5.
- It has 23 halls that spread over an area of 2.2 lakh sq.ft.
- It was built in 4 acres with a cost of 157.3 crore.



Interiors of the court room

Front View of the building

Indore District Court

- Design for optimized use of space
- Suitable circulation and movement provisions
- Architectural features to enhance the prominence of the building
- Sound structure design
- Integrated utility and service network
- Modular space planning to incorporate flexibility, upgrade ability and expandability into design

