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# Climate Responsive and Sustainable Buildings

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# Introduction to Building Physics & Thermal Comfort











### Importance of Buildings

Buildings are designed for **PEOPLE**, and for specific **TASK** 

- » The building needs to keep people *comfortable, efficient, healthy*.
- » Energy Efficient design seeks to create buildings that keep people comfortable while minimizing Energy Consumption.
- » Comfort categories:



**Thermal comfort** 



**Visual Comfort** 



Air Quality



**Acoustic Comfort** 



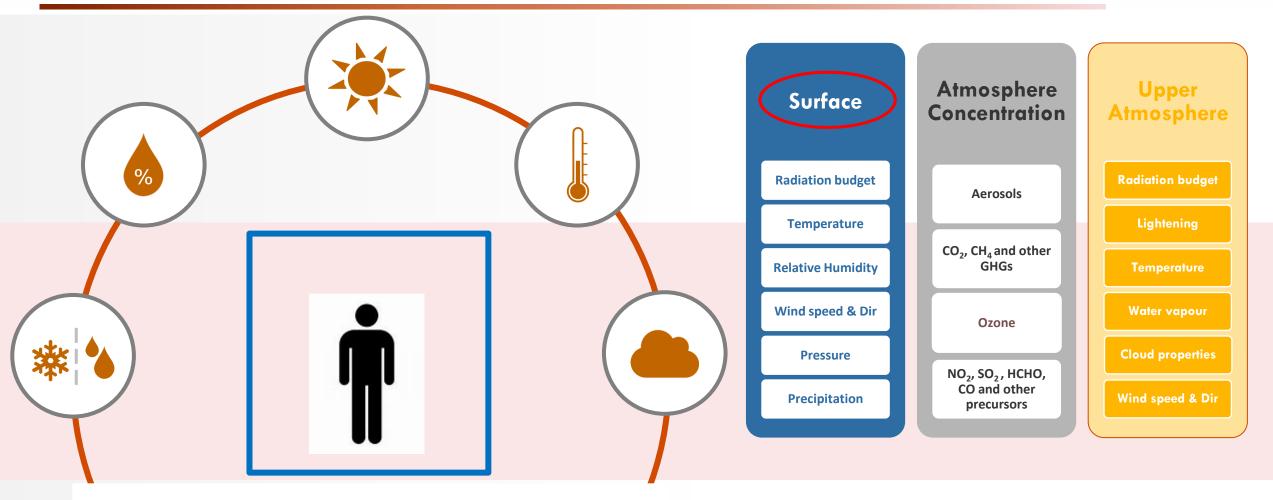








### The Environment & Building relation





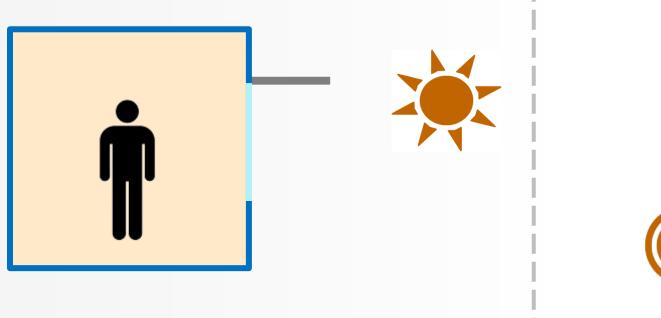






### The Climate Responsive Building

Climate responsive architecture is the architectural approach that focuses on designing energy-efficient buildings uniquely suited to the climate in which they are constructed. These buildings' designs are informed by, and reflective of, local weather conditions.













### The Climate Classification – National Building Code

Climate Zone	Mean monthly maximum temperatures	Mean monthly relative humidity
Hot dry	Above 30°C	Below 55%
Warm humid	Above 30°C	Above 55%
	Above 25°C	Above 75%
Temperate	25°C-30°C	Below 75%
Cold	Below 25°C	All values
Composite	Doesn't comprise predominant season for more than six months	



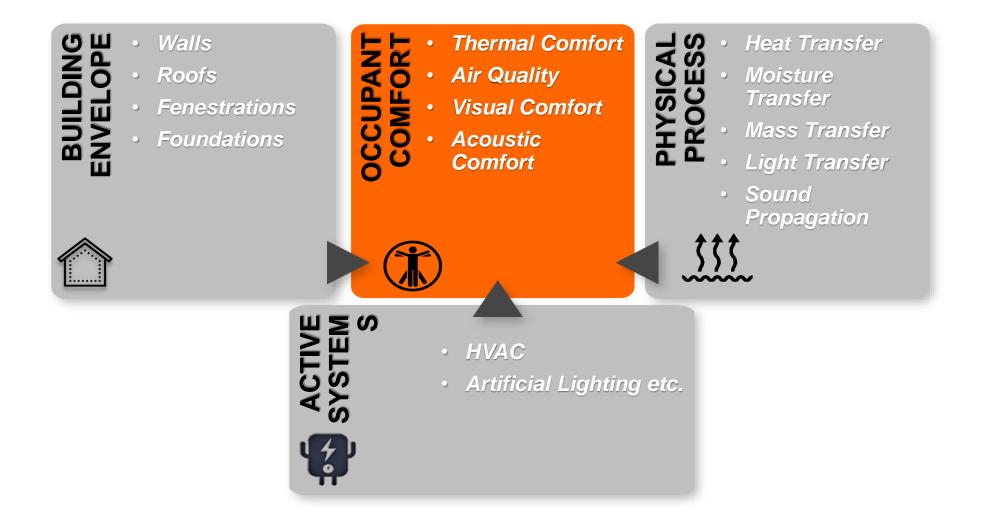








## Purpose of the building







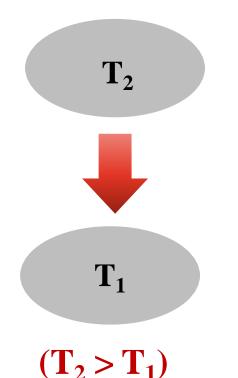






### **Building Physics Affecting Thermal Comfort**

### **2nd Law of Thermodynamics**



 The natural (spontaneous) direction of heat flow between bodies is from hot to cold.

 Heat moves from higher temperature to lower temperature

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## **Building Physics Affecting Thermal Comfort**

### **Factors Influencing Heat Transfer**

The amount of thermal energy on the surface of various building elements is visible in thermography images of buildings and people in various built environments.

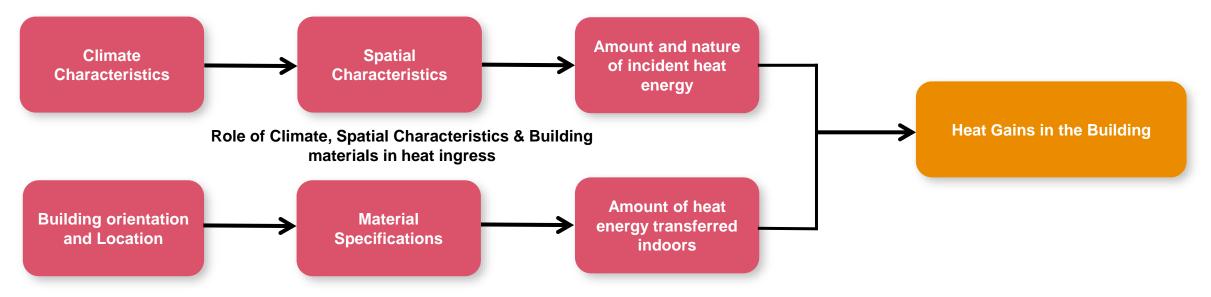


Figure demonstrates that the distribution of thermal energy among its users and in any indoor or outdoor environment is not uniform. Building heat transmission occurs at the building envelope, much as how heat transfer between a human body and the air around it occurs at the skin's surface.



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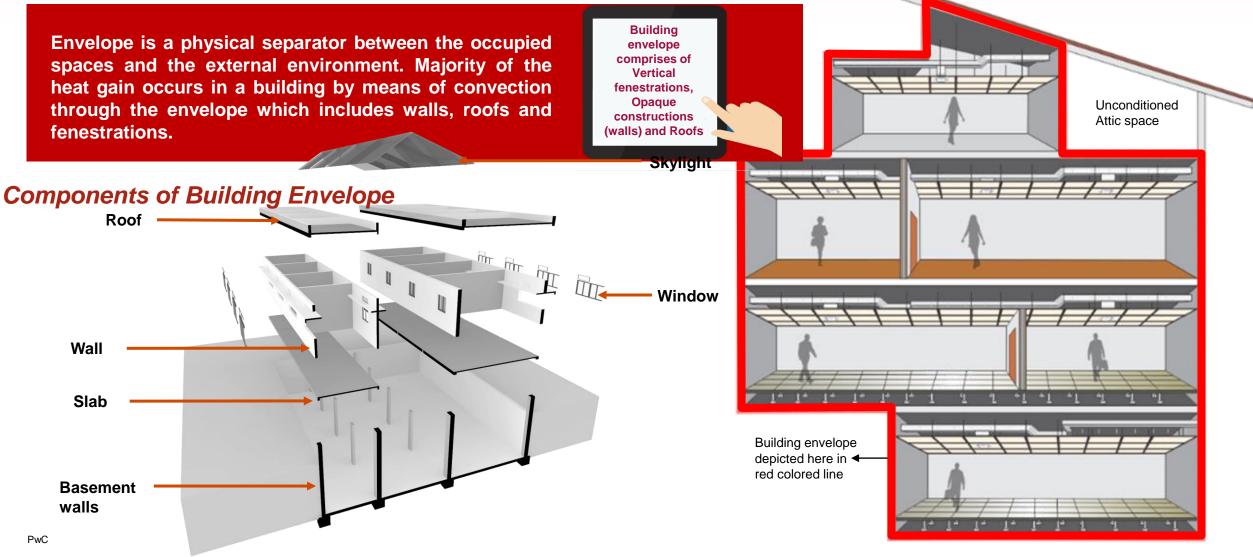


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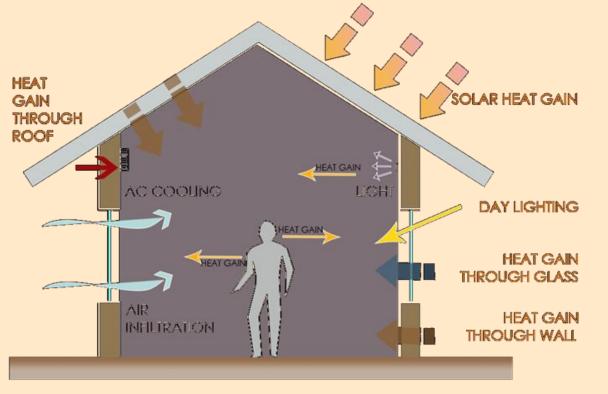




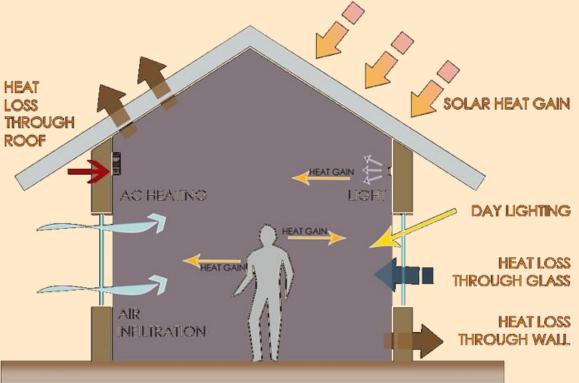
### What is Building Envelope?







**BUILDING IN COOLING MODE** 



**BUILDING IN HEATING MODE** 



# Heat transfer through **Conduction** affects the **thermal properties** of the material and effectiveness of the insulation.

 $T_{outside} > T_1 > T_2 > T_{inside}$ 

- Heat transfer through Convection affects the air movement at surface.
- Heat transfer through Radiation affects the building envelope through the direct and indirect solar radiation.

 Heat transfer through Conduction affects the thermal properties of fenestration assembly.

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- Heat transfer through Convection affects the air movement at surface.
- Heat transfer through Radiation affects the fenestration through the direct and indirect solar radiation.











# Building envelope material property that affects -Radiation

#### Reflectance

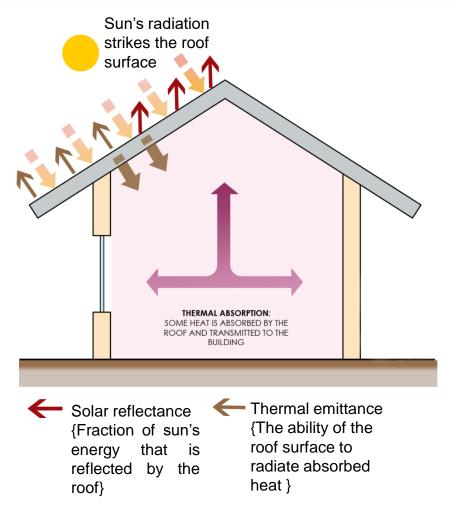
It is the ability of a material to reflect radiation without changing the temperature of the material. Surfaces with higher reflectance tend to absorb less heat.

#### Absorptance

It is the ability of a material to absorb radiation. This is converted into sensible heat within the material, thus raising its temperature. A value of 0 indicates that the surface reflects all incident solar radiation, and a value of 1 denotes a surface that absorbs all incident solar radiation.

#### Emittance

It is the ability of a material to re-radiate absorbed heat as invisible infrared radiation. It indicates the ability of a material to lose heat, consequently reducing the sensible heat content of the object.













# Properties of building envelope

<b>Thermal Conductivity</b> <b>R Value – U Value</b> Thermal Mass <b>Specific Heat</b> Thermal Diffusivity	<ul> <li>Walls</li> <li>Internal</li> <li>External</li> </ul>	
<b>Thermal Conductivity – Frames and Glass</b> <b>R Value – U Value</b> Solar Gains <b>Solar Heat Gain Coefficient</b> Visual Light Transmittance <b>VLT</b>	<ul> <li>Fenestrations</li> <li>Windows</li> <li>Skylights</li> <li>Doors</li> </ul>	Ηţ
<b>Thermal Conductivity</b> R Value – U Value Thermal Emissivity <b>Solar Reflectance</b>	<ul> <li>Roofs</li> <li>Floors</li> <li>Foundations</li> </ul>	





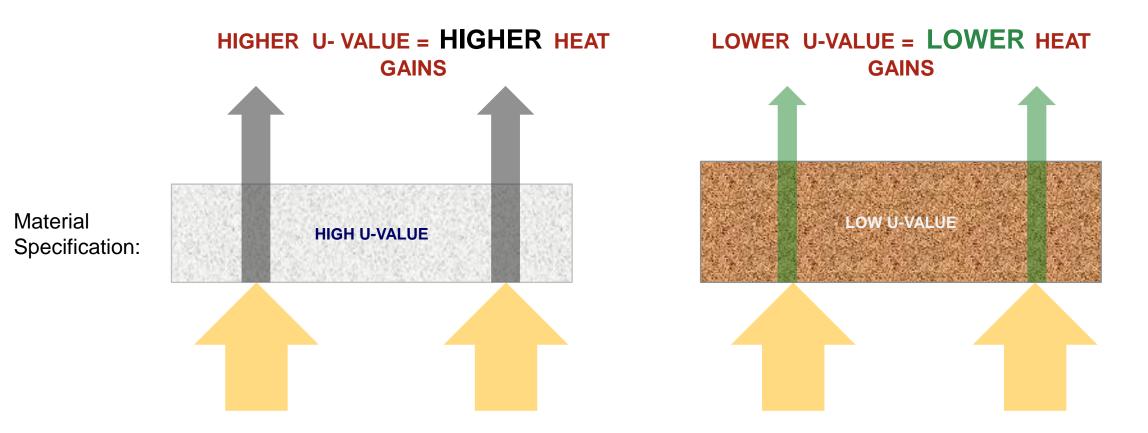




### Thermal Conductance- U value

Measures **HEAT TRANSFER** through the envelope due to **CONDUCTION** (Unit = W/m<sup>2</sup>·K)

Lower the U-Value the better the performance of insulation







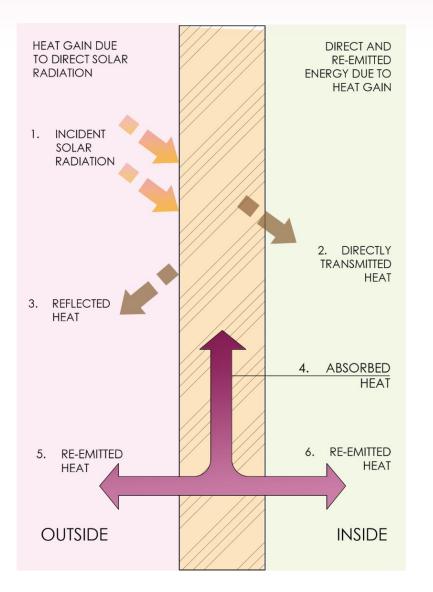






## SHGC (Solar Heat Gain Coefficient)

- Ratio of the solar heat gain that passes through the fenestration to the total incident solar radiation that falls on the fenestration.
- Includes directly transmitted solar heat and absorbed solar radiation, which is then re-radiated, converted, or conducted into the interior space.
- Indicates how well the glazing/glass and fenestration products insulate heat caused by sun falling directly on the glass.
- Lower the SHGC, lesser the heat can pass through the glazing.
- Glazing units with a low SHGC will help reduce the air conditioning energy use during the cooling season.













### Visual Light Transmittance (VLT)

 Fraction of visible light transmitted through the glazing

Affects daylight and visibility

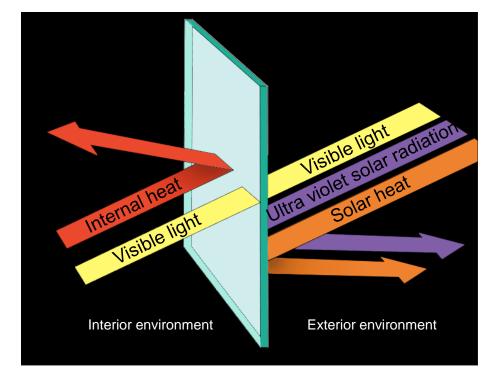
Varies between 0 & 1

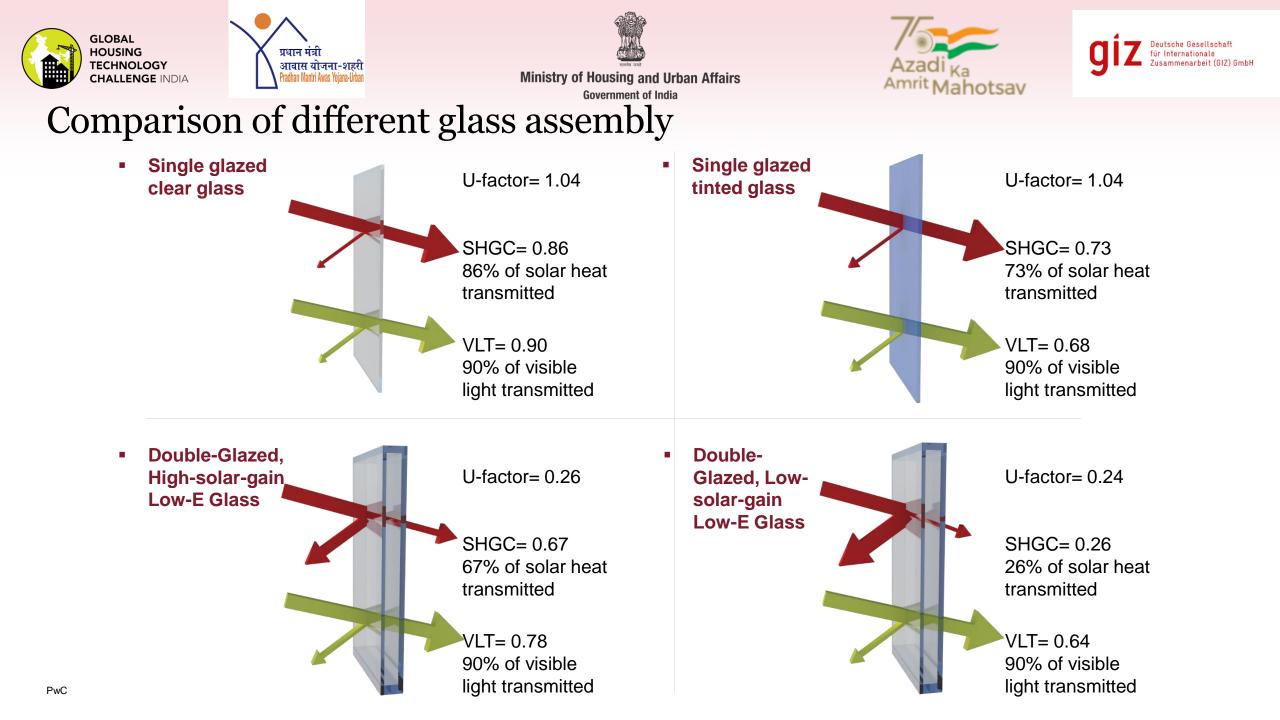
• Typically, lower the SHGC, lower the VLT

Higher insulating property glass will reduce daylight

Higher the VLT, more light is transmitted

Balance is needed between daylight requirements & heat gain through windows







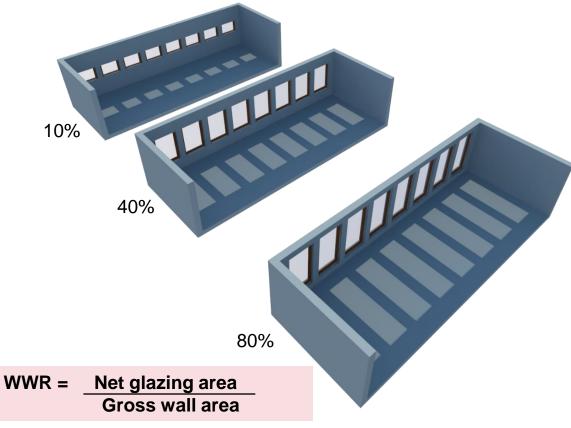




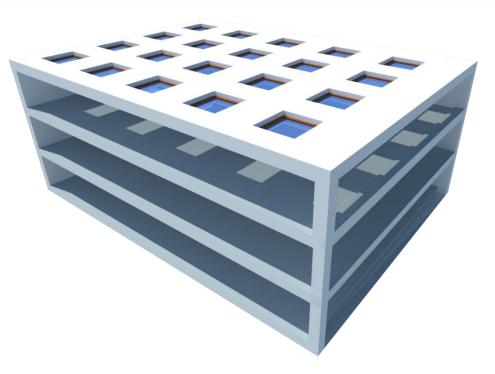


# WWR (Window Wall Ratio)

It is the percentage of window to the wall area.



# SRR (Skylight Roof Ratio)



- Window Wall Ration (WWR) is a direct indication of the amount of heat gain due to solar radiation.
- Larger WWR will increase the cooling loads of a building.

 It is the ratio of the total skylight area of the roof, measured to the outside of the frame, to the gross exterior roof area.





# Air leakage

frames and wall

penetrations









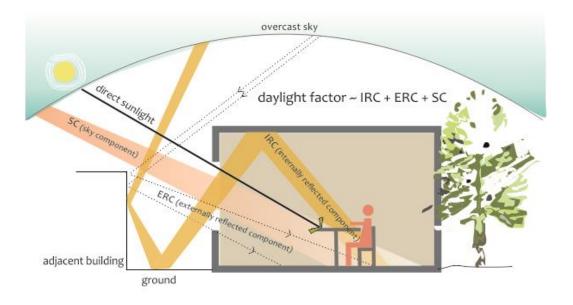
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## Daylighting

- Daylighting is the practice of placing windows or other openings and reflective surfaces so that during the day natural light provides effective internal lighting.
- Particular attention is given to daylighting while designing a building when the aim is to maximize visual comfort or to reduce energy use.





- Daylight is diffuse natural light from the sky. For daylighting design, you DO want daylight.
- **Sunlight** is direct light from the sun itself. For daylighting design, you DON'T want sunlight. It creates light that is too intense and can bring unwanted heat.



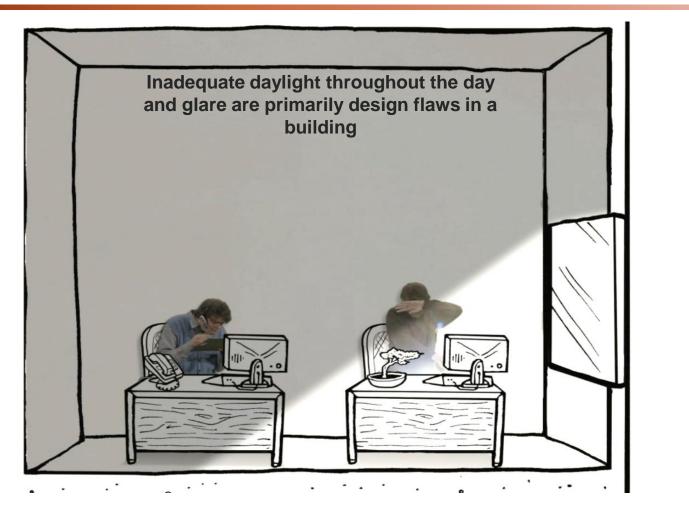








### Passive Strategies- Useful Daylight





#### SOLAR RADIATION has direct and diffused component









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# Passive Strategies-Useful Daylight







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# Impact of Climate & Heat transfer

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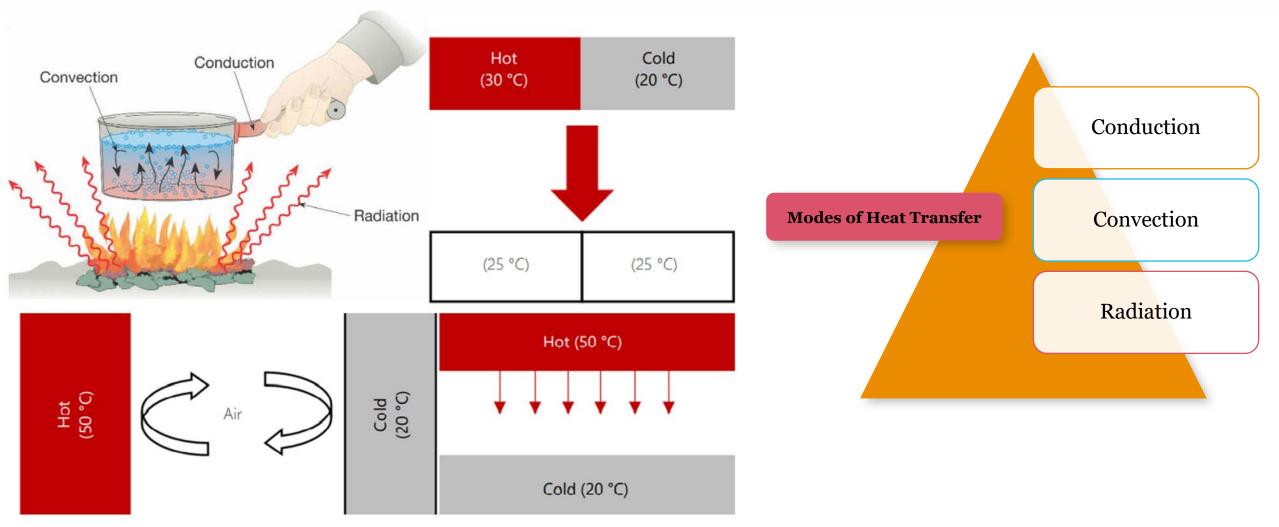








# Modes of heat transfer through building envelope







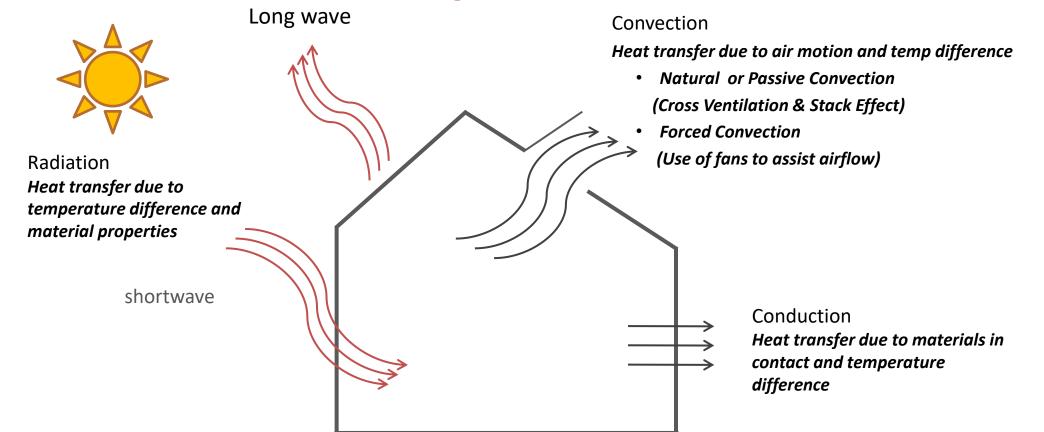






## Modes of heat transfer in the building

### **Phenomenon of Heat Transfer in Buildings**

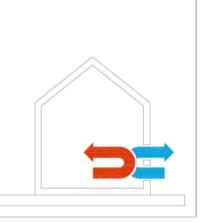




Climate Responsive & Energy Efficient design consideration:

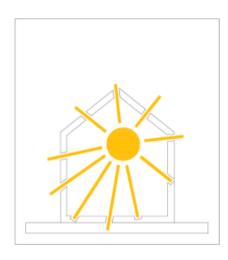


- Efficient solar passive design
- Optimized orientation
- Compact building shape (for reduced heating demand)
  - Optimized building envelope
  - Well insulated building envelope
  - Avoid thermal bridges
  - Airtight construction



#### **EFFICIENT MECHANICAL SYSTEMS**

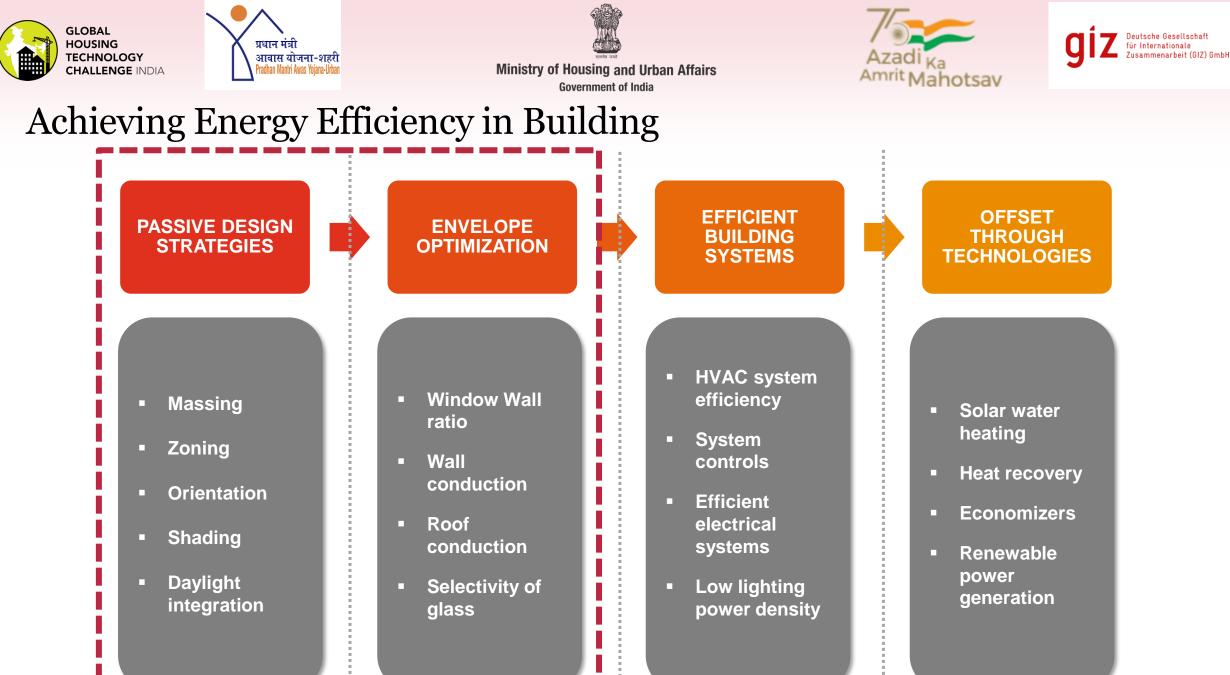
- Components of an efficient building mechanical system:
  - Efficient heating system (heating and warm water)
  - Efficient ventilation system with heat recovery
  - o Efficient equipment and appliances
- Keep system and its components simple and easy in maintenance

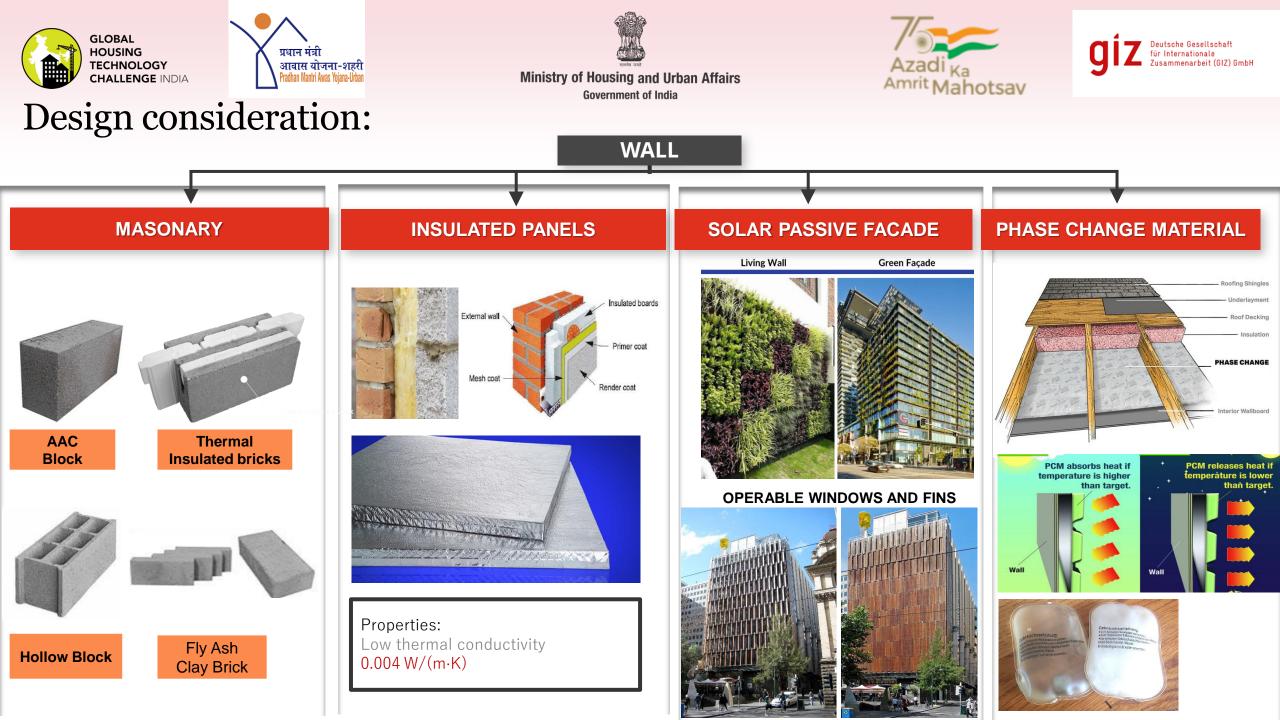


#### **USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY**

- Renewable energy sources at the building can be:
  - Solar thermal
  - Solar power (photovoltaics)
  - o Earth air Tunnel
- Zero-Net-Energy- and Plus-Energy-Buildings can be realized by using local renewable energy

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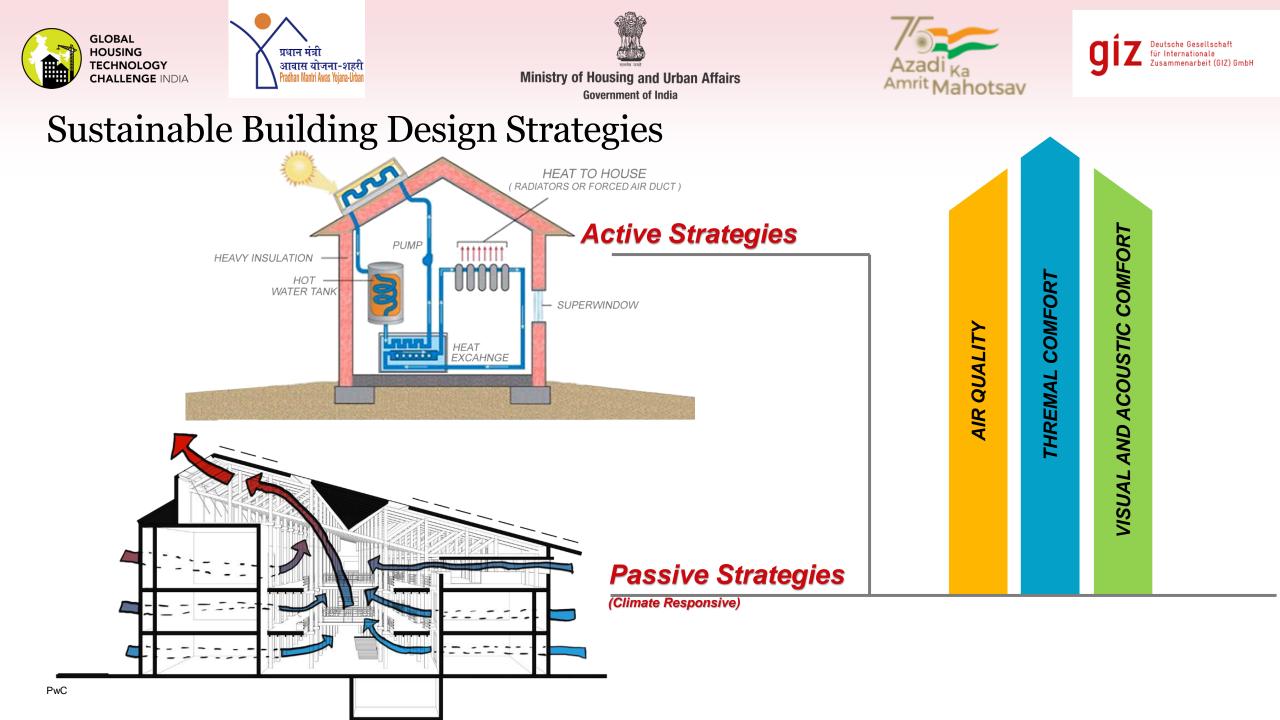
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# Sustainable Building Design Strategies







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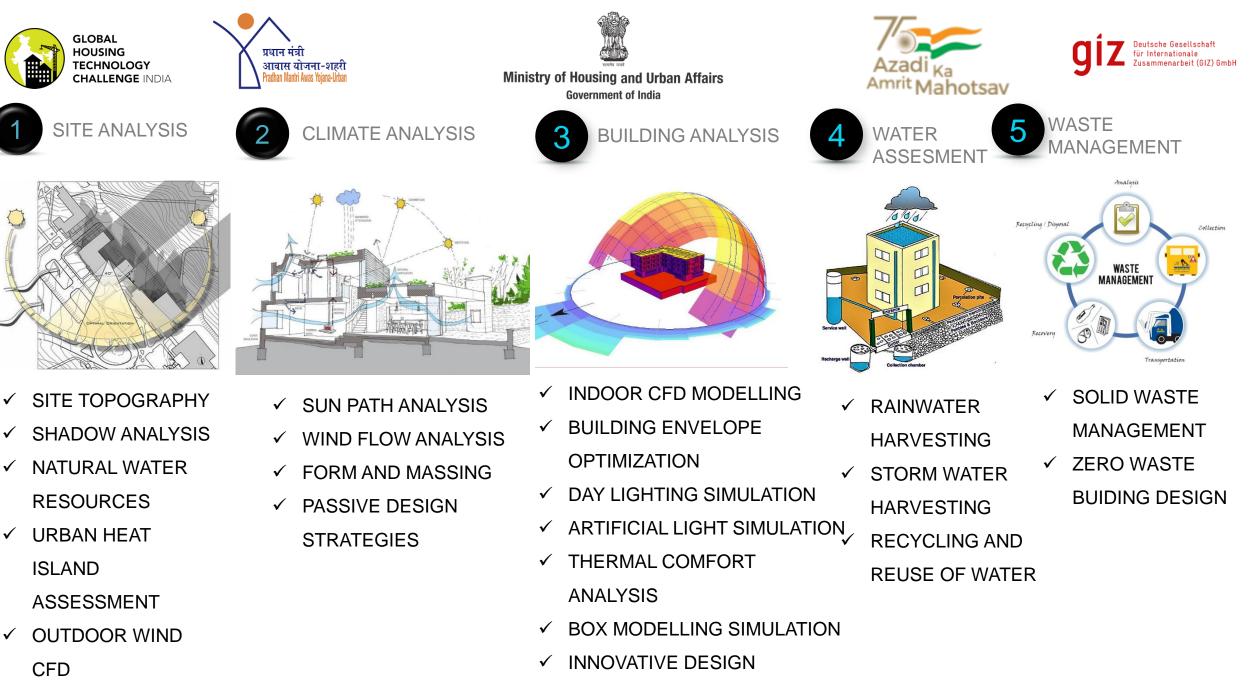


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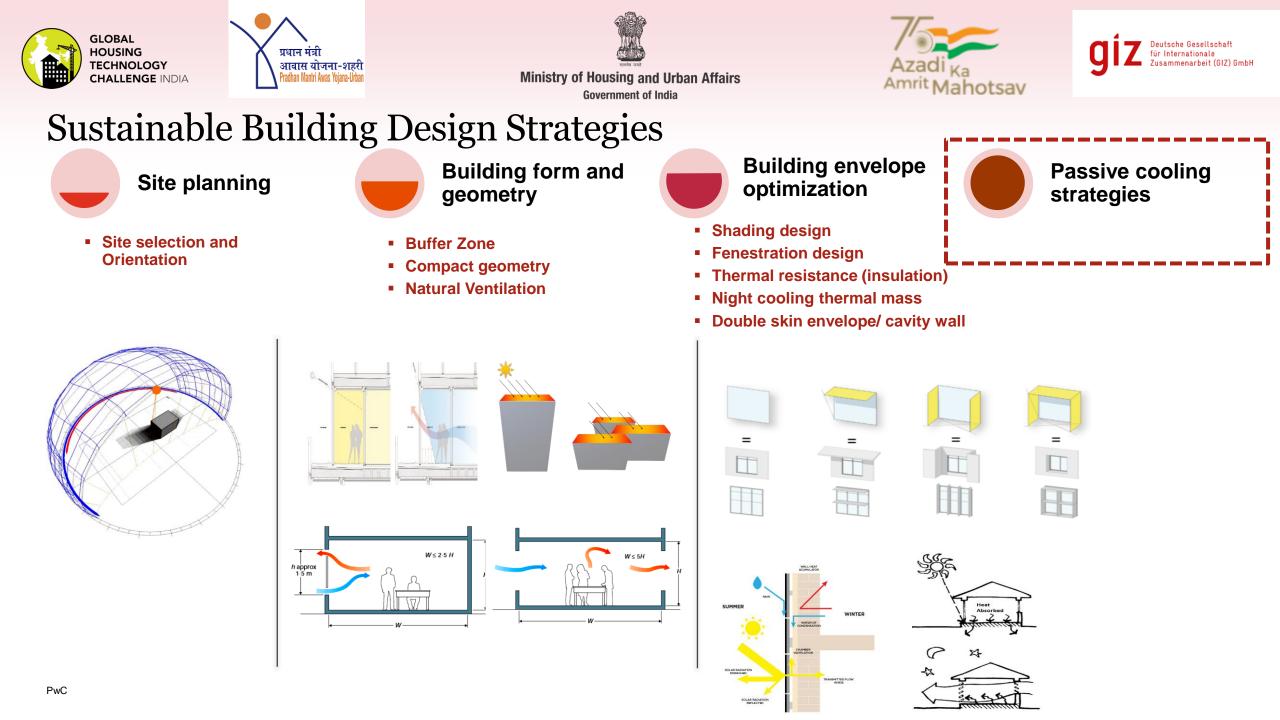
Criteria	SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES
Sustainable Planning and Architecture	<ul> <li>Optimization of building orientation and design of facades</li> <li>Optimized Window placements for day lighting</li> <li>Minimal exposure of external walls to outside environment</li> <li>Cover the site surfaces open to sky (including building roof) with solar panels for shading and energy harvesting</li> </ul>
Energy Efficient System	<ul> <li>Reduction in Lighting loads by providing efficient system for indoor and outdoor lighting &amp; automated lighting control by utilizing occupancy sensor, daylight control and timers</li> <li>Reduction on HVAC load due to energy efficient equipment and envelope</li> <li>Off hours low temperature outside air circulation through automated economizer</li> <li>CO2 (DCV) sensors to control the fresh air as per the requirement</li> <li>CO sensors for Basement ventilation which is already minimized due to automated parking</li> <li>Building Automation for controlling HVAC, lighting, Fire fighting, Security access etc</li> </ul>
Water Efficiency	<ul> <li>Rainwater harvesting</li> <li>Proposing Native species for landscaping or Xeriscape</li> <li>Proposing Efficient irrigation system like sprinkler system, drip irrigation &amp; microspray.</li> <li>Creating a Zero discharge Building</li> </ul>
Material Selection	<ul> <li>All the proposed building material will be low –embodied energy material (including – regional material, recycled material).</li> <li>Attempt to minimize the waste during the construction and this waste will be re-utilize in the building and will ultimately generate zero waste.</li> <li>Minimize maintenance by choosing green but hardy materials</li> </ul>
Renewable Energy System	<ul> <li>Solar PV and solar concentrator systems of capacity required to reduce the demand on conventional energy systems</li> </ul>





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# Sustainable Building Design – Passive Strategies

### **Topographical Level**

• Protecting mountains, forests, watersheds, rivers, wetlands, farmlands, coasts and cities against climate change.

#### **Climatic Zone Level**

• Designing according to climatic conditions such as temperature, rainfall, wind direction, solar radiation, humidity etc.

#### Site Level

• To take advantage of the congenial and mitigate the adverse characteristics of the site and its micro-climatic features.

#### **Block Level**

• Interaction of block with surrounding ones and vegetation so that it is not deprived of heating/cooling, ventilation and lighting.

#### **Unit Level**

• Design strategies at unit level that influences heat, light and ventilation based on climatic conditions.





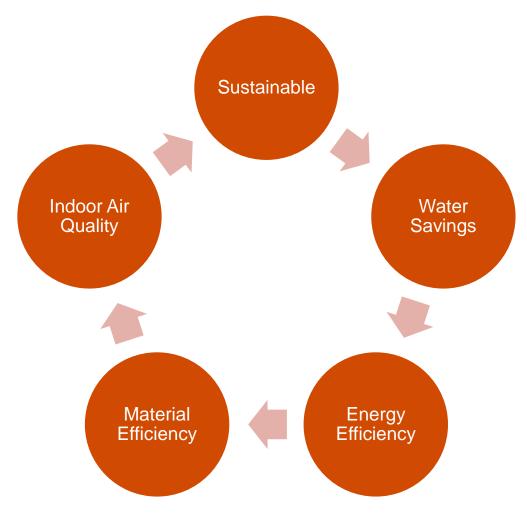








### Case Study – Pocharam Campus, Infosys, Hyderabad





- Platinum rating by LEED & IGBC to Software Development Block at Pocharam Campus.
- The SDB 1 is the first commercial building in India to deploy unique Radiant-cooling technology











### Case Study – Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi



930 kWp Onsite High Efficiency Solar Photovoltaic panels are installed.

Measures like natural daylighting, shades to reduce ambient temperature

More than 50% of site area is covered with soft scaping and plantation.

- The Indira Paryavaran Bhawan is now India's most environmentally friendly structure. GRIHA 5 Star and LEED Platinum certifications were awarded to the project.
- When compared to a conventional building, **Indira Paryavaran Bhawan utilizes 70% less energy.** The project used green building principles, such as water conservation and optimization through site waste water recycling.



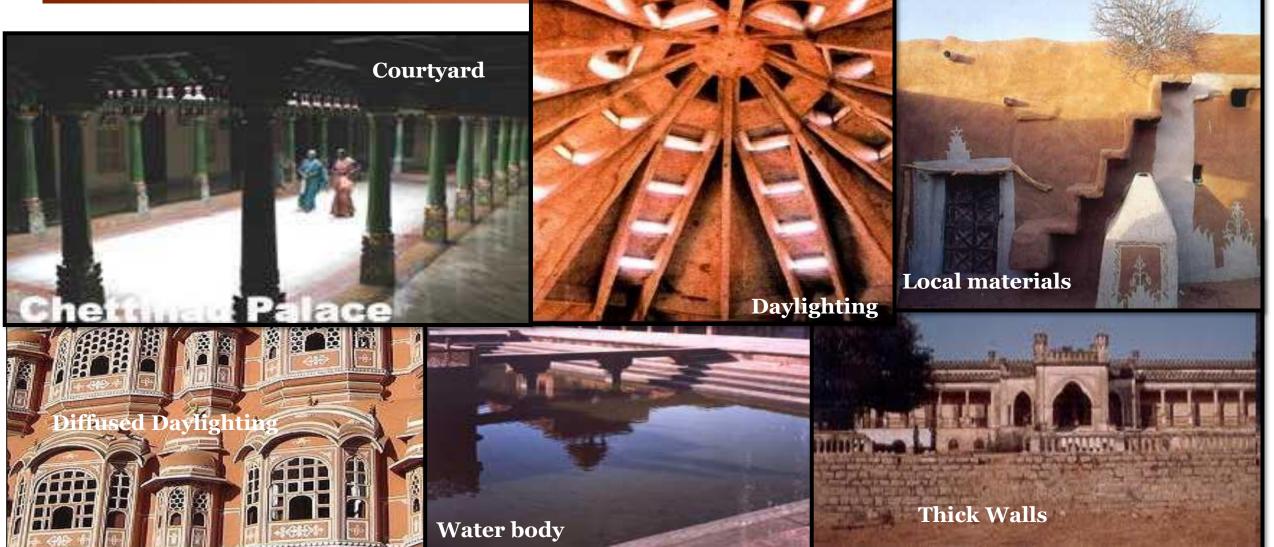


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