

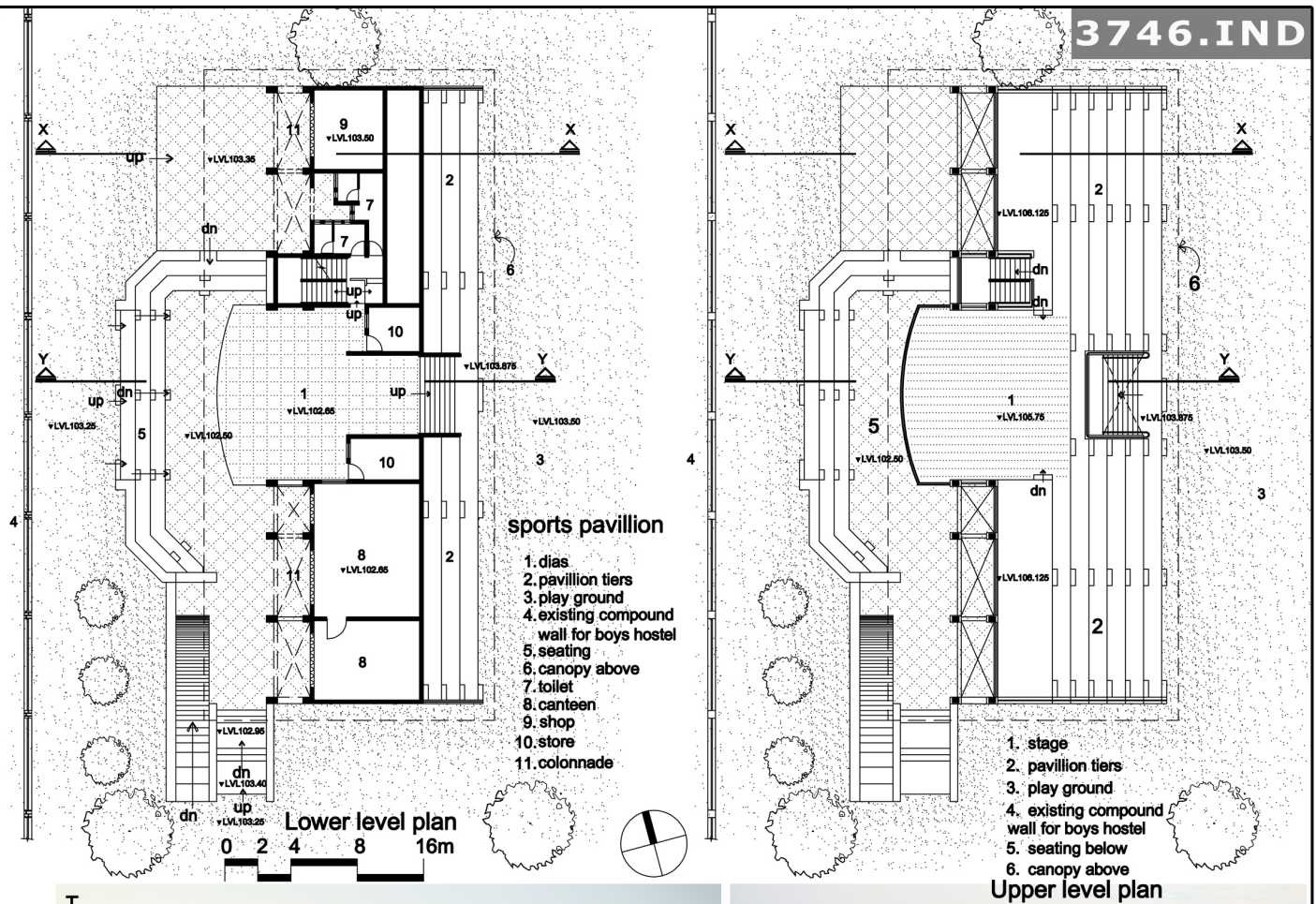
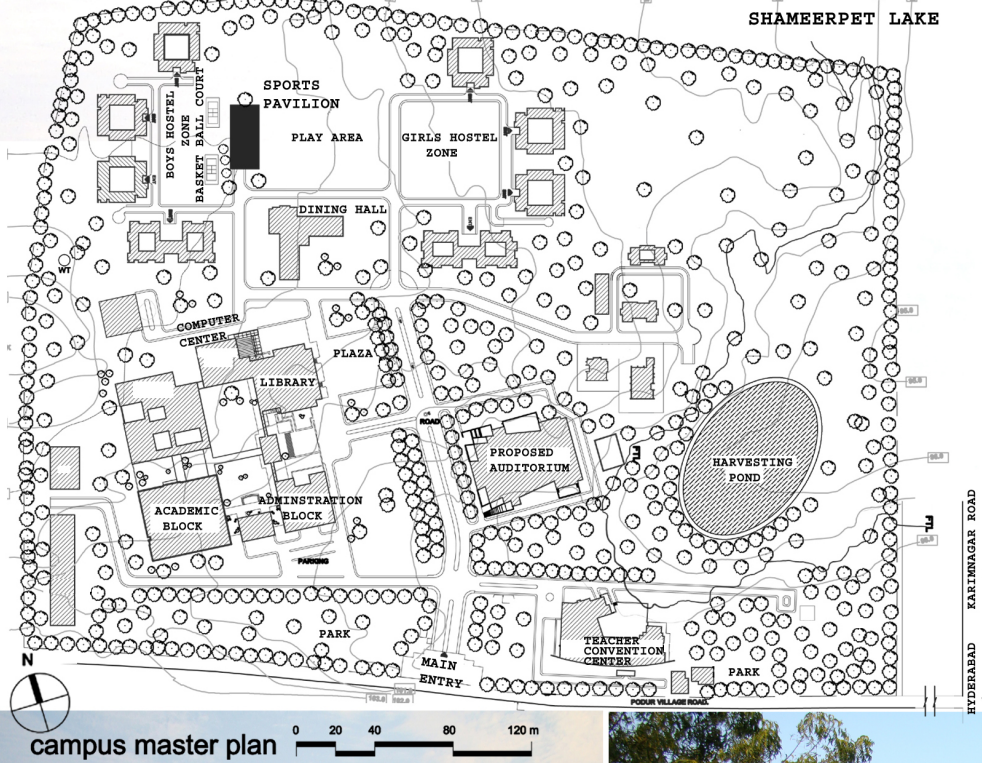
Nalsar University Sports Pavilion

Nalsar University of Law, Justice City,  
Shameerpet, Ranga Reddy District  
Hyderabad, India

Architects	M/S Design Concern Hyderabad, Pakistan
Clients	Nalsar University of Law Hyderabad, India
Commission	2002
Design	2002 - 2003
Construction	2002 - 2003
Occupancy	2003
Site	202,343 m²
Ground floor	854 m²
Total floor	1,166 m²
Costs	228,571 USD
Programme	This pavilion aims to be not just a viewing platform but an engaging multi-functional space in its own right. Seating 500 people, it comprises a reinforced concrete base with twinned vertical masts of porous steel and a suspended metal roof. A dais at the top of the tiers serves as a stage for gatherings on the playing field, and a sunken court at ground level provides a more informal stage and casual meeting place for students, a canteen and shops keeping this area vibrant at all times. This is one of Hyderabad’s first suspended cable structures, and all its steel joinery components were made in a local workshop, introducing new expertise.

**The Sports Pavilion** is built in NALSAR (National Academy for Legal Studies And Research) University residential campus, Shameerpet, about 35km from Hyderabad airport. NALSAR is an autonomous university engaged in teaching and promoting research in law and allied disciplines. Within campus, the pavillion is a part of play area between hostel blocks.

The 500-seater pavilion is concieved as a multifunctional shaded canopy with white solid base and porous steel structure above, with vertical masts and a suspended metal roof , in contrast to the existing campus building which are horizontal and defined in their formal expression in local granite. The route extending northwards from the library, between the dining hall and boys' hostel meets the southern edge of the pavilion. As it is approached through this route, the canopy cuts an arc against the distant rocky landscape. The place is a rendezvevous for the students between and after teaching sessions.







JANUARY, 2003

The need for unhindered vision of the playground with a 10.5m cantililever to the east called for a cable supported structure, and angular struts from column supporting the main truss are provided to prevent uplift due to wind. Twin steel masts are designed to give additional stability to the structure. The design of structural system also addresses earthquake loads. All the steel joinery components such as anchor hooks, multi strand steel suspension ropes, rings are made in a local workshop. Local granite and tandur stone for flooring are used at the sunken court level.

## VIEW FROM BOYS HOSTEL



END OF JANUARY, 2003



END OF FEBRUARY, 2003



MID OF APRIL, 2003



The linearity of tiers facing the playground to the east of the structure is punctuated with the introduction of dias at this level, which could also be used as a stage in the event when the playground is used for large public congregation. Below this dias is a sunken court with tiers and a stage for students to hold informal gatherings. A white washed colonnade at the lower level, canteen and few stores introduced at this level keep the place constantly vibrant. The steps from the sunken court to the playground cut a void in the pavillion tiers visually linking the space on either edges. In all, the design of the pavilion addresses a multiple functional program.



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