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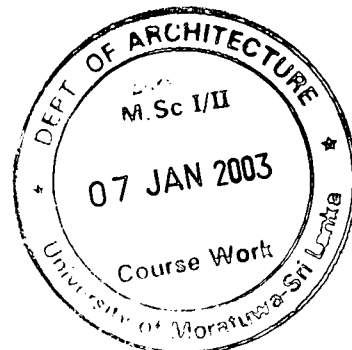
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ABSTRACT

For an analytical study from cell to atom it is essential to study the bond between atoms for a sure realization of criticality, where as for an example water holds its all unique characters from the origin of life towards well being of the being, because of its inter atomic bonds; the nature of attachments in between two atoms; the hydrogen bond. Likewise when considering an analytical study about urban environment especially in urban fabric; its existence and disregard with the human attachments and behavioural patterns. It would be interesting to investigate an elementary feature that will hold the character, comfort and fantasy of urban environment. Pockets, alleyways, squares, edges and corners etc. could be found, as elements of urban environment. Urban pockets alleyways and urban pollution has been previously discussed. But corners: spaces have been neglected as an under layered elementary feature to other aspect. It acts a major role with regard to urban pollution such as garbage points, unethical service generating points etc. likewise not only the materialistic pollution, but also attitudinal pollution occur parallelly with the rapid advancement of urbanization. Even the attachment to adjoined land and ongoing streets is seems to be neglected. Likewise abandoned corners exist unknowingly at the in between spaces of the built structures. Hence this study mainly focus on external corner spaces, its quantitative and qualitative attributes to maintain it as a positive space, and its potentiality to become a negative space.

Corner is simply an engagement of two adjoining planes. This may exist vertically or horizontally, the characters of marrying surfaces will govern the character of the newborn space: the corner space. When this occurs with the engagement of exterior surfaces of the same building or with the allocation of adjoin buildings, the corner space would be named as exterior and extroverted corner space. Like wise at the same manner introverted and interior corner may exist. The basic generator of corner space may act

positively as well as negatively. However, Bachalard's, (1969) explains the introverted corner (the corner existing within the houses and neighbourhood units) as a **"negation of the universe"** because it most commonly accommodate once isolated mind set and contracted set of thoughts with its characterise darkness and safety hiding places physically. But on the other hand it is an excellent observatory point as well as a place of generating new thoughts and timeless intimate meeting place with limited attachments.



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