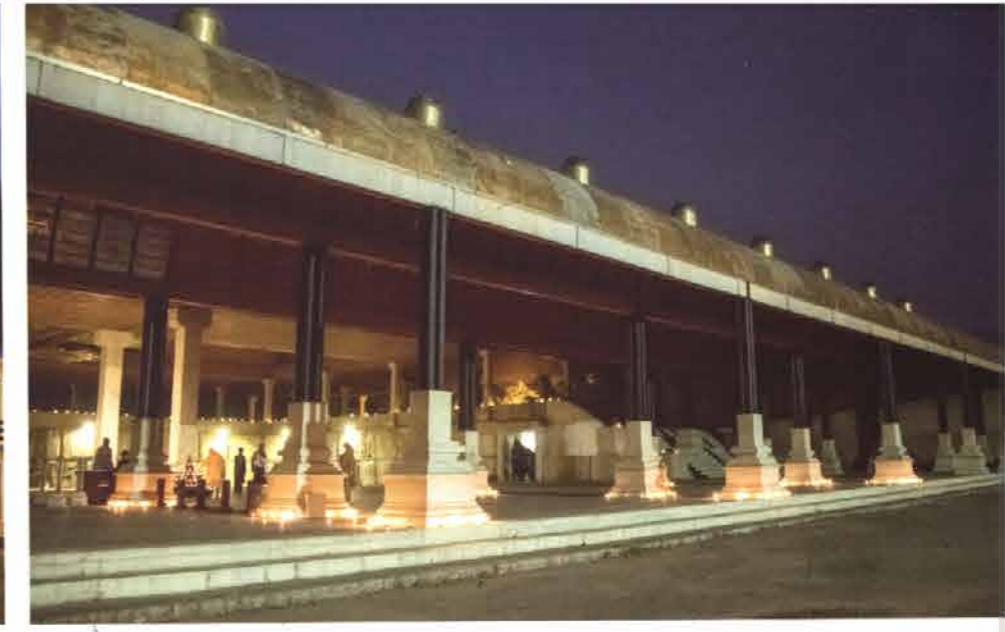
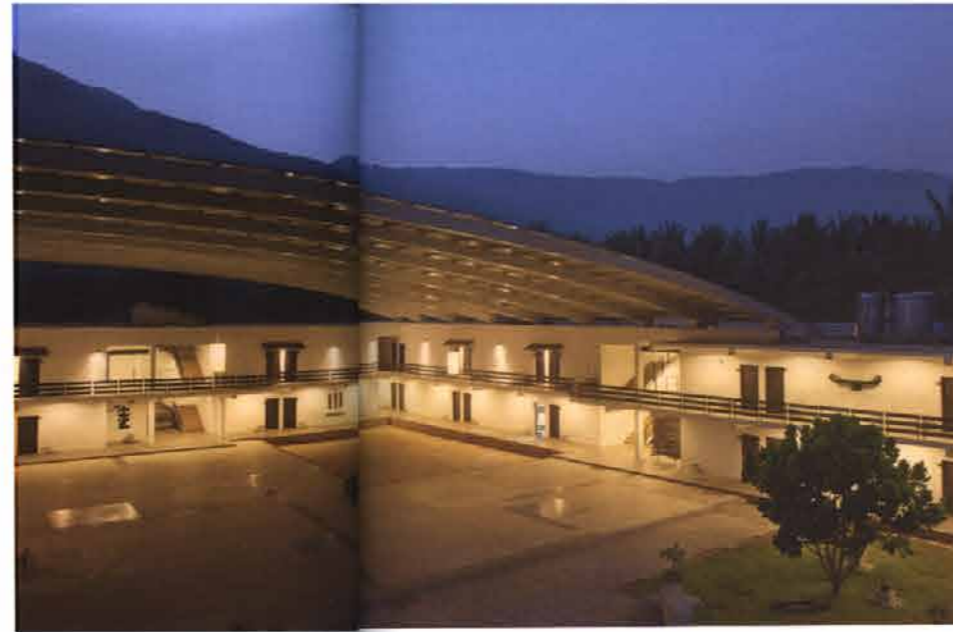
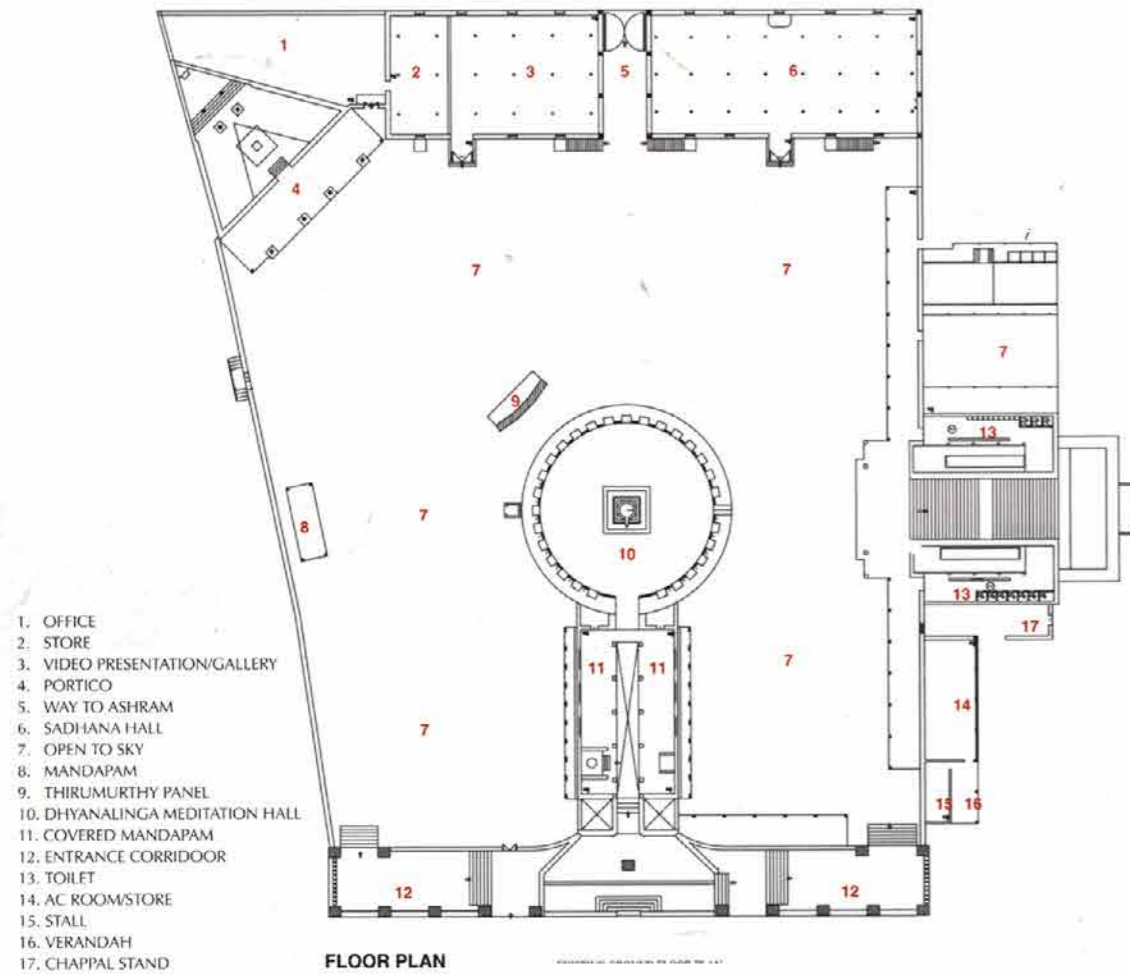


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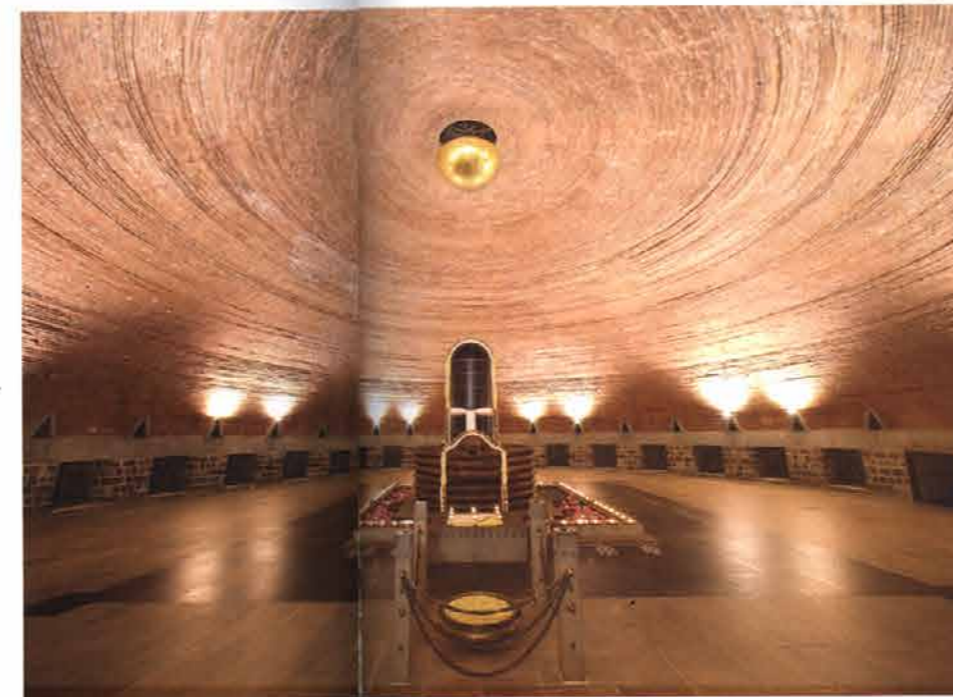


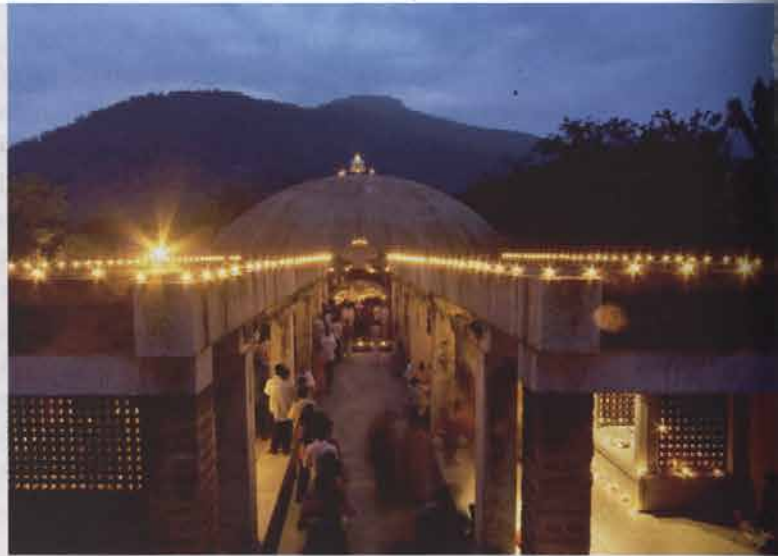
Centre for Inner Growth

Project: Dhyanalinga Yogic Temple Complex at the Isha Yoga Centre, Coimbatore

Architects: Isha Yoga Centre, Velliangiri foothills, Coimbatore

The project founded under the aegis of Isha Foundation, is set at the foothills of the Velliangiri Mountains in southern India. Created as a powerful *sthana* (a centre for inner growth), this destination attracts people from all parts of the world and is unique in its offering of all the four major paths of yoga—, *gnana* (knowledge), *karma* (action), *kriya* (energy) and *bhakthi* (devotion).





leads the visitor 30ft deep into the earth to a copper tank vaulted by an artistic mural of the Maha Kumbh Mela.

Also located at the Yoga Center are the Isha Rejuvenation Center and Isha Home School. The *Vanaprastha* accommodation on the premises was designed to give people with families the opportunity to come and be involved with the centre.

An architecturally appealing residential facility designed in the shape of a triangle, a *yantra* (yogic symbol) which represents ultimate perception, houses an active international community of *brahmacharies*, full-time volunteers, guests and visitors, making it a vibrant hub of activity and an optimal environment to pursue one's growth.

Carved out of three 50 tonne granite blocks, the *Trimurthi* panel is an impressive outcome of the art of stone sculpting cultivated in India over millennia. Symbolising the three

different dimensions of *Shiva– Hara, Rudra and Sadashiva*, the tripartite panel is an expression of the three chief *gunas* or qualities of every living being, in ancient vedic sciences referred to as *tamas, rajas* and *sattva*. ✚

FactFile

Client: Self

Design team: Sadhguru along with Isha design team

Consultants: Auroville Earth Institute (AVEI) (Structural (dome)), Isha design team

Contractors: Self

Built-up area: 18954.33sq ft (Dhyanaṅga Temple)

Cost of project: Rs 50 lakh approx

Year of completion: 1999