

SUMMARY

This lecture shall deal with vernacular architecture in the west of India: Gujarat. The arid desert weather of the state dictates the vernacular architecture and a brief discussion of its evolution are noted. The primary study under this will be the Bhonga house which is not only suited for the climate but is also a prime example of earthquake resistant feature which is relevant even in present day context. Moving from this rural vernacular feature we also have the community based vernacular architecture features from the well renowned mansions of the Bohra Muslims. Socio cultural, religious, climatic and aesthetic interests dictate the design of these mansions and the spatial planning, design features and elements are discussed in detail in this lecture.