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“SENSE OF PLACE”
Between the Tangible and Intangible

by
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Ever since her first visit in 1987 as a trainee under Poppo Pingel, Auroville has been Mona Doctor-Pingel's "Karma-Kshetra" allowing her to constantly formulate and re-evaluate her ideas and ideals.

Having completed her undergraduate studies in architecture at the Centre for Environment and Planning (CEPT), Ahmedabad and post-graduation in Appropriate Technology from Flensburg University, Germany, she has an independent set-up, Studio Naqshbandi, in Auroville since 1995.

Her work has been labeled as 'appropriate', 'sustainable', 'organic', 'sensorial', 'rustic', 'finely crafted', etc, at various times, reflecting the differing viewpoints of the perceiver, sometimes as per the fashion of time. However for her the outer manifestation is only a palimpsest of an inner Reality.

With a small, constantly changing team of trainees, young architects and designers at her studio, she experiments and explores the many facets of architecture, interiors and landscape design. One of the key guiding principle in her work is the creation of buildings which are healthy (Building Biology, sick building syndrome), taking into account factors like electromagnetic fields, use of natural materials and earth energies.

Mona is actively involved in teaching, conducting workshops and has been part of various Auroville Planning bodies. She has initiated and authored a series of Monographs on Auroville Architects and is currently part of a five year Indo-US joint research program on Energy Efficiency in Buildings.

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