

Aroha by Pentaspace design studio

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Located in Mumbai, this project draws inspiration from the elements of Buddhism to raise awareness of the nearby Kaneri Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Project Name: Aroha

Studio Name: Pentaspace design studio

Location: Borivali, Mumbai

Area: 3,00,000 Sq. Ft.

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Strategically placed Buddha statues at the entrance and intricate fresco paintings on the ceilings are designed to evoke a connection with Buddhist culture. These frescoes instantly transport residents and visitors, drawing a parallel to the experience of ancient cave dwellers.



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A long drop-off canopy with cutouts allows sunlight to filter through the space, creating a natural atmosphere.

The caves themselves tell stories, a narrative carried into the lobbies where the tale of Buddha is etched into the walls. Natural stones are used for wall cladding and flooring, maintaining a consistent design language throughout the project.



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The podium-level flooring and landscape area feature stamped concrete to replicate the texture and feel of a cave floor.



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Aroha is designed to create a microenvironment for its inhabitants, blending cave architectural elements with modern design to foster awareness and curiosity about the rich heritage in the surrounding area.



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