

The *inspiring office* needs more flexibility and activity to meet various clients and a neat and pleasant environment to encourage more communications. With concise description, this book covers abundant subjects and plenty of cases to introduce various space designs including full adjustment and new layout. This would inspire readers and could be used as a good example and reference for office design.

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Design Company: Collaborative Architecture

Project Location: Chennai, India

Area : 390.19 m²

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The design for Bajaj Electrical, this Corporate Office is an attempt to take the project above the functional contingencies of a regular corporate work place brief, imbuing the space with an architectural character that would generate unparallel work efficiency.

The project had typical straight jacketed, hierarchical brief for a corporate office, with cabins for senior managers, cubicles for mid-level managers and workstations for executives, meeting room conference room, staff area and service areas. The brief was also emphasized to have orthogonal spaces in the office, in line with traditional Indian 'Vastu' principles.

Sustainability as an active strategy was

fundamental theme right from the inception of concept design through selection of green rated products, active tools to cut down the energy consumption, day light harvesting and the general orientation of the work floor to tap maximum day light and reduce the south exposure to cut down cooling load.

The design challenge was to accommodate these highly debilitating guidelines, yet evolve a 'design narrative' which will cleverly mask the ubiquitous gridded plan.

Meeting room is placed strategically to segregate the public interface with the work interface. The contrasting dark color and the free flowing envelope of its space clearly generate a spatial

boundary between Public-Work realms.

Enclosed spaces like senior manager cabins, conference, staff utility areas are positioned along one of the sides, allowing the workstations to be positioned to tap maximum day lighting.

The cabins have glazed partitions separating them from the workspace, allowing the day light to penetrate in to the cabin spaces. Collaborative designed the architectural graphics on the wall to ensure adequate privacy in the cabin area.

Every cabin, passages and entry foyers are provided with active tools to cut down the lighting load. The office is equipped with state of the art HVAC and BMS to make it truly energy efficient.











