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uncommercializing luxury.
Alibaug's Residential-scape
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Located in Old Panvel Gaon (village area within town or city), the project had a site constraint as the neighboring buildings were only at 5 feet distance.

The irregular narrow plot shape restricted the layout as we had to consume the feasible built up area keeping in mind the financial budgets as they were small pocket sized apartments.

Being affordable segment the planning,

elevation and the finishes proposed had to be economical and low maintenance.

The glass-brick ratio was worked out so as to avoid any wastage of material. The chajjas and the sun breakers were designed in a diagonal position so that the neighboring building apartments won't look into each other. This differentiation not only enhanced the privacy of the inhabitants but also added aesthetics to the low cost budgeted project.

With the increase pace of our lives, we are losing the interaction time with our neighbors and are creating neighborhoods without neighbors. With an idea to break this and to create a neighborhood within a built form amenities like a chalk-board, wall games, art walls, library shelf were proposed on the mid landings of the staircase well. They were created as a space for interaction by the members and brought out life into the dead spaces of a building. Being a tight plot there was no space to provide any amenities on the ground floor so by utilizing the dead space we could not only create amenity spaces but also do these in the budget of the developer.