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Development Of Aranmula As A Heritage Town

Heritage and culture are built up on a foundation that consists of a variety of stories, that are passed from one generation to another. Aranmula is one such region that preserves all the traditions, heritage, culture and rituals. Aranmula is a temple town in Kerala, situated on the banks of the holy river Pampa. Increase in urbanization has affected the heritage in various levels; we compromised with the living standards by dismantling the various heritage components. To protect the heritage of Aranmula, we need new guidelines and strong regulations. The aim of this thesis is to understand the heritage value of Aranmula and to develop Aranmula as a Heritage Town. The main objectives of the project are; firstly to identify the varied heritage components associated with Aranmula Temple and its surroundings, secondly to understand the issues affected by the heritage and to analyse and develop a spatial planning for Aranmula Heritage Town. The heritage, culture, traditions and rituals are being wiped away from this era of modernization. What makes the region of Aranmula different is that, this region holds its heritage and culture closer to our heart. Every built heritage is a type of architecture that can reflect the image of Aranmula village. In response to climate, lifestyle and geography of this place, people's religious philosophy, availability of building materials and various architectural styles have been developed. There is a need to protect this type of heritage and cultures in order to maintain the authenticity of our past. By this way we can promote Aranmula as a Heritage Village and to include in the tourist circuit in Kerala.