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# Abstract

Architecture can define as the Art of space. It suggests human capacity to use their intellect and natural instinct to organize spaces around him for better way of life.

Public open spaces are very important things in urban context.

*".....Designers of urban space must be cognizant of importance of human sense as they apply to thefunction of square. "*

Grove & Cresswell (1983), P. 81

Personal spaces within the public spaces are very important factor to create effective urban spaces. Ability to facilitate personalization within urban space is very challenging for urban designers.

This study is mainly focuses on the important of *"personal spaces"* within the urban public gathering spaces as a major factor of creating effective urban gathering space, with special reference to selected existing gathering spaces in urban areas,

- Parliament Esplanade, Kotte
- Beach Park, Negombo
- Independent Square, Colombo 07

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