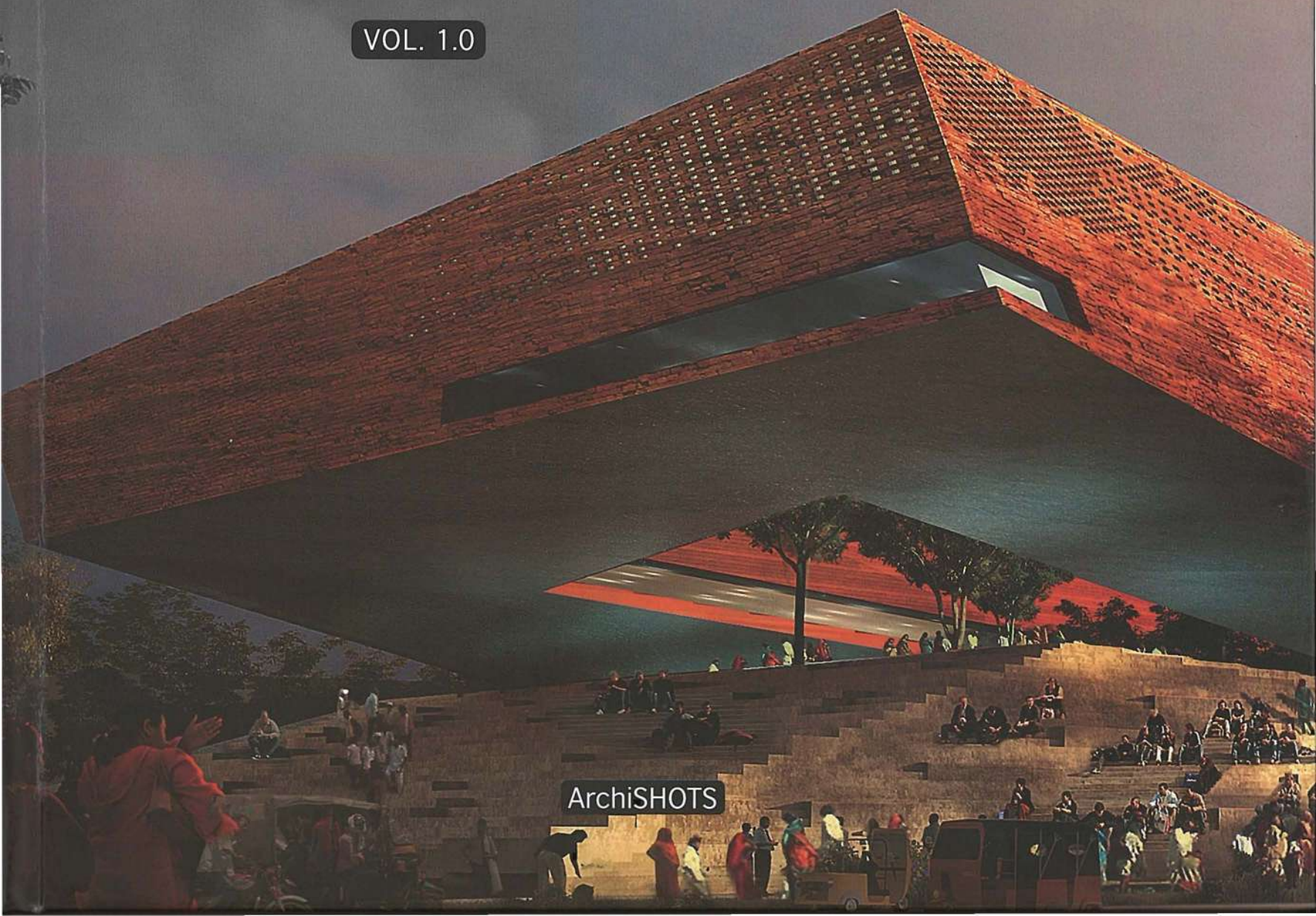


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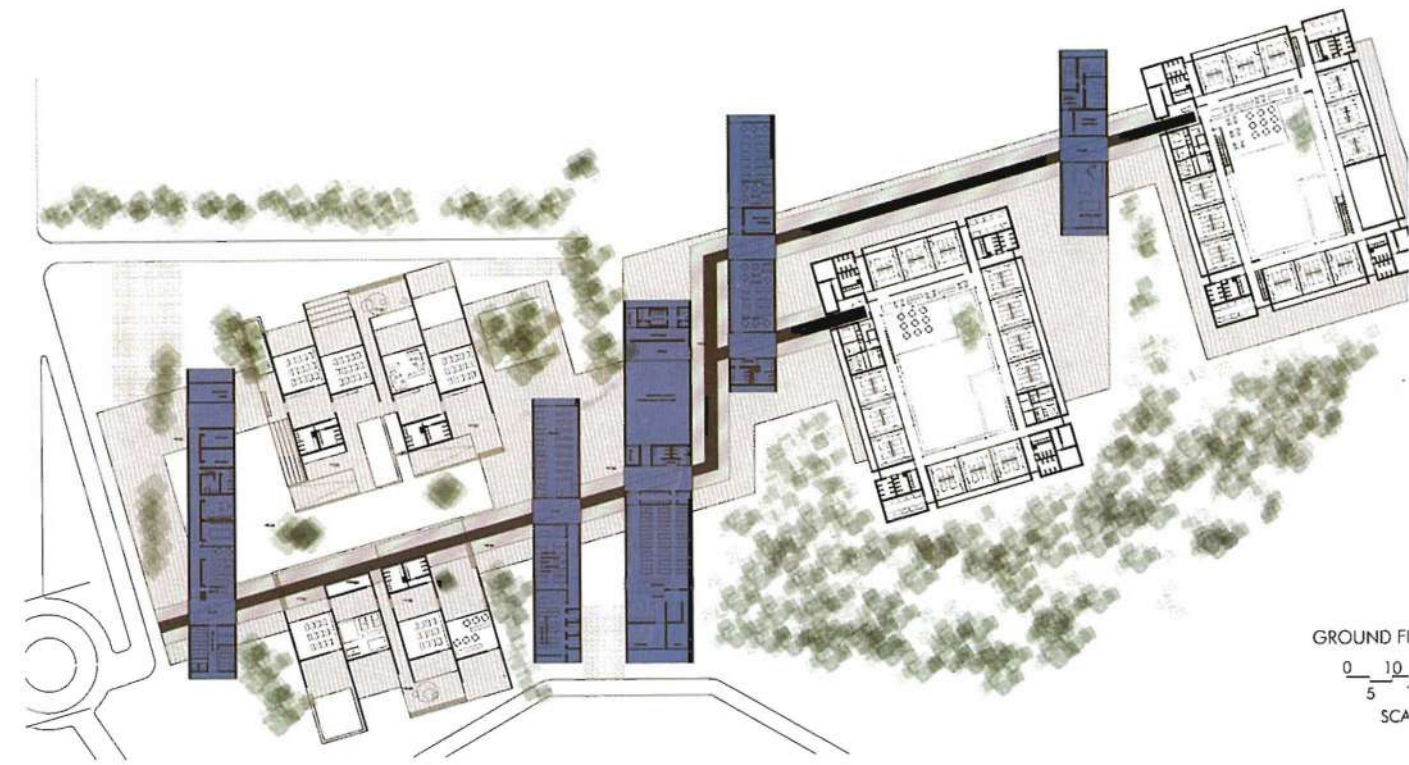
Location	Harchurah-Sonitpur, Assam
Client	McLeod Russel India Limited
Team	Romi Khosla, Martand Khosla, Pedro Garcia, Chandu Arsikere, Rajnish Pant, Charlotte Sein
Site Area	5.86 Acres
BU Area	78,738 S.Ft.
Design Year	2011

Designed by Romi Khosla in 1999, the Assam Valley School caters to children of the employees of Assam's tea estates. The original school began from year 5 and went on till year 12. Though there had been an intention to build a primary school, it did not form part of the phase I and phase II developments of the school.

The school board reached out to Romi Khosla Design Studios (RKDS) in 2012 to finally design the Junior school. The intention was for the junior school to be a completely self-sustained

entity. The children would learn, live, eat and play within the defined confines of the junior school campus, away from the middle and senior schools.

An area on the master plan was designated for the junior school and RKDS made a detailed proposal to the Board keeping in mind the school's early years' learning program and child nurturing as central to the teaching and residential areas.



The project restructures the site by yielding a simple rectangular podium that serves as the base over which the different buildings of the junior school will rest.

Common facilities are displayed across this podium in the form of 5 bars, North-South orientated, developed in the form of simple linear "pavilion style" elements that interlock the school with the surrounding landscape. These bars not only articulate the site, but also serve as control elements and incremental blocks as the main circulation through which the site has to go through, highlighting their importance as well as the social activities of the school.

A more restrictive programme has been put in place, following the podium's geometry and

incorporating small-scale modular repetitive units such as classrooms and dormitories. Following the master plan strategy, the western part of the site is dedicated to the school and teaching areas and the eastern part to the residential facilities.

A series of patios and courtyards punctuate the podium, further breaking down the scale of the intervention and introducing a new level in the filtering sequence, as they generate more private but still semi open areas that configure the outdoor shared spaces.

Previous Page: Art and Performance Centre in the foreground with Learning Resource Centre in the background

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Above: Classrooms opening out to the outdoor learning spaces

Facing Page Top: Site Plan

Facing Page Bottom: Looking from the Teachers' block on to the classrooms of the Junior School