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The premise which is based in Pune was earlier a factory complex comprising of a large factory shed, servants' quarters and a watchman's cabin with a significant amount of open space in the front.

The factory shed was converted into the studio for the photography due to its expanse and the height available, while the watchman's cabin and the servants' quarters were converted into an image processing unit and an office respectively. An unused space between the new office and the factory shed was converted into a transition court. Linear, multi-coloured windows in wood planks open out the office façade to the paved, landscaped entrance court.

The main access to the factory shed was re-designed by adding a wall that hid the toilet door and creating a brickwork frame with a bamboo pergola, creating an enclosure for outdoor seating.

The structure has minimal windows and obtains light and ventilation only through the front coloured windows and the side court open to sky. The design character is minimal, with almost no decoration. Natural elements such as light and air along with architectural characters and colours that are local to the tropical climate of India form the design language.

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