A STUDY FOR THE CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANCE OF PIRZADA MANSION, LAHORE, PAKISTAN

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Abstract:

Built heritage is not merely about living quarters but they also reflect the living standards cultural norms and values of any society. These old built heritage give references to the past the way people used to live and their living arrangements. This is done by understanding the spatial layouts of that particular built heritage. This research aims to focus on documenting a historic building from the British colonial period located in the old historic walled city of Lahore to highlight the need and significance of conservation of these historical buildings of this time that are neglected and under threat. The method of research adopted in this paper was to document this building as descriptive and ethnographic analysis via photographic surveys, questionnaires, interviews from authorities(WCLA) and local residents and several site visits were done for a detailed documentation of the structure. The results show that like many old structures that are under threat of getting destroyed as by the will of the proprietors to get replaced with new structures with new needs. This papers aims to be helpful in identifying the aesthetics and structural threats and other aspects of the Pirzada Mansion which is a splendid example of the British colonial period yet is under threat of getting lost with time and with the new structures thus losing its identity and is in need for a proper conservation.

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