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Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India

Ahmedabad, India

Architect : Bimal Hasmukh Patel

Client : Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India Viharibhai G. Patel, Director

Contractors : Ganon Dunkerly and Company

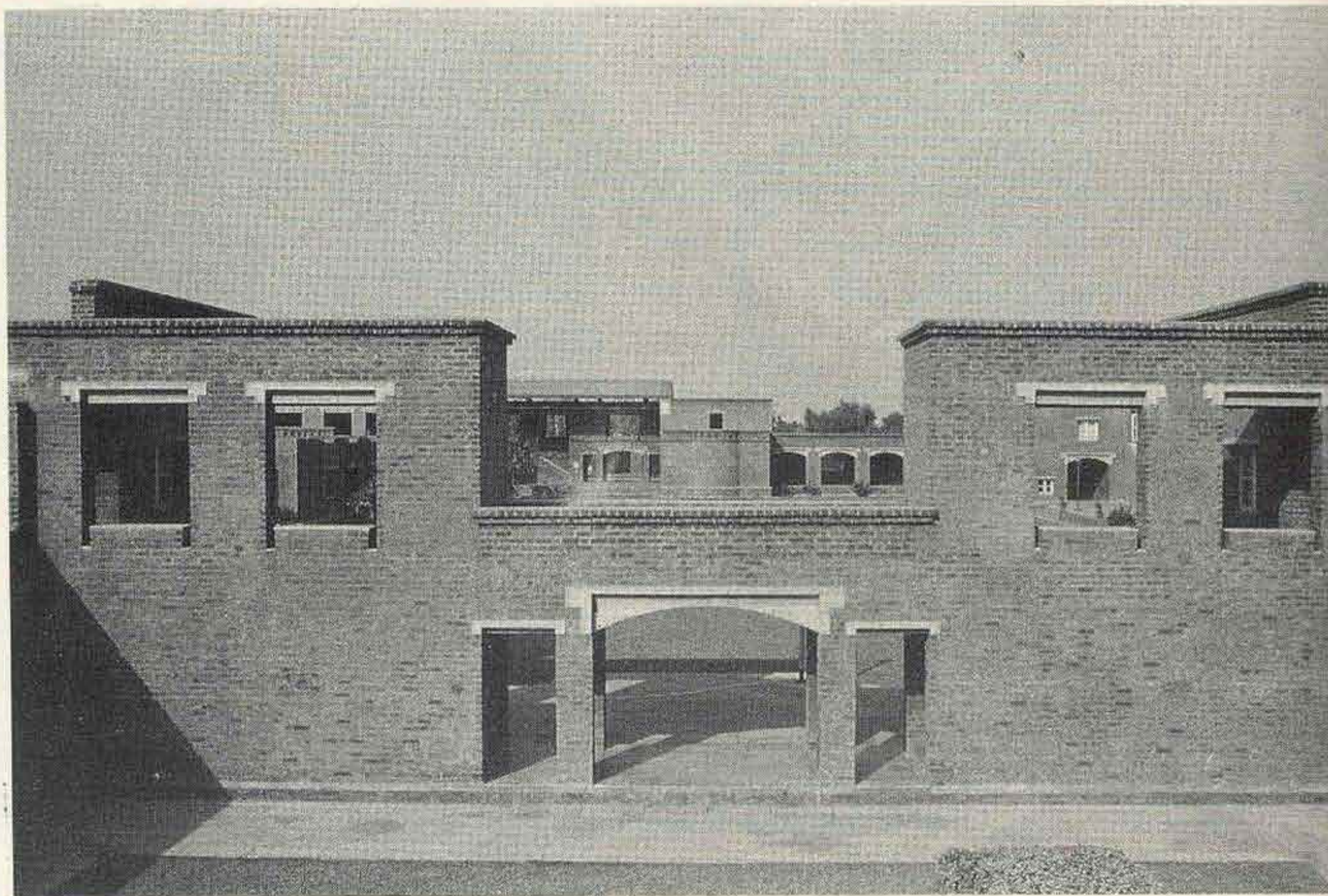
Completed : 1987

Jury Citation

This innovative programme in education and training in entrepreneurship is housed in an open, congenial campus. The fruitful collaboration between the director of the institute and the architect produced a fine example of a low-cost, low-maintenance building which promises easy replicability. The architect is commended for his confident use of formal elements growing out of the Indo-Islamic architectural heritage. A series of geometrically structured courtyards and loggias are the primary organising framework. The variation of open, closed and transitional spaces provides light and shade, and creates an inviting environment for work, interaction and repose.

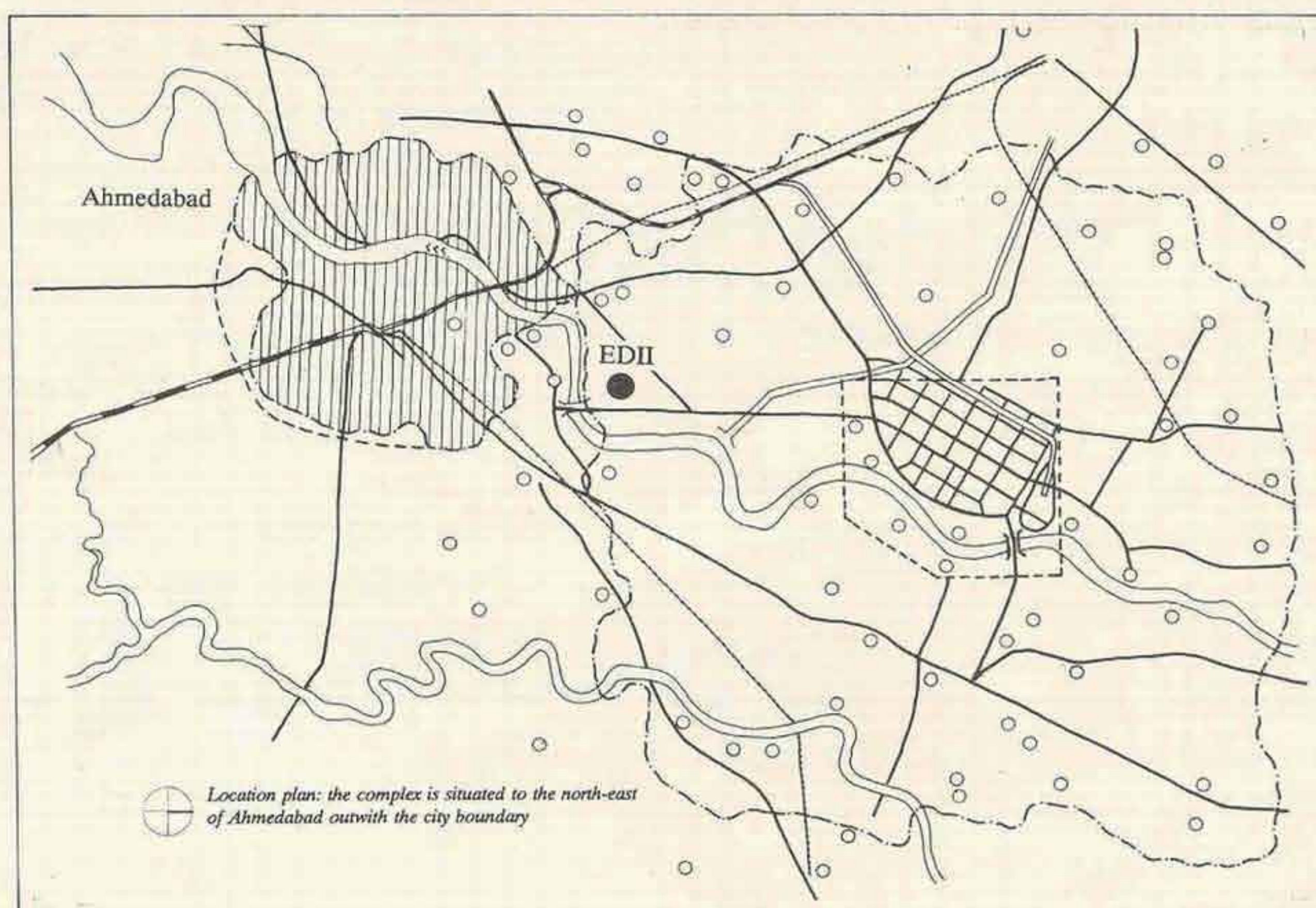
Project Description

The revolutionary concept of training entrepreneurs was pioneered in Ahmedabad in 1969. The idea developed and gradually became a national movement. Every state in India wanted to develop its own entrepreneurship programme and in 1983, EDII was established to operate a supervisory role. The design of the complex was obtained through a national scale architectural design competition won by the young architect, Bimal Patel. The Institute is presently composed of seven buildings; three for academic facilities and two dormitory blocks, each of which groups accommodations around a central courtyard, dining facilities, and the library. An auditorium was designed but has not yet been built. Brick and concrete are the predominant construction materials chosen to conform to the restricted budget, and as both are locally available. The buildings are situated to the north-east of Ahmedabad, outwith the

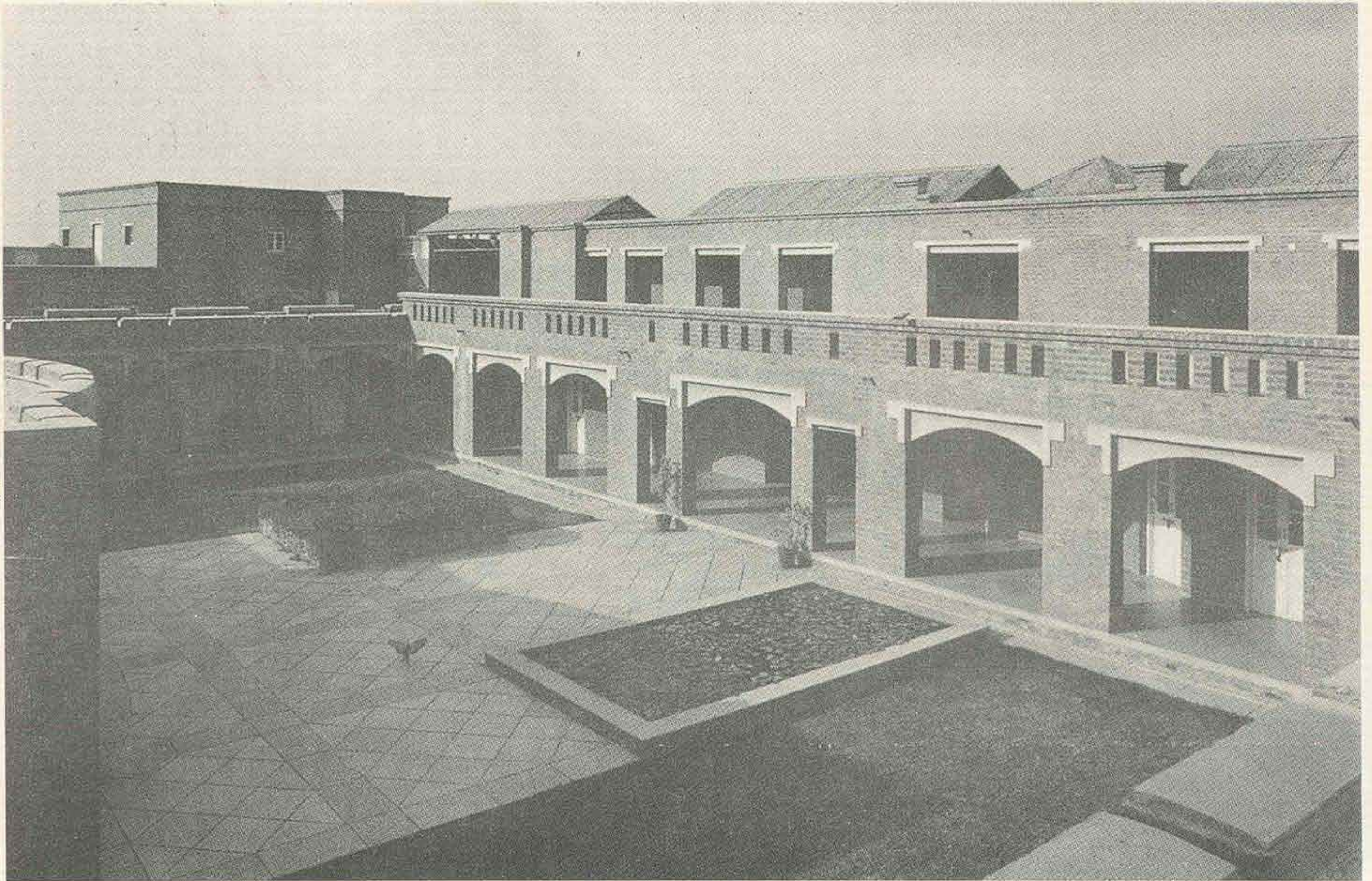


city boundary. The EDII offers courses for 30'000 entrepreneurs trained annually throughout India, as well as courses for students from developing

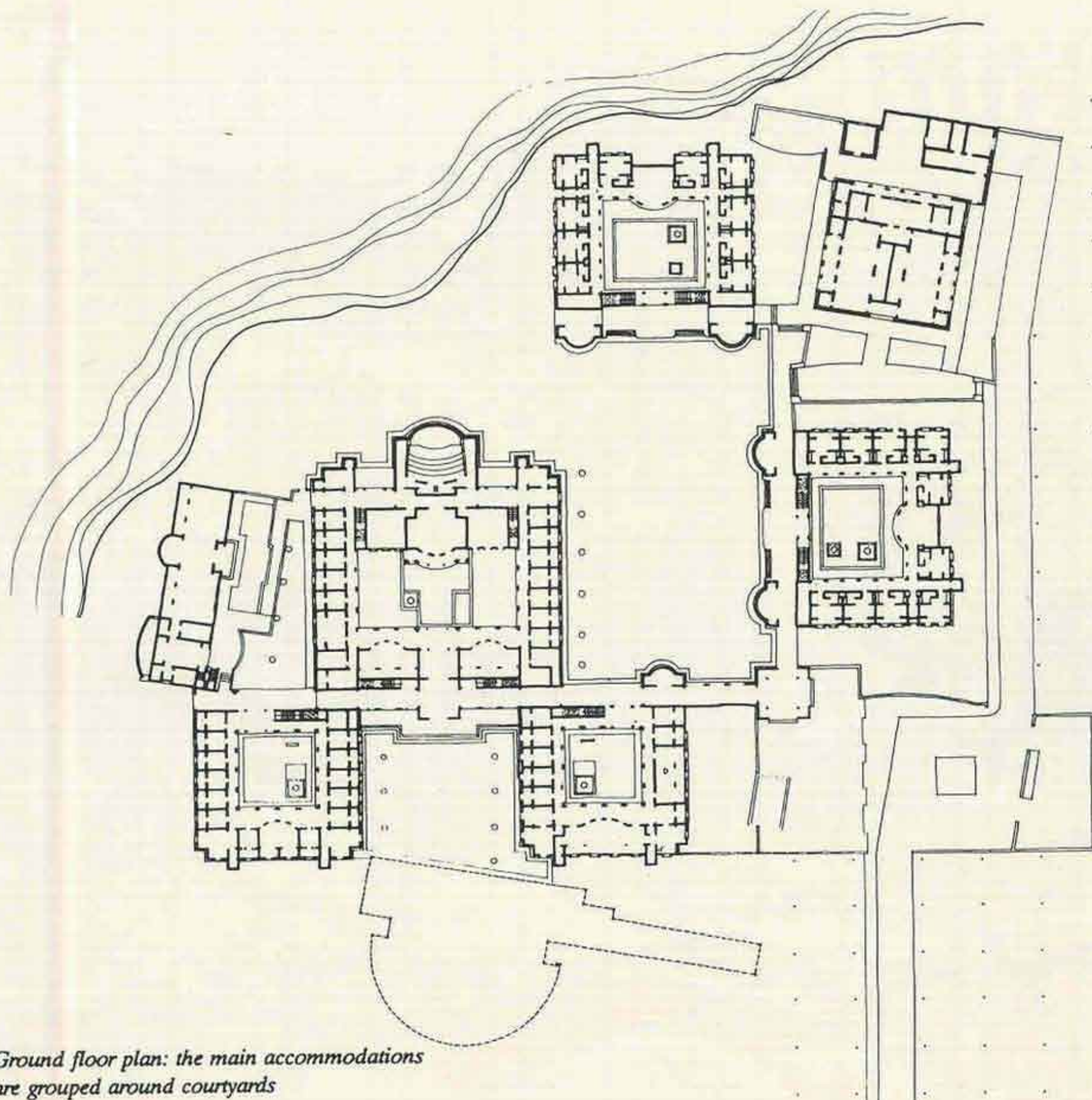
countries. The originator of the idea for entrepreneurship courses is Dr. Viharibhai G. Patel, the current director of the Institute.







Block plan: the area around the buildings is planted with trees



Ground floor plan: the main accommodations are grouped around courtyards

