# UNIT-II CLASSIFICATION OF HOUSE

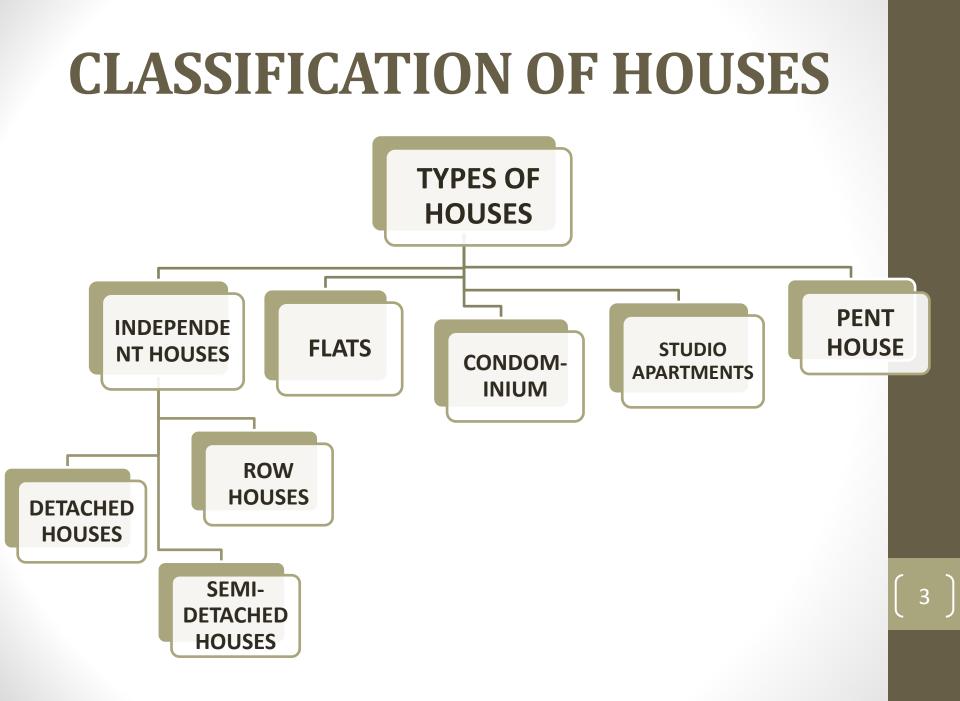
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## HOUSING

- ➢ We spend a majority of our life time in the interior spaces of our homes, created by the structure and cells of the building.
- > The house is thus the most important part of our life time.
- A house can be defined as a shelter consisting of walls, floors, windows and roofs in which human beings live.
- ➤A house provides shelter, comfort, convenience, privacy, rest and relaxation to the family members.
- ➤ The word house refers to the image of shelters- an apartment, an independent house or a mobile house.
- It includes physical environment of the house with its neighborhoods and institutions.



#### **INDEPENDENT HOUSES**

- Have utilities and services installed independently (like electricity, water, drainage, telephones, heating, lighting, air-conditioning).
- Independent houses could be by placement of plinth on plot-
  - Detached: open on four sides
  - Semi-detached: open on three sides and attached on one side
  - Row: open in front and back, attached on two sides

### **ROW HOUSES**

- A row house has side walls attached with the adjoining house. Only rear and front have open spaces for outdoor activity
- Houses are built on smaller plot size, arrangement of windows and ventilators possible only in front and back walls.
- Since houses are closely built, there is very little privacy.

Rear open space in the plot area					
House 1	House 2	House 3	House 4	House 5	
Front open space in the plot area					

Sample plan of a row house

#### **SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE**

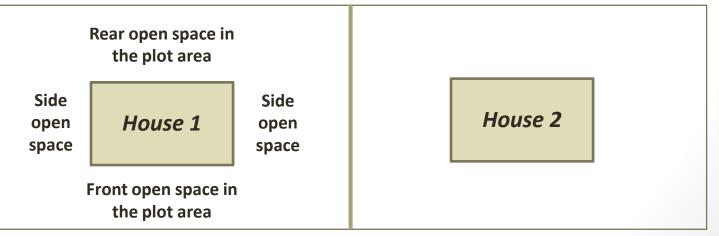
- A building detached from three sides but attached to its neighboring house from one side
- Families living in this type of house enjoy more open space as well as privacy as compared to families in row houses
- These houses have more light and ventilation; construction cost is more as compared to row houses.

Rear open space in the plot area			
Side open space	House 1	House 2	
Front open space in the plot area			

Sample plan of a semi-detached house

#### **DETACHED HOUSES**

- Built as a permanent, single family dwelling unit; includes ownership rights to the land on which it is situated
- building detached on all four sides with open space all around the building
- Provides more privacy to its residents as this type of house does not share boundary wall with other neighbors
- > Cost of construction is very high and least economical in use of land space



#### Sample plan of a detached house

#### **VILLA HOUSE**

>A large, detached structure with spacious land surrounding it.

- > A villa is generally home to a single family
- Very luxurious, includes amenities such as: pool, stables, gardens, etc.
- Most villas include a large amount of land and often barns, garages, or other out buildings as well.
- > A villa is a fancy vacation home:
  - In Roman it means "country house for the elite"
  - In Italian it means "country house or farm"



#### FLATS/ APARTMENTS

- > A dwelling unit in a building where utilities and services are provided on shared basis
- > Single family lives in a single dwelling unit on one floor
- Common staircase or lifts is provided, vehicle parking space is on ground floor or basement
- Can be low rise with height up to three storeys or high rise. For flats above four storeys, lifts are provided and are referred to as apartments
- Flats are generally classifies on the basis of number of bedrooms; e.g. a one bedroom flat would comprise of one bedroom with a kitchen and drawingcum-dining and separate toilets
- Single room apartments with a kitchen corner and toilets are called Studio Apartments

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#### FLAT/ APARTMENT



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#### CONDOMINIUM

- Condominium- derived from Latin word 'con' meaning together and 'dominium' meaning domain or property.
- A privately owned individual unit within a building of other units.
- Condo owners jointly own shared common areas such as pools, garages, elevators, outside hallways, etc.
- A homeowners association manages the common areas and oversees the agreements, conditions and restrictions that apply to the property.
- Structurally condos and apartments look same, but the difference between them is of ownership. You own a condo and you rent an apartment.



The Cosmopolitan, a Condominium in Singapore



Condominium in Cambodia

#### **STUDIO APARTMENT**

- A self contained apartment also known as bachelor pad or studio apartment
- A type of flat consisting of one main large room divided into various zones- bedroom, kitchen, living room, work space, etc.
- It is a small apt which combines kitchen, living room, bedroom into a single room
- Kitchen facility may either be located in central room or in a small separate room.
  Bathroom is usually in its own smaller room.
- Sizes vary considerably:
  - In India, usually called one room kitchen apartment including a hall with a bedroom and bathroom and attached kitchen to the hall.
  - Used by 1-2 people, size 200-450 sq. ft. (19-42 sq. m.)





#### **STUDIO APARTMENTS**







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#### **PENT HOUSE**

- An expensive flat at the top of an apartment building
- Typically differentiated from other apartments in terms of luxury features
- Located on highest floor of an apartment building situated in heart of the city, occupants have view of skyline.
- Such location provides easy access to hotels, restaurants, malls, schools, hospitals etc.
- Luxury amenities: high end appliances, terrace, fireplace, oversized windows, multiple master suites, office space, Jacuzzi, finest material fittings, luxurious flooring systems, private elevator, higher and vaulted ceilings

#### PENTHOUSE



Oversized windows, swimming pool, skyline view, high-tech equipment, ample open space-natural lighting & ventilation

