

Subject: History of Architecture-II

Topic: Buddhist Architecture in India-I

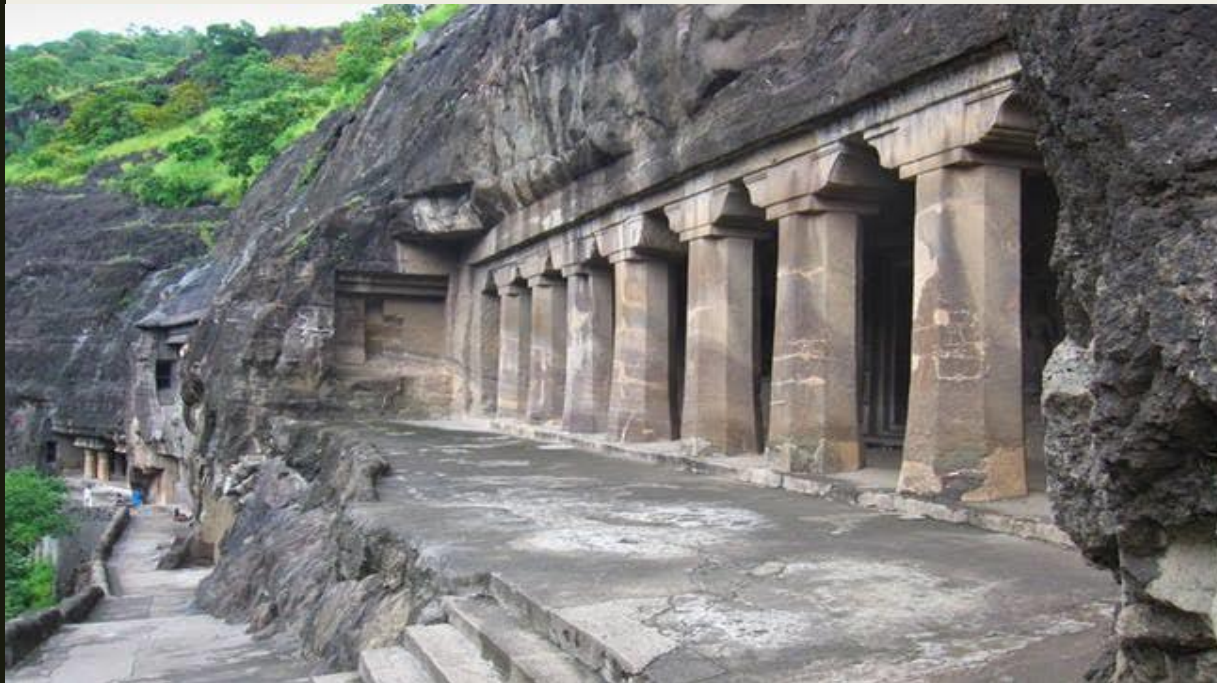
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**BUDDHIST
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IN INDIA**

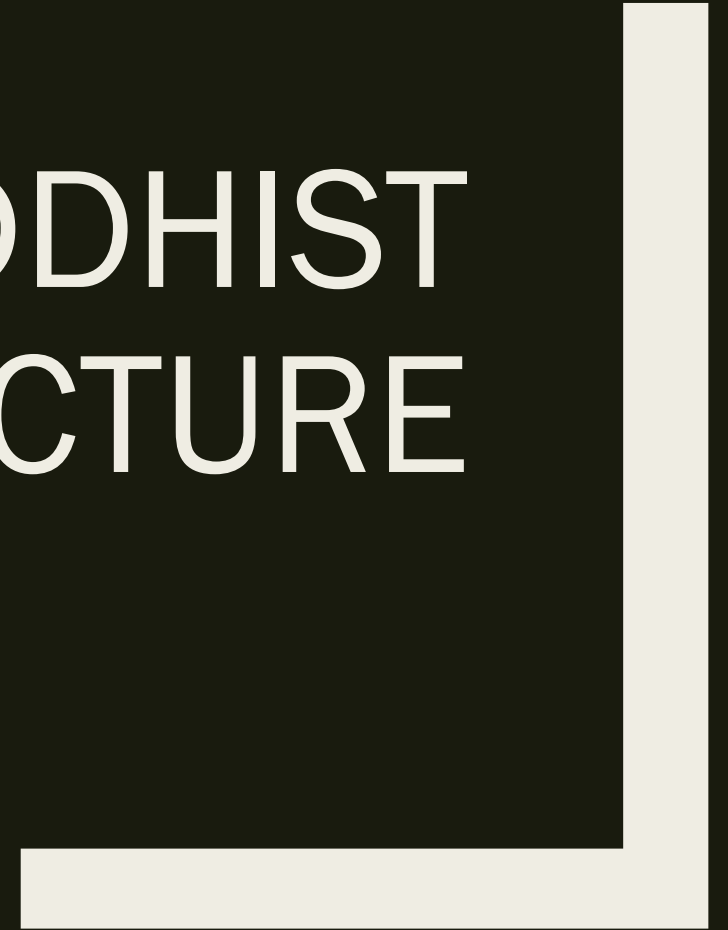
INTRODUCTION

- The Buddhist Architecture began with the development of various symbols, representing aspects of the Buddha's life[563BCE-483BCE]



- Indian emperor ashoka, not only established Buddhism as the state religion of his large magadh empire, but also opted for the architectural monuments to spread Buddhism in different places.
- The major features of this style are stupas, stambhas, chaityas, viharas.

FEATURES OF BUDDHIST ARCHITECTURE



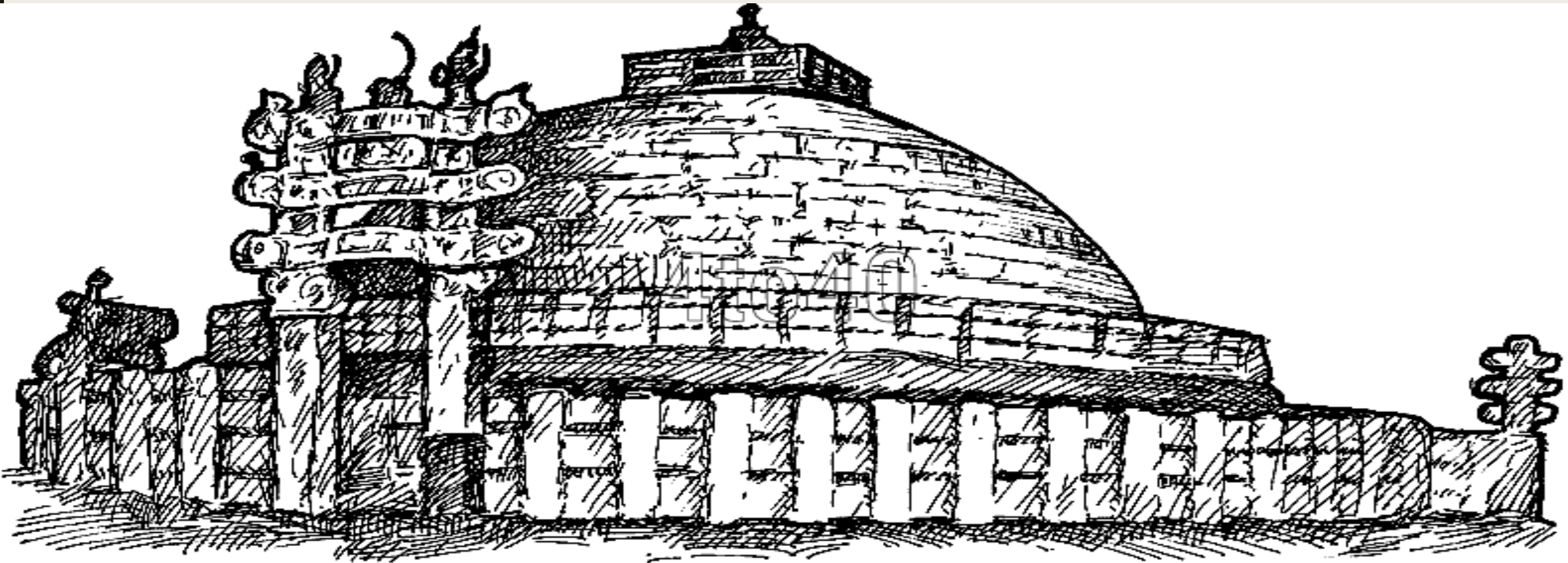
Features of Buddhist architecture

The major features of this style are:

- **Stupas {Buddhist shrine}**
 - **Stambhas {pillars}**
 - **Chaityas {caves}**
 - **Viharas {monasteries}**
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- Out of these ,the prominent examples of Chaityas Hall and Viharas can be found in rock-cut architecture.
 - Even the stupas can be found in certain chaitya halls in a miniature form.

Stupas {domes}

- **DEFINATION:** Dome-shaped structures used to house sacred relics of the monks and hence also known as “relic-shrines”
- **CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:** Earth materials covered with stones or bricks. The plan, elevation and the basic structure all derived from the circle.



Buddhist Architecture - STUPA

- STUPA IS MOUND OF THE EARTH ENCLOSING A RELIC CAN BE COMPARED WITH THE MASSIVE FORM THE GREAT PYRAMIDS OF EGYPT.
- THEY ALSO CALLED AS THUPPA IN PALI, DAGABAINSIMBALI, TOPE IN ENGLISH AND DHATUGRABH IN SANSKRIT. [DHATTUGRABH = RELICS PRESERVED IN VESSEL.]

CLASSIFIED INTO THREE TYPES.

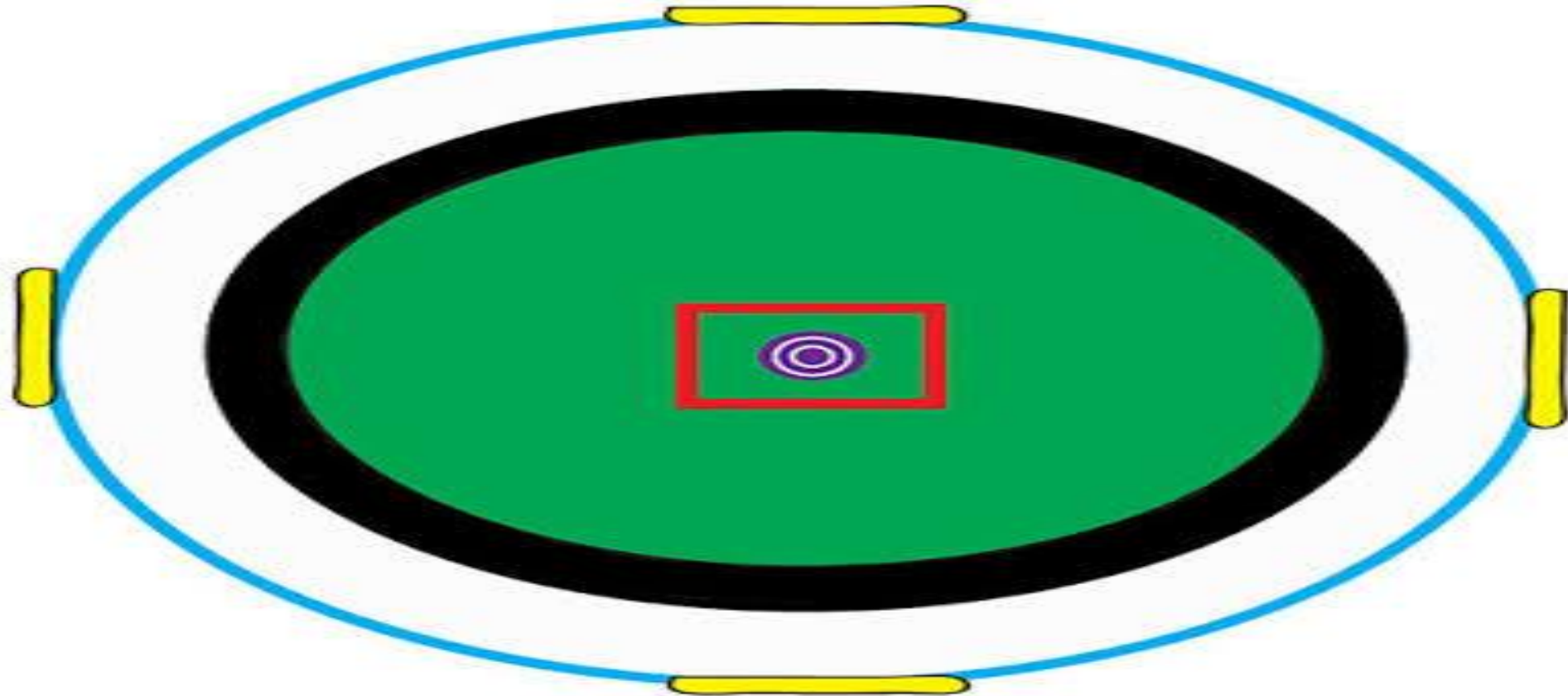
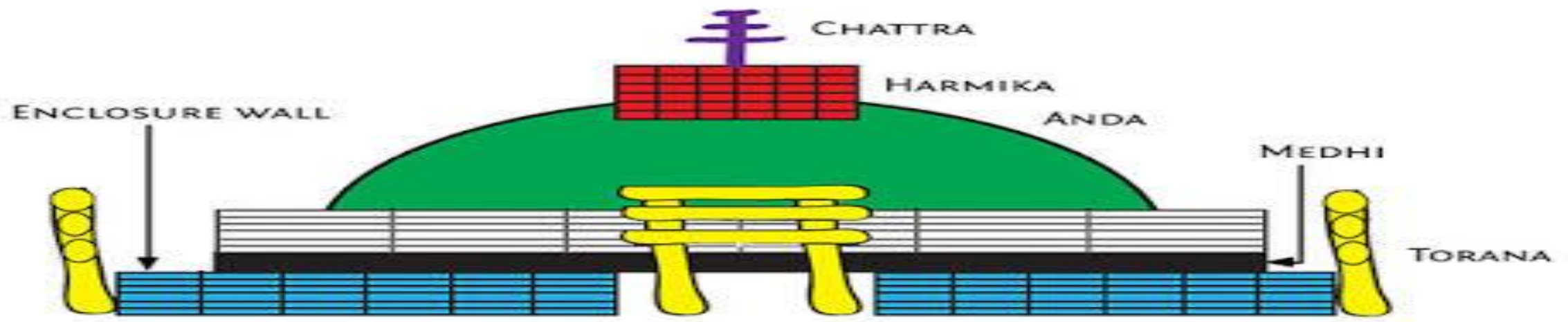
- SARIKA STUPA- raised over body relics.
- PARIBHOJIKA STUPA- erected over the articles, like the bowl, the sanghati
- UDDESHUIKA STUPA- stupas built as commemorative monuments.



TORANS AT SANCHI

- Torans are associated with Buddhist stupas like the great stupa in sanchi, as well as with jain and hindu structures, and also with several secular structures.
- In the 1st century BCE, four elaborately carved toranas {ornamental gateways} and a balustrade encircling the entire structure were added around the sanchi stupa built during Mauryan period.





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