

"Integration of Planning, Analysis, Design, Estimation and Scheduling of a Multispeciality Hospital By Building Information Modelling (BIM) "

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Abstract - This study aims to assess the application of Building Information Modeling (BIM) in the design and construction of a multispeciality hospital project. The project was executed using a combination of software technologies including AutoCAD, Revit, STAAD.Pro, RCDC, and MS Project. The study demonstrates the integration of various design and construction processes into a unified digital model, leading to improved collaboration among project stakeholders and more accurate project planning and analysis phases. Utilization of Revit and other BIM tools enabled creation of an interactive and immersive 3D model of the hospital, resulting in enhanced communication and decision-making. Implementation of RCDC and MS Project facilitated accurate estimation of quantities and scheduling of construction activities, reducing time and cost overrun risk. This project highlights the benefits of BIM technology implementation in the design and construction of multispeciality hospitals, contributing to overall project efficiency and productivity. The findings of this study serve as a valuable reference for building professionals considering BIM technology integration in their projects.

Key Words: AutoCAD, Revit, STAAD.Pro, RCDC, and MS Project.

1. INTRODUCTION

Building Information Modeling (BIM) is a powerful digital tool that has revolutionized the construction industry. BIM enables the integration of planning, analysis, design, estimation, and scheduling processes into a unified digital model, resulting in improved collaboration and communication among stakeholders. In this study, we explore the application of BIM technology in the design and construction of a multispeciality hospital project. This project utilized a combination of software technologies, including AutoCAD, Revit, STAAD.Pro, RCDC, and MS Project, to enable accurate project planning and analysis.

1.1 Problem Statement:

Healthcare facilities are critical for providing medical services to the community, but the design and construction of such facilities often face challenges related to accuracy, collaboration, and efficiency.

These challenges can lead to delays, errors, and increased costs, which can ultimately affect the quality of care provided to patients

1.2 Solution:

The use of Building Information Modeling (BIM) and other software technologies such as AutoCAD, Revit, STAAD.Pro, RCDC, and MS Project, enabled us to integrate the planning, analysis, design, estimation, and scheduling of the project into a unified digital model. This approach resulted in improved collaboration among project stakeholders, more accurate project planning and analysis phases, and ultimately, the timely delivery of the project within budget.

The adoption of BIM and other software technologies can improve the construction process in many ways, including reducing errors, increasing efficiency, and saving time and costs. By showcasing this project, we hope to inspire other professionals in the field to adopt similar approaches and contribute to the advancement of the construction industry.

1.3 Objectives

The primary objective of this study is to assess the application of BIM technology in the design and construction of a multispeciality hospital. We aim to demonstrate how the use of BIM tools can enable accurate planning, analysis, and estimation of quantities and scheduling of construction activities.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

V. J. Saran and S. S. Pimplikar examined BIM technology has the potential to revolutionize the healthcare infrastructure planning process, including design, construction, and facilities management. The authors hypothesize that BIM can facilitate accurate planning, analysis, and estimation of quantities and scheduling of construction activities, leading to improved collaboration among project stakeholders and more efficient project management, as well as reducing the risk of time and

cost overruns through accurate estimation of quantities and scheduling of construction activities.

S. Alomari and M. Al-Qawasmi., in his study, observed the implementation of BIM technology in hospital design and construction can bring significant benefits, including improved project efficiency and productivity, better collaboration among project stakeholders, and enhanced decision-making. The authors also aim to explore the challenges and limitations of BIM technology in this context, and provide insights on how to overcome them

Sankar F. Alarcon et al., deals with BIM adoption in healthcare construction can result in improved project management, design quality, and cost and time performance. The article also suggests that there are several challenges to BIM implementation in healthcare, such as stakeholder engagement, data management, and standardization, which need to be addressed to achieve successful BIM adoption

A. Srikanth et al in his studies, main purpose of our design is satisfying the medical requirements of people. In this design we concerned about the plan, analysis and design of Multispeciality institutional structure. The plan of the institutional structure is done by using AUTO CADD software. The analysis of structures was done by using E-tabs as well as IS 456 (2000). The design of RCC element is grounded on limit state system as per IS 456 (2000).

3. DATA COLLECTION

1) Compendium of Norms for Designing of Hospitals & Medical Institutions – CPWD

a) Land Area

Minimum Land area requirement are as follows:

Up to 100 beds = 0.25 to 0.5 hectare

Up to 101 to 200 beds = 0.5 hectares to 1 hectare

500 beds and above= 6.5 hectare (4.5 hectare for hospital and 2 hectares for residential)

b) Size of hospital as per number of Beds

General Hospital – 80 to 85 sq. M per bed to calculate total plinth area

Teaching Hospital - 100 to 110 sq. M per bed to calculate total plinth

c) ICU beds = 5 to 10 % of total beds

d) Floor space for each ICU bed = 25 to 30 sq. m (this includes support 4 services)

e) Floor space for Pediatric ICU beds = 10 to 12 sq. m per bed

f) Floor space for High Dependency Unit (HDU) = 20 to 24 sq. m per bed

g) Floor space Hospital beds (General) = 15 to 18 sq. m per bed

h) Beds space = 7 sq. m per bed

i) Minimum distance between centers of two beds = 2.5 m (minimum)

j) Clearance at foot end of each bed = 1.2 m (minimum)

2) Tamil Nadu Combined Development and Building Rules

a) The height of room in a structure other than domestic residency should not be lower than 3.00 m handed, in the case of air- conditioned apartments it shall not be lower than 2.5 m.

b) The height of restroom or potty shall be not lower than 2.20 m.

c) Any structure having further than four bottoms including basement or sunken bottoms, shall have at least two staircases, one of which may be an external stairway

d) The minimal range of stair shall be not lower than 1.20 m

e) The minimal range of tread shall be 30 cm.

f) The height of platform shall not exceed 15 cm.

g) The height of rail shall be not lower than 90 cm

h) The range of fire escape staircase shall be not lower than 75 cm.

i) The range of fire escape stair tread shall be not lower than 15 cm.

j) The height of the fire escape stair platform shall not exceed 19 cm.

k) The height of rail of a fire escape staircase shall not be lower than 100cms

l) Minimum Carpet Area in m²

Nursing area 19 – 25 m²

Intensive therapy 30 – 50 m²

Surgical area 130 – 160 m²

X- ray 60 – 70 m²

Recovery area 25 – 30 m²

Patient room minimum 10 m² for single bed and 16 m² for double bed

Doctor's station 16 – 20 m²

Eye treatment minimum 25 m²

Ear Nose and Throat (ENT) 25 – 30 m²

4. METHODOLOGY

The methodology used in this study involved the integration of various software technologies, including AutoCAD, Revit, STAAD.Pro, RCDC, and MS Project, in the design and construction of a multispeciality hospital project. The study employed a unified digital model, allowing for improved collaboration among project stakeholders and more accurate project planning and analysis phases. The utilization of Revit and other BIM tools facilitated the creation of an interactive and immersive 3D model of the hospital, resulting in enhanced communication and decision-making. Implementation of RCDC and MS Project enabled the accurate estimation of quantities and scheduling of construction activities, reducing time and cost overrun risk. Overall, the study highlights the benefits of BIM technology implementation in the design and construction of multispeciality hospitals, contributing to overall project efficiency and productivity. The findings of this study can serve as a valuable reference for building professionals considering BIM technology integration in their projects.

4.1 Software techniques

AutoCAD: AutoCAD is a software used for creating 2D and 3D designs and drafting. In this project, AutoCAD was used for creating initial design drawings.

Revit: Revit is a software used for creating Building Information Models (BIM). It was used in this project to create an interactive and immersive 3D model of the hospital, allowing for enhanced communication and decision-making. , it was used to facilitate accurate estimation of quantities of construction materials.

STAAD.Pro: STAAD.Pro is a software used for structural analysis and design. It was utilized in this project for analyzing and designing the structural components of the hospital.

RCDC: RCDC is a software used for the design and detailing of reinforced concrete structures. In this project, it was used to facilitate accurate estimation of quantities of construction materials for the reinforced concrete structures.

MS Project: MS Project is a software used for project management. It was used in this project for scheduling and tracking construction activities, reducing time and cost overrun risk.

4.2 PLANNING



Fig -1: Ground floor



Fig -2: First floor

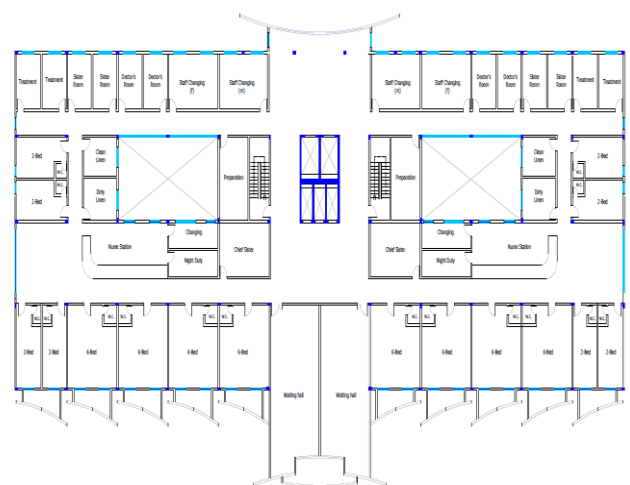


Fig -3: Typical floor

Table -1: Site and Building Specification

Total site area	11,400m ²
Total plinth area	5,600m ²
Total build up area	11,303m ²
No. of storyes	G+3
No. of typical floor	2
Floor height	3.6meter
Main corridor spacing	3.5meter
Secondary corridor spacing	2.5meter

5. STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS

5.1 Load case details

Dead load

Dead load consists of the self-weight of the column, beam, slab and wall

Slab Load	=	25 x 0.175 x 7.20	=	31.50	kN/m
Beam Load	=	0.30 x 0.60 x 25	=	4.50	kN/m
Total Load	=		=	36.00	kN/m

Live Load

Live load was determined by using code for design loads (IS 875:2000 Part 2) for various types and purposes of room

Bed room	=	2.0	kN/m ²
Wards	=	2.0	kN/m ²
Dressing room	=	2.0	kN/m ²
Lounge	=	2.0	kN/m ²
Labra rites	=	3.0	kN/m ²
X-ray room	=	3.0	kN/m ²
Operating room	=	3.0	kN/m ²
Corridor	=	4.0	kN/m ²
Passage	=	4.0	kN/m ²
OPD room	=	2.5	kN/m ²

Wind Load

Wind load was determined by using code for design loads (IS 875:2000 Part 2) for various height of the building

V_b = 47 m/s, K₁ = 1.07, K₃ = 1, K₄ = 1, K_d = 0.9, K_a = 0.9, K_c = 0.9 and Terrain Category = 3

Building dimension along wind direction (a) = 116.00 m

Building dimension across wind direction (b) = 65.00 m

Height of the building above ground (h) = 16.5m

a/b = 1.78

h/b = 0.25

Wind Load in X-Direction

C_f = 1.15

Wind Speed, V_z = V_b x k₁ x k₂ x k₃ x k₄ = 45.7639 m/s

Wind Pressure, P_z = 0.6V_z² = 1.257(KN/m²)

Wind Load in Z-Direction

C_f = 1.30

Wind Speed, V_z = V_b x k₁ x k₂ x k₃ x k₄ = 45.7639m/s

Wind Pressure, P_z = 0.6V_z² = 1.257(KN/m²)

Combination Load Cases

1*(dead load) + 0.8*(live load) + 0.8*(wind load in direction) + 0.8*(wind load in z direction)

Analysis beam no. 1921

The Bending Moment, Shear Force and Deflection in the Beam No. 1921 of substitute frame may be computed by STAAD.Pro

Bending Moment Along Z-Axis

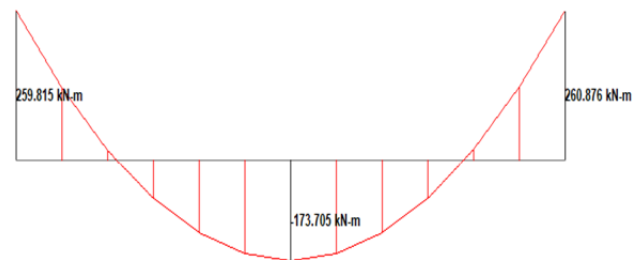


Fig -4: Bending Moment Along Z-Axis (Beam No. 1921)

Shear Force Along Y-Axis

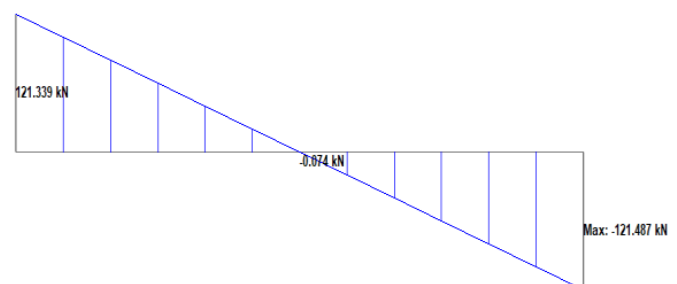


Fig -5: Shear Force Along Y-Axis (Beam No. 1921)

Deflection Along Y-Axis

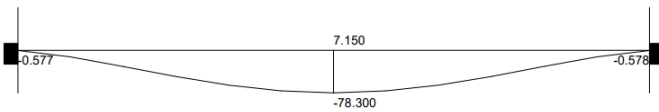


Fig -6: Deflection along Y-Axis (Beam No. 1921)

6. STRUCTURAL DESIGN

Table -2: Specification

Element	Specification
Grade of concrete	M15 and M25
Grade of steel	Fe500D and Fe550D
Slab	175 mm (thick)
Column	300 mm x 300 mm
	300 mm x 600 mm
	300 mm x 750 mm
No. column	154
Shear wall	200 mm (thick)
	400 mm (thick)
Beam	300 mm x 450 mm
	230 mm x 230 mm
No. beam	262
Sub structure	1.5m
No. footing	154
SBC	900KN/sqm

6.1 Design of Slab

General data

Slab No. : S48

Level = 3.3m

Design Code =IS 456

Grade of Concrete = M25

Grade of Steel = Fe500

Clear Cover = 20.000 mm

Long Span, Ly = 7.300 m

Short Span, Lx = 7.150 m

Imposed Load = 1.000 KN/sqm

Live Load = 3.000 KN/sqm

Slab Thickness = 175.000 mm

Effective Depth Along LX, Deffx = 150.000 mm

Effective Depth Along LY, Deffy = 140.000 mm

Self-Weight = 4.375 KN/sqm

Total Load, TL = 8.375 KN/sqm

Span = 2-Way

Panel Type = Interior Panel

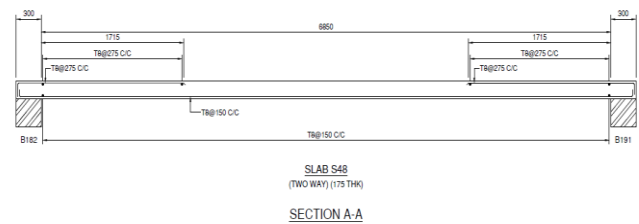


Fig -7: Slab cross section

Design data

Bottom @ lx 8@125

Bottom @ ly 8@125

Top @lx (Cont) 8@130

Top @lx (End) ---

Top @ly (Cont) 8@125

Top @ly (End) ---

Dist. Steel 8@275

6.2 Design of Beam

Beam No : B117

Beam Length : 7290 mm

Breadth (B) : 300 mm

Depth (D) : 450 mm

Effective Depth (d) : 395 mm

Grade of Concrete (Fck) : M25

Grade of Steel : Fe500

Clear Cover (Cmin) : 25 mm

Es : 2×10^5 N/sqmm

Maximum Spacing Criteria

Basic

Spc1 = 0.75d = 296 mm

Spc2 = 300 mm

SFR Design

Beam Width = 300 mm

Beam Depth = 450 mm

Web Depth = 450 <= 750 mm

Side Face Reinforcement Not Required.

No of Floors = 1

No of Columns in Group = 1

Column Type : Unbraced

Minimum eccentricity check : One Axis at a Time

Code defined D/B ratio : 4

D/B Ratio : 2 <= 4 Hence, Design as Column

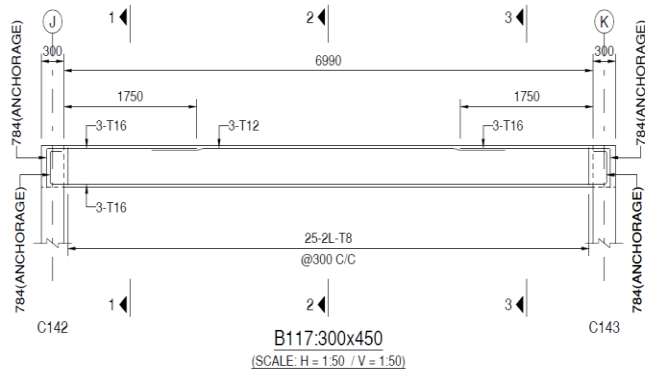


Fig -8: Beam Elevation view (B117:300X450mm)

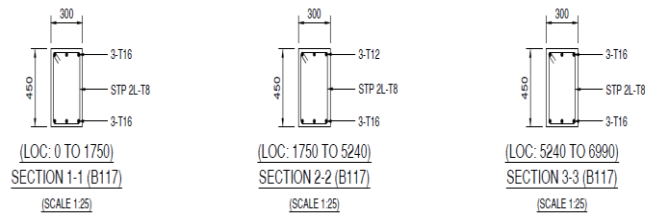


Fig -9: Beam Cross- Section (B117:300X450mm)

6.3 Design of Column

General Data

Column No. : C58

Level : 0m to 3.3m

Design Code = IS 456

Grade of Concrete = M25

Grade of Steel = Fe550

Column B = 300 mm

Column D = 600 mm

Live Load Reduction = 30 %

Clear Floor Height @ B = 2850 mm

Clear Floor Height @ D = 2850 mm

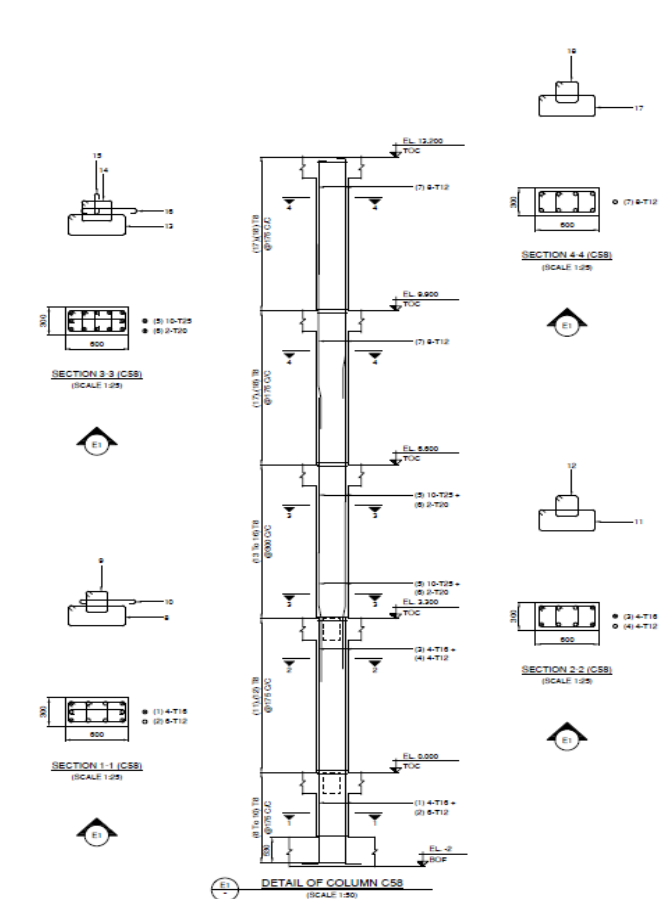


Fig -10: Column Elevation view (C58:300X600mm)

Design Data

Col no.	level	Main Reinf.	Links
C58	-1.5m to 0m	4-T32 + 8-T25	T8 @ 200
C58	0m to 3.6m	4-T32 + 8-T25	T8 @ 200
C58	3.6m to 6.9m	4-T32 + 8-T25	T8 @ 200
C58	6.9m to 10.2m	4-T32 + 8-T25	T8 @ 200
C58	10.2m to 13.4m	12-T16	T8 @ 200

6.4 Design of Shear wall

General Data

Wall No. : C83

Level : 0m to 3.3m

Grade of Concrete = M25

Grade of Steel = Fe550

Wall B = 200 mm

Wall D = 3600 mm

Clear Cover = 40 mm

Clear Floor Height @ B = 3000 mm

Clear Floor Height @ D = 3000 mm

No Of Floors = 1

No Of Walls In Group = 1

Wall Type : Unbraced

Minimum eccentricity check : One Axis at a Time

Code defined D/B ratio : 4

D/B Ratio : $18 \geq 4$

Hence, Design as Wall

Load Data

Analysis Reference No. = 2645

Critical Analysis Load Combination : 5

Load Combination = [1] : (load 1: dead load) +0.8 (load 2: live load) +0.8 (load 3: wind load in x direction) +0.8 (load 4: wind load in z direction)

Critical Location = Bottom Joint

$P_u = 254.57$ kN

Normal Links

Diameter of main horizontal steel = 8 mm

Thus, Spacing = 200 mm

Spacing of horizontal reinforcement is minimum of following

$D / 5 = 720$ mm

$3 \times B = 600$ mm

Maximum = 450 mm

Spacing considered = 200 mm

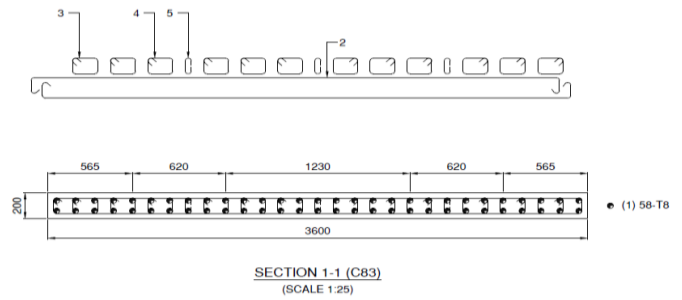


Fig -11: Shear Wall Cross Section (C83)

6.5 Design of Footing

General Data

Design Codes : IS 456

Footing No : FC128

Column No : C128 (600mm x 300mm)

Concrete Grade : M25 Steel Grade : Fe550

Clear Cover : 50 mm

$D_f : 1.5$ m $D_w : 3$ m

Density of Soil = 18 kN /cum

Soil Bearing Capacity = 900 kN /sqm

Permissible SBC Increase for EQ = 25 %

Permissible SBC Increase for Wind = 25 %

Design cross section by : Average pressure

Footing Type : Pad

Footing Size (L x B x D) : 1850mm X 1550mm X 550mm

Effective Self Weight = 39.43 kN

Offset Along L (Loff) = 625 mm

Offset Along B (Boff) = 625 mm

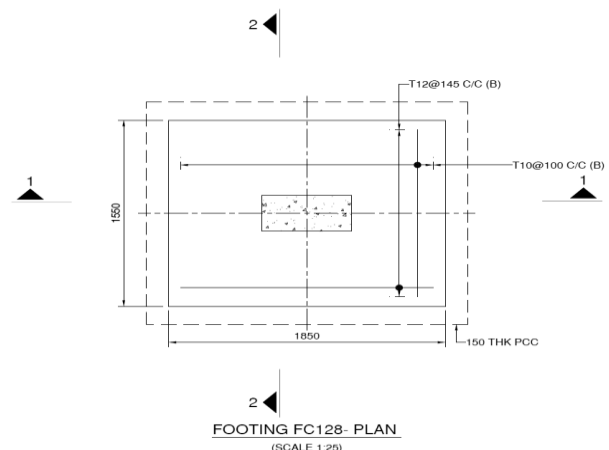


Fig -12: Footing Plan (FC128)

Design Data

Footing No : FC128

Concrete Grade : M25

Steel Grade : Fe550

Clear Cover : 50 mm

Column No : C128 (600mm x 300mm)

Footing size (L x B x D) : 1850 X 1550 X 550 (mm)

Bottom @ L : T12@145

Bottom @ B : T10@100

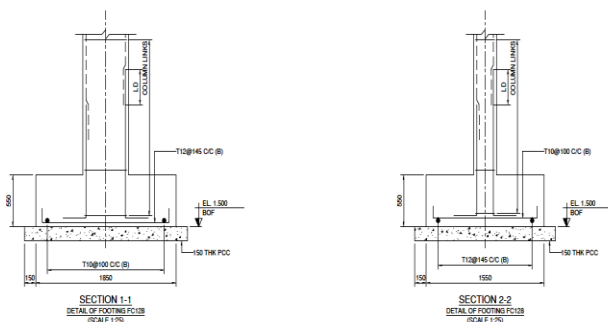


Fig -13: Footing Cross – Section (FC128)

7. ESTIMATION

Estimation is an important aspect of construction, as it involves the process of determining the cost and time required to complete a construction project. Accurate estimation helps in budgeting, scheduling, and resource allocation, which are crucial for the successful completion of a project. Civil engineers use a variety of techniques and tools to estimate the cost of materials, labor, equipment, and other resources required for a project. This involves considering various factors such as design specifications, site conditions, and local market rates. The goal of estimation in civil engineering is to provide a realistic estimate of the cost and duration of a project, while ensuring that all necessary factors are considered.

7.1 Quantity Estimation

Construction projects require accurate and efficient quantity takeoff in order to ensure that the project stays within budget and is completed on time. With the advancement of technology, the use of specialized software has become an indispensable tool for construction professionals. In this report, we present the results of a quantity takeoff performed using Revit and RCDC software, two of the most widely used tools in the construction industry.

BOQ SUMMARY

Element: Footing

No.	Material	Unit	Quantity
1	Concrete M25	(cum)	109.25
2	Sub Total	(cum)	109.25
3	Rebar 10 (Fe550)	(kg)	2321.35
4	Rebar 12 (Fe550)	(kg)	627.02
5	Sub Total	(kg)	2948.37
6	Shuttering	(sq.m)	318.22
7	PCC	(cum)	57.37
8	Excavation	(cum)	573.70
9	Backfilling	(cum)	382.26

Resources: RCDC

Fig -14: footing Qty. take off

BOQ SUMMARY

Project Name: Design of Multispeciality Hospital

Element: Column

No.	Material	Unit	Quantity Column	Quantity Wall
	Concrete M25	(cum)	189.74	116.82
	Sub Total		189.74	116.82
	Total			306.56
2	Rebar 8 (Fe550)	(kg)	10044.72	8674.00
3	Rebar 10 (Fe550)	(kg)	0.00	454.00
4	Rebar 12 (Fe550)	(kg)	8652.00	0.00
5	Rebar 16 (Fe550)	(kg)	9448.00	0.00
6	Rebar 20 (Fe550)	(kg)	2563.00	0.00
7	Rebar 25 (Fe550)	(kg)	6192.00	0.00
8	Rebar 32 (Fe550)	(kg)	3266.00	0.00
	Sub Total		40165.72	9128.00
	Total			49293.72
9	Shuttering	(sq.m)	1898.24	1029.60
	Sub Total			2927.84

Resources: RCDC

Fig -16: column Qty. take off

<Floor Schedule>			
A	B	C	D
Level	Type	Count	Volume
GROUND FLOOR			
GROUND FLOOR	150mm PCC	1	14.45 m³
FIRST FLOOR			
FIRST FLOOR	175mm THK	104	862.27 m³
SECOND FLOOR			
SECOND FLOOR	175mm THK	56	458.65 m³
THIRD FLOOR			
THIRD FLOOR	175mm THK	44	368.55 m³
TERRACE FLOOR LEVEL			
TERRACE FLOOR	175mm THK	44	361.20 m³
HEAD ROOF LEVEL			
HEAD ROOF LEVE	175mm THK	5	34.53 m³
			2089.66 m³

Fig 4.24 Floor Qty. take-off

Resources: Revit

Fig -16: slab Qty. take off

Table -3 Site Summary of Estimation

Name of Work: Civil works for Proposed Development of Multispeciality Hospital at Thanjavur

SUMMARY

S.No.	Description	Cost in Rs.
A	SOR ITEMS	
1	Civil Works	104658235
2	Plumbing	
a)	Water supply system + Sewer system (10%)	10465823.50
b)	Medical gas pipe line (20%)	20931647.00
	Sub total for Plumbing system	31397470.50
3	Electrical work (10%)	10465823.50
	Sub total for SOR Items	177918999.50
B	Non -SOR ITEMS	
4	HVAC System (15%)	15698735.25
5	Fire Fighting System (5%)	5232911.75
6	Escalators (6 x Rs.1804000)	10824000.00
7	Architectural Facade work (6%)	62794941.00
	Sub total for Non SOR Items	94550588.00
	Total Cost (A +B)	272469587.50
	Provision for GST @ 12%	32696350.5
	TOTAL	305165938.00
	Provision for Labour welfare fund TNMWF@1%	3051659.38
	Provision for Centage @ 2%	6103318.76
	Provision for Contingencies (2%)	6103318.76
	GRAND TOTAL	320424234.90
	GRAND TOTAL (Rs in Lakhs)	3204.24
	GRAND TOTAL (Rs in Cr)	32.04
	COST per sq.ft	2308

8. SCHEDULING

Scheduling is an essential aspect of construction project management, and plays a critical role in ensuring the successful completion of construction projects. By providing a clear and concise overview of the project timeline, scheduling helps to coordinate and control the various activities and tasks involved in a construction project, and provides a framework for risk management, cost control, and quality control and resources allocation. we present the

results of a scheduling performed using Microsoft (MS) Project, one of the most widely used tools in the construction industry.

Table -4 Scheduling of work

S.No	Task Name	Duration
01	General Conditions	17 days
02	Long Lead Procurement	70 days
03	Mobilize on Site	10 days
04	Site Grading and Utilities	35 days
05	Foundations	33 days
06	Steel Erection	45 days
07	Form and Pour Concrete - Floors and Roof	85 days
08	Carpentry Work	15 days
09	Masonry Work	110 days
10	Roofing	31 days
11	Window wall and store front closures	60 days
12	Building Finishes	80 days
13	Elevators	40 days
14	Plumbing	90 days
15	Electrical	139 days
16	Heating and Ventilating - AC	180 days
17	Final Clean-up and Occupancy	60 days
18	Complete Final Inspections	6 days
19	Complete punch list items from all inspections	2 wks.
20	Obtain certificate of occupancy	2 days
21	Issue final completion documents including warranties	1 day
22	Issue final request for payment	1 day
23	Multispecialty hospital	17 days
Total Duration		344 days

9. IDENTIFICATION AND RECTIFICATION OF ERRORS

During the planning stage, we discovered that the initial layout of the hospital had inadequate space for certain departments, which would have resulted in operational issues in the future. Using BIM software like Revit, we were able to modify the layout and adjust the spaces to meet the required specifications. We also found errors in the structural design during the analysis phase, which we rectified using software like STAAD Pro and RCDC. The use of these software tools allowed us to detect errors in the structural design, such as weak points in the building structure, and make necessary corrections to ensure that the building was structurally sound. Overall, the use of BIM technology helped us detect and rectify errors at various stages of the project, which contributed to the success of the project and reduced the likelihood of future issues.

10. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The integration of various software such as AutoCAD, Revit, STAAD Pro, RCDC, and MS Project in the design of a

multispeciality hospital using BIM technology has proven to be highly beneficial for civil engineers. This method allows for accurate planning, analysis, design, estimation, and scheduling of construction activities, resulting in a more efficient and cost-effective project. The collaboration of different software ensures that the project is designed and executed seamlessly, with no room for errors or discrepancies. BIM technology enables real-time updates and changes to be made, which is crucial in construction projects where time and accuracy are of utmost importance. Overall, the integration of various software using BIM technology has proved to be an indispensable tool for civil engineers in the design and construction of large-scale projects such as multispeciality hospitals. The integration of planning, analysis, design, estimation, and scheduling through BIM technology can save a lot of time and effort. The use of software like AutoCAD, Revit, STAAD Pro, RCDC, and MS Project can simplify the design process and provide a platform for collaboration and communication between different teams involved in the project. With the help of BIM technology, it is easier to detect errors and inconsistencies in the design, which can be rectified before the construction process begins, saving time and money. The ability to visualize the project in 3D models allows for better communication with clients, stakeholders, and contractors, reducing the likelihood of misunderstandings and mistakes.



Fig -17: Revit Rendering Model

11. CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, the use of software techniques in civil engineering design projects is increasingly becoming essential in today's rapidly evolving technological landscape. Software such as STAAD Pro, RCDC, and Revit offer numerous benefits to civil engineers, including improved accuracy, efficiency, and consistency in design and analysis. These tools also allow engineers to perform complex calculations and simulations, visualize the behavior of structures under different loading conditions, and collaborate more effectively with other stakeholders.

Furthermore, software techniques provide a more streamlined and effective approach to project management, helping to ensure that projects are completed on time, within

budget, and to the required quality standards. They also help to reduce the risk of human error, improve the overall quality of the design, and facilitate the integration of various design aspects such as cost estimating, scheduling, and resource allocation.

It is therefore advisable for civil engineers to continually update their knowledge and skills in this area to stay at the forefront of their field

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