



UNIT I - PRINCIPLES OF CONSTRUCTION

Topic - 5: Foundation and Basement

Foundation

- **Purpose**: The foundation is the structural base of a building that transfers the load from the structure to the ground.
- Types:
 - o **Shallow Foundation**: Used for small structures or stable soil, includes strip footing, raft foundation, and spread footings.
 - Deep Foundation: Used for large structures or unstable soil, includes pile foundation and drilled shafts.
- Materials: Commonly constructed using concrete, stone, or brick.

Basement

- **Purpose**: The basement is the lowest floor of a building, partially or entirely below ground level, often used for storage, utilities, or living space.
- Types:
 - **Full Basement**: Extends below the entire footprint of the building, often with sufficient height for living space.
 - o **Partial Basement**: Only part of the building has a basement, with the rest having a crawl space or slab-on-grade.
 - o **Daylight Basement**: A basement that is partially above ground, allowing for windows and natural light.
- **Waterproofing**: Critical for preventing moisture issues, especially in basements located below the water table.

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