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## Amit Aurora and Rahul Bansal

DCA is spearheaded by architects Amit Aurora and Rahul Bansal, who graduated in 1993 from the esteemed School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), New Delhi. Both of them through their individual expertise have contributed towards the firm's robust image in the design industry, with a special focus on delivering design excellence and innovation. With their dedication towards contextual and sustainable designs, inspiring young talent and nurturing human relations, today, they lead an energized and enthusiastic team of over 40 professionals. Rahul and Amit's intent is to deliver unique, context-specific, cost-effective and sensitive designs. In doing that, they have emerged as a trend-setters.

# SAINIK FARMS INSPIRED BY THE UNCONVENTIONAL ARTISTIC TASTE OF THE CLIENT

*Embracing varied design sensibilities, Delhi - based DCA Architects shape a residence in Sainik Farms, Delhi inspired by the unconventional artistic taste of the client. Richly detailed, the residence provides a sumptuous visual feast with interest in every corner.*



It's not often that a client approaches a designer with a free rein to experiment and fashion an unusual space, far removed from any of the current fads in interior design. When such a rare client does materialise, it can sometimes unsettle the designer if the design intent seems to be veering towards 'maximalist' excess. When the team at Delhi - based DCA Architects met their client, a new owner of a residence in posh settlement of Sainik Farms in South Delhi, they had no cause for alarm. They consider themselves fortunate to have worked with this client, who while explaining the idiosyncrasies of his unconventional artistic taste, conferred his complete trust on them to harmonize the finished whole into a comfortable inviting home.

When the team was commissioned to design the interiors, the house was completely built and the owner wanted to make only minimal structural changes. Spread across two floors and a basement, floor plan is organised such that the living, dining and kitchen spaces are on the ground floor along with the mother's room and a home office/library for the owner with a separate entrance from the front porch. The private spaces including the master and children's bedrooms are housed on the first floor. The basement is furnished as an entertainment zone including a bar, television lounge, a gym/activity area and a guest bedroom.

The major challenge faced in the project was to mend the existing false ceiling with our design.



It was also decided to retain existing doors and windows. The bathroom featuring a classic vanity with a huge antique mirror: black granite was used for the countertop and wash basins. Another prominent change involved replacing the plain staircase railing with a trendy MS (Mild Steel) sheet railing.

The aesthetics of the completed home as "a fusion of multiple design elements merged into one space while simultaneously celebrating each object's individuality. It can be described as a marriage of ideas enhancing and complementing one another which births a unique balance. This approach of embracing varied sensibilities is evident on entering the double heighted entry foyer, where a wall decal with the silhouette of a tree on a grey background looms large against the stair-



case outfitted with an undulating MS sheet railing. The treads of the stairs are treated with a burnt wood finish, adding to the visual feast that greets the eye. A large light fixture suspended from the first floor ceiling and descending to multiple heights along the double volume completes the composition. The home abounds with an array of textures, colours and materials. Creative use of MS sheets is made in several locations from the nameplate to the staircase railing to the steps fascia and the bar unit. The basement and office on the ground floor has a plain cement concrete flooring. Unfinished, raw wood can be seen in most of the furniture pieces in the house. Digital wallpapers with bold patterns feature in the living room, study and daughter's room. ■

