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LIFESTYLE



Melange OF STYLES

DESIGNED BY **DCA ARCHITECTS**, THE **ANAND RESIDENCE** IN NEW DELHI OFFERS A TRADITIONAL TWIST TO A CONTEMPORARY DECOR STYLE.

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In recent times, there has been an increase in residences that are contemporary as well as conventional in style. Spread across an area of 3,900 sq. ft., the two-storey Anand residence in New Delhi, designed by Partner and Principal Architects **Amit Aurora** and **Rahul Bansal** of **DCA Architects**, showcases a perfect blend of traditional and modern styles, and an aesthetic play of natural light and shadow.

The family wanted a modernistic yet traditional living space which could also fulfill their functional requirements. The architect duo tactfully restructured their home to adapt to the current needs of the family. The architects say, "It was a tough challenge to follow the preference which was tailored to meet the client's desire for a 'modern home with traditional elements'. The spatial intervention developed the rooms and spaces in line with the design brief and accommodated the present and future requirements of three generations of the family that lived here."

1 Interesting elements like the tripod light, briefcase table and wall art lend the living room a personalized feel.

2 A water body within the house brings the inmates close to nature.

3 The entertainment room with a large sofa, TV panel and other accessories is the perfect space to unwind.

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A soft and vibrant corner seating created shows the intelligent use of space.

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The simple wooden dining table is complemented by artistic chairs.

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Vintage haveli door forms the perfect backdrop for the master bed.

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The kid's room features a bunk bed, study table and a central play area.

A main gate leads one to the entrance lobby. To the left of the lobby is the informal dining area with an open kitchen. Further ahead, a narrow passage along the restructured wooden and metal staircase leads to the grandparent's bedroom, a formal living room, coffee lounge and terrace. This staircase is designed to be the most dramatic feature of the home, thanks to several hand-picked antique brass pendant lamps, windows and skylight.

The staircase leads one to the upper floor which has three bedrooms, a pantry and an entertainment zone. The master bedroom is connected to the rest of the floor by means of an architectonic bridge. A stunning vintage haveli door forms the backdrop of the bed's headboard in the master bedroom. All the bedrooms reflect individual preferences of the inhabitants but in synergy with the overall design of the home. Besides enabling connectivity to the upper floor, the staircase with its floating steps extends to the terrace where a small sit-out area has been created.

Hand-crafted, reclaimed wooden furniture made from scrap has been used throughout the home. The furniture pieces are accentuated by hand-picked rugs, artefacts, family portraits and accessories sourced from various places across India and abroad. All the wooden elements have been carefully selected keeping in mind the sustainable aspect of design.







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The bedrooms have been kept simple and designed as per occupant's preference.



The focus was on creating a warm environment in the home that uses earthy stone flooring in all public spaces including the kitchen and dining area. Natural wooden flooring is used in the bedrooms. All walls are mostly painted in shades of grey with the ceiling kept plain white. Rustic frames hung over the plastered scraped walls create a story along the three sides of the stairs.



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The open kitchen with an informal dining area has a contemporary yet warm vibe.



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A small sit-out area on the terrace allows guests to enjoy the outdoor space.

The lighting design was to capture maximum daylight. Hence, the architects made structural changes right from repositioning the walls to enlarging windows and creating bay and corner windows wherever possible. Energy-efficient LED light fittings, lamps, accent lights and wall washers in the ceiling perfectly fit the decor of the home while being sustainable.

Anand residence is a fine example of contrasting elements taken into design to make it a perfect living space. ■

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