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MODERN
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DESIGN
APPROACH

AR. KANAN MODI'S
ELEGANT DESIGN STUDIO

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EMBRACING
VARIED DESIGN
SENSIBILITIES AND
INNOVATION,
AR. AMIT AURORA
HAS DESIGNED A
COMFORTABLE
INVITING HOME
FOR THE **ARORAS'**
IN NEW DELHI.

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Lamp and mirror wall art lends a sophisticated edge to this space.

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The vibrant living room has an elegant chandelier.

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Note the extensive use of sawn wood for the book unit and beams in the daughter's bedroom.

It is rightly said, that your home tells the story of who you are. Similarly, spread across 6,870 sq. ft. area, the **Arora Residence** in Sainik Farms, New Delhi truly reflects the owner's lifestyle and preference. Conceptualized and designed by **Ar. Amit Aurora**, Partner and Principal Architect of Delhi-based firm **DCA Architects**, the home is a fusion of many styles that has resulted into a sumptuous home for the client.





Adding insight on the decor Amit adds, "When the team was commissioned to design the interiors, the home was completely built and the owner wanted to make only minimal structural changes with the home wanting to be designed in a very eclectic and bold style. 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."

Embracing varied design sensibilities and innovation, the architect has designed the residence which was inspired by unconventional artistic taste of the client and harmonized the entire space into a comfortable inviting home. "The aesthetics of the home can be described as — a fusion of multiple design elements merged into one space while simultaneously celebrating each object's individuality," mentions Amit.

The double-height entrance foyer is aesthetically designed to look opulent. Upon arriving the entry foyer, a wall decal with the silhouette of a tree on a grey background can be seen emerging large against the staircase. Spread across two floors and a basement, the floor plan of the home is organized in such a way that the living, dining and kitchen areas are on the ground floor along with the mother's room and a home office/library of the owner with a separate entrance from the front porch.

The personal spaces including the master and children's bedrooms are housed on the first floor which continues the eclectic theme of the home. The basement is furnished as an entertainment zone including a bar, LCD lounge, a gym/activity area and a guest bedroom. The bar is the most interesting space of the residence as it makes use of discarded beer bottles which have been recycled to tailor an eye-catching screen. Rusted MS sheets find creative use in the back unit and the bar counter.

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Tapered wooden ceiling adds dimension to the master bedroom.

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Note the recycled beer bottles innovatively used in the bar area.

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The study looks quirky thanks to the digital wallpaper, clock table top and piped book rack.

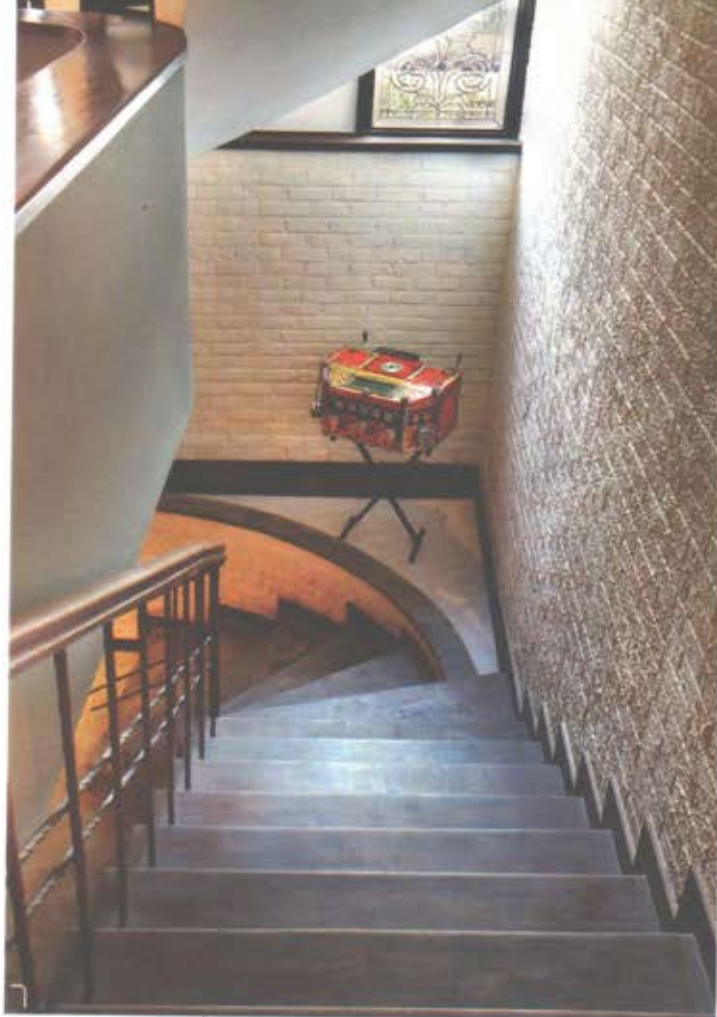




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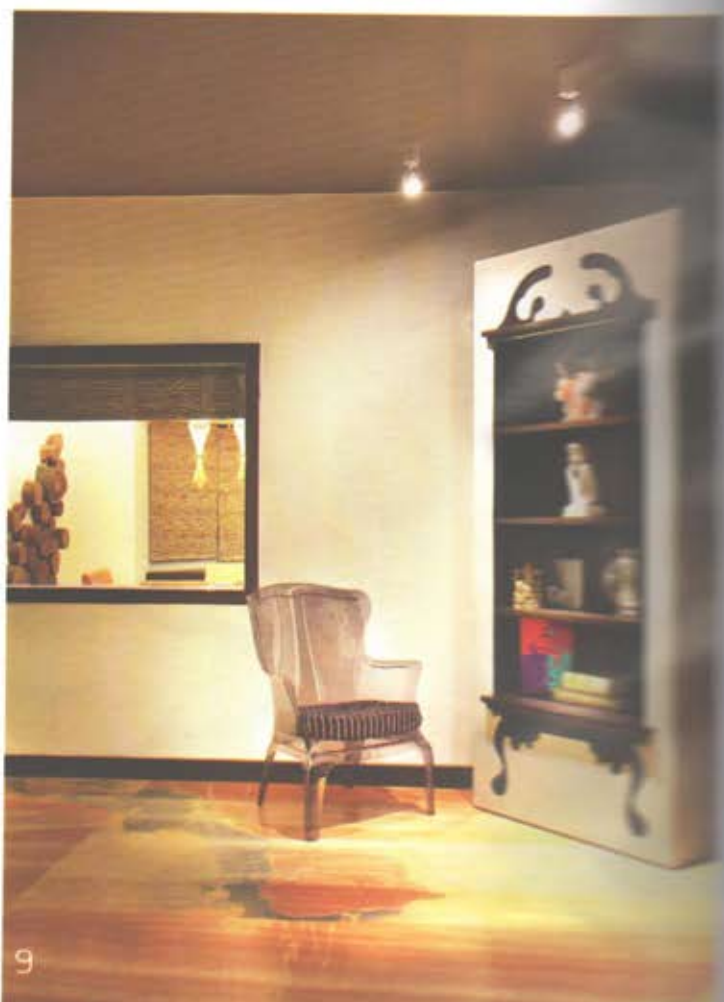
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Bioscope aesthetically placed at the backdrop of the staircase adds interest to this functional space.

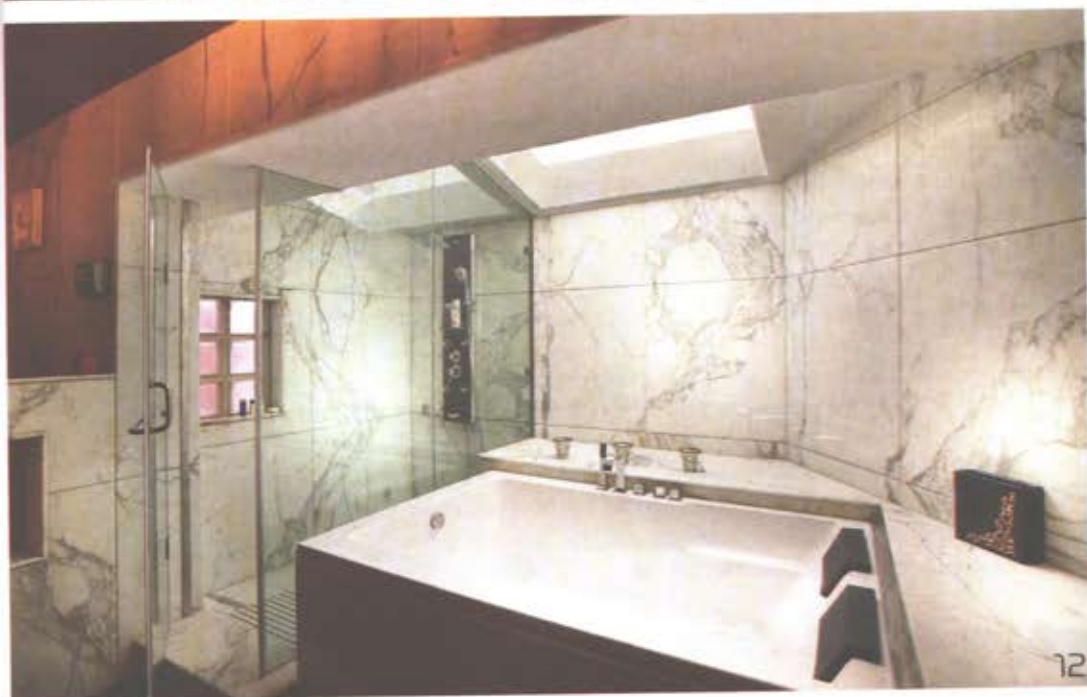
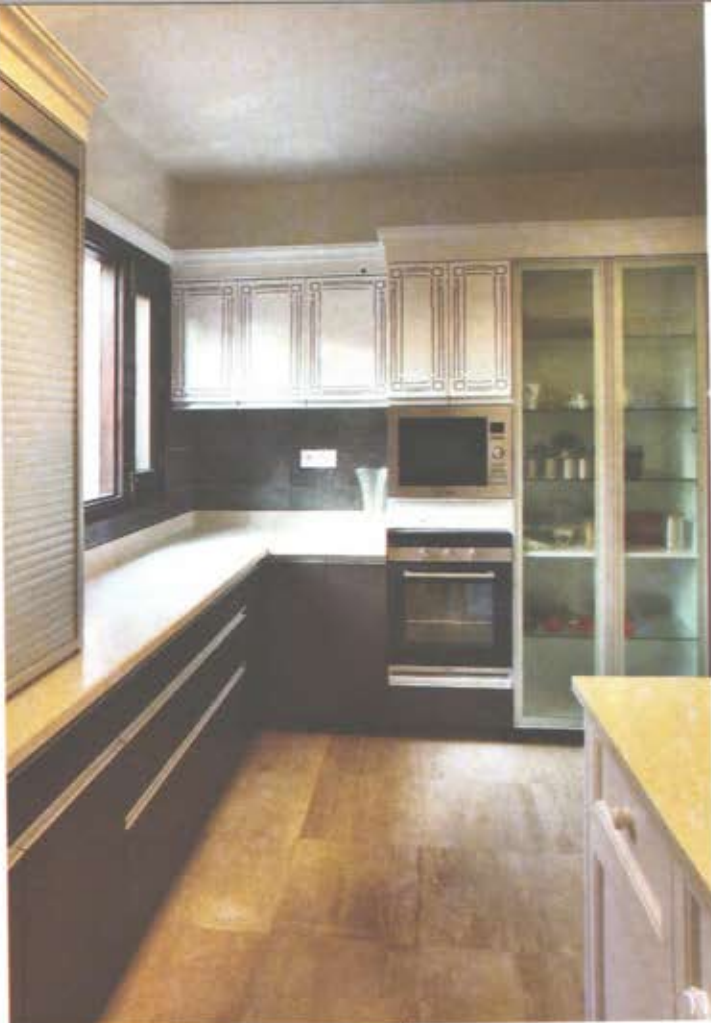
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The staircase lobby has large light fixtures suspended from the first floor that adds volume to the space.

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Interestingly created corner space allows one to sit back and relax.

The entire residence makes use of varied textures, materials and colours. The same has been chosen and applied into design as per inhabitant's own preference and also as per mood of the space. While the living room employs a colour palette that aids in maintaining the formal look, vibrant colours have been used in the kid's rooms. The master bedroom on the other hand gets its dash of colour through printed curtains.

Another design highlight in this home are the digital wallpapers featuring bold patterns in the living, study and daughter's bedroom. Master bedroom features twisted wooden poster and upholstered fabric headboard in teal against a brown wall. The wall in the basement foyer showcases beautiful graffiti art by an artist, reflecting the inhabitants love for quirky and eclectic style art. Vintage feel is added through rough textured white paint in the study. The architect has focused on incorporating customized and individualistic art forms like bioscope placed on the stairway, empty bottles used as divider, wooden logs on wall and classic chandelier across the home so as to reflect and respect personality of the owners.





Wood has been used in various forms throughout the home. Unfinished and raw wood can be seen in most of the furniture pieces. Daughter's bedroom is furnished with a wrought iron bed and a book unit with study table in sawn wood. Wooden chairs are placed at several spots in the home. The bar section is majorly done up in wood with the furniture in the master bedroom following a similar trend.

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Extensive use of wood in this washroom adds a requisite warmth.

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The sleek modular kitchen is equipped with all the modern day amenities.

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Note the admirable all-white bathroom.



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The double-height foyer makes the entryway look grand and magnificent.

Ask Amit how lighting has been planned for the home and he shares, "Cove lights in each room solve the purpose of general lighting whereas LED spot lights are used to highlight artefacts. Retrofitted reading wall lights are provided by the bedside in each bedroom. Chandeliers on the other hand are used to embellish the decor of the living room and entrance lobby. A blown glass chandelier hangs over a custom-designed dining table whose base is made of wooden logs in the dining room. The staircase lobby has large lighting fixtures suspended from the first floor and descending to multiple heights along the double volume space. Cleverly designed pendant lights made from lassi glasses with antique gold finish are suspended over the bar counter fitted with backlit onyx ledge."

The architects has opted for a very interesting flooring and ceiling which varies from one area of the home to another. While the master bedroom has flooring made of engineered wood and features tapered wooden ceiling, the daughter's room on the other hand has wooden flooring and beams made of wood on the slanted ceiling. Areas like the basement and study room has extensive use of plain cement concrete flooring to lend raw and industrial look.

Overall, Arora residence is a fine example of how creativity flows into design and results into a space that is not just splendid but par excellence. ■



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