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Ideal Home

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Two Beautiful Homes

- Modern Functional
- Sociable
- Close to Nature

Celebrate with wow looks

Bringing Valentine home with vintage style decorating

WONDERFUL
colours and patterns for the home you love

Futuristic Outlook

Lalita Tharani from leading interior design studio, Collaborative Architecture, talks about building homes that are both beautiful and virtuous

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Mujib Ahmed & Lalita Tharani

Q TELL US MORE ABOUT THE MOST EXCITING RESIDENTIAL PROJECT THAT YOUR STUDIO IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON?

We have started on a really innovative home in south India called 'House of Cantilevers'. The house overlooks a scenic valley and has been designed with

three levels to decrease the footprint on land. Located on a contoured site, the configuration takes full advantage of the terrain and has been optimised for thermal exposure. The curved form of the plan, passive shading devices, semi-enclosed courts, along with projecting and recessed volumes takes care of the sun-path and ensures

optimal comfort levels in the interior spaces.

All the primary public spaces are located at the mid-entry level. Most of the bedrooms are on the first level, and all of them cantilever as much as eight to nine feet, making six beautifully suspended volumes to take full advantage of the scenic views.

Q WHAT CAN HOMEOWNERS EXPECT TO CHANGE IN HOME DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION IN THE COMING YEAR?

The biggest changes are technological in nature, as the staggering amount of digital technologies getting integrated into residential design and



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interface. 3D printing is slowly, but steadily moving out of laboratories, and getting into live, prototyping stages on actual sites. Smart materials are getting into realm of construction, which would change the way we interact with tactility.

Q WHAT KIND OF IMPACT DO YOU THINK OUR CHANGING VIEWS OF THE FUTURE CAN HAVE ON THE FUTURE OF HOMES IN INDIA?

Micro homes - as a typology, is going to enter the markets



in a big way in larger cities. The country is about to witness massive investments in the residential sector in the coming years, with the advent of new smart cities, and a couple of new capital complexes. But it can't be rightly predicted, how much of this is going to be

transformational. Much of the new developments will go into the speculative markets and that is the reason why good projects, which set some benchmarks for design and performance, become so acutely important.

Q IN TERMS OF MATERIAL, CONCEPTS AND APPLIANCES SELECTION, WHAT DO YOU SEE AS REMAINING JUST AS POPULAR AMONG HOMEOWNERS IN INDIA

IN THE NEXT YEAR?
We sincerely hope it would veer for the better, and people make smart, wise and responsible choices with the focus on energy-efficient and sustainable appliances and materials.