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The site has 20 trees and we wanted to preserve this asset. The 9,100 sq ft, T-shaped plot was formed by a combination of one narrow rectangle and two small squares. The positioning of trees was the main challenge. We ended up designing along the vertical axis.

We also planned a terrace garden on the first floor which would completely stand on a cantilever slab supported structurally with concrete bracings, where-in we would utilise the foliage of the trees with low level barricades around the trunk. This would make the trees immortal members of the family.



Basic requirements of the client were six bedrooms, a home theatre, servant quarters and a dog house. Complementary essential spaces include the kitchen, family area, *pooja* room and dining area. Additional features included a terrace garden, Zen garden and a fantasy bathroom. The designing was done in a way that the front block contained public spaces such as the living room on the ground floor and a home theatre on the first. On top of that was the Zen garden. There was a narrow passage along with the stairwell which connected the front block to the private block behind.

The success of this project lies in the unconditional support offered by the client, Amit Patel. We were glad to deepen the roots of the ancestral trees and gift Amit with an immortal asset. The challenge was completed when we could save 17 out of the 20 trees. It is a very encouraging moment for us when we saw ourselves contributing to the conservation of the nature.