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DIPEN
GADA'S
MODERN
& SPECTACULAR
DESIGN
APPROACH

AR. KANAN MODI'S
ELEGANT DESIGN STUDIO

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CREATIVE EXCELLENCE

STRIKING THE RIGHT BALANCE
BETWEEN TRADITIONAL SENSIBILITY
AND CONTEMPORARY STYLE
DIPEN GADA OF BARODA-BASED
FIRM **DGA** REDEFINES THE MEANING
OF INDIAN CONTEMPORARY.

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How does one define the work of **DGA**, the Baroda-based firm headed by Founder and Principal Designer **Dipen Gada**? The firm's portfolio—Architecture and Interiors – confirms a designer's ability to pull power, grace and emotion from otherworldly spaces. An awe-inspiring design firm that is expanding their verticals in various segments; and has never been shy of experimenting with new methodology and materials. Dipen's multifaceted approach shrug off barriers between design disciplines. Sharing his design philosophy Dipen says, "When clients hire us, it's not because they know what they are going to get. They hire us because they expect something creative from us. Classic minimalism is what we follow and maintain in each project we undertake." The firm makes a deliberate effort at designing structures that are not just aesthetically appealing but also blends subtly with the context and responds to the environment. 'Less is more' is the philosophy that reflects in most of their projects. The designs have simple and basic form reflecting minimalism. "To achieve incredible spatial experience with very basic conventional construction techniques is the benchmark we would like to set for others. We take great efforts to revive our old Indian traditional techniques and materials. Traditional design methods such as designing central courtyard, well-shaded South-West direction, opening North-East directions are some smart designing techniques that we incorporate in our initial design planning. We listen to our heart while designing serene environment and not to our commercial mind", informs Dipen.

From Dipen Gada & Associates' extensive portfolio, we showcase few of their striking projects.

Vinay Shah Residence

Dipen along with his team members Mrunal Bhogayata and Arpit Shrimali has designed a 6,856 sq. ft. five bedroom home that includes an entertainment space, a gym and a home theatre. As per the client's requirement, the team has designed the personal space within the urban fabric which would be like an oasis. The home is segregated into two parts on sides with a central interactive area. The designer clearly demarcated semi-private and private zones. The transition from outside to inside is full of surprises. The view from living space offers a glimpse of voluminous courtyard and distant outdoors. The central space creates a connection between the two blocks of the house which celebrate their lifestyle. This double-height space is filled with generous light. Overall a very impressive project.



Nolte Showroom

For international brand Nolte, the team has designed an interactive retail outlet that aesthetically displays the brand's product range which includes bedrooms and kitchen furniture. The showroom is spread over three floors; out of which two floors are dedicated to bedrooms and kitchen display. The long rectangular space has display on both sides, this ensures maximum utilization of space. A sleek staircase connects the two levels. The upper floor has a small studio apartment that helps the consumers visualize their space. This space is also utilized for interactive meeting and official gatherings. A well-designed multi-functional retail space.



Niraant Residence

Located on one-acre property near a riverbank, this retreat home has two bedrooms with home theatre and pool as well as a space that provides ease to relax, mediate and get away from the routine. This linear home was designed keeping in the mind the concept of bold minimalism. As one enters the home, the glimpse of entire linear house is seen. The living room with a view of pool is furnished in vibrant colours and motifs. Next to it, the dining room and small compact kitchen are designed with unconventional interiors.

Both these spaces are filled with lamps (conceptualized by the designer) and lots of artwork, elevating the level of sophistication. Large sliding doors of the home theatre provides a great view to the entire site and seamlessly extends the house into the outdoors. Green Landscape on terrace acts as a great buffer for the house. These passive-green building strategies gives a guarantee of a low-impact and low-maintenance structure. The house with its bold minimalist expression is a perfect amalgamation of art and architecture.



Mayuri

This multi-brand showroom for menswear that retails in ethnic wear and footwear is spread over three spacious floors. The striking bold lines and contemporary façade that faces southern direction needed a glass display, at the same time treating it for climatic insulation. The team has craftily created cavity walls using siporex blocks that worked well against intense heat. Breaking away from the usual glass façade, the idea was to reverse the site conditions and create just sufficient glass display that is protected by the overhang of above floors. The façade design has stark lines defining the character of the structure with its functionality. The lines are further stressed on by the use of colour led lighting that brings an altogether different effect at evening. The whole elevation lights up to a colourful, yet sober face of the façade.

The minimalistic approach and the basic colour palette creates a perfect backdrop to display the designer couture.



Manish Patel-Penthouse

The penthouse spreads over an area of 7,000 sq. ft. plus 3,500 sq. ft. of terrace garden was designed by Dipen along with his teammates Gopal Patel and Arpit Jain. The marvellous sculptures by Ashit Das welcomes one into this classic double-height living room. The spacious living area with burnt granite wall has suspended intriguing art on it. The nine ceramic pieces by Vinod Daroz adds a touch of elegance to the perfect backdrop of the wall. A well-articulated staircase manifests with bare concrete wall forms the backdrop for the splendid human figures that are seen as if climbing up the wall. The dining area is yet another fascinating space with seven elegant pendants that is a combination of illumination and curling creepers in glass holders hanging above the customised dining table with mother-of-pearl inlay. The painting on the adjacent wall by Heeral Trivedi adds to the aesthetics of this space. At terrace level, the lounge area opens up to a lush green garden with a water body, rendering the perfect ambience for leisure.





The Courtyard House

This 10,680 sq. ft. residence proposed with the concept of villa embraces Indian ethos with an interesting mix of modern setting was designed by Dipen Gada, Priyanka Shah, Surabhi Kankaria and Arpit Shirmali. The concept follows the principles of vastu and the region's climatic conditions, where the requirement was to create five bedrooms, living room, a private family room, a kitchen, a dining space, home theatre and gym.

The entrance foyer at North-East intends to lead to the central courtyard directly, where all other spaces open. Environmental transparencies at the ground level, created through courtyards and large openings helps in passively cooling of the internal spaces. The living room, kitchen and master bedroom are strategically located near the entry of the house for visual control and security reasons.



Overall a neutral colour palette of flooring from mirror finished green Kota and river finished multi-coloured Kota is seen throughout the house. The playfulness of some bright colours of walls or furnishings adds a language to the interiors. The combination of these elements involves an ideal balance of modernity and tradition.

Implication of traditional design elements and following basic principles of vastu like courtyard adds a spark to the design. The house has been executed with basic principles of architecture. But the right punch of art and traditional designs make the spaces evolve in 'timeless' quality.



Lambhvella Home

The Lambhvella home is bold and minimalist in its decor. The home is surrounded by lush greenery in the form of dense plantation of mango, palm and coconut trees. Dipen's love for nature gave the design venture, a platform which overlooks the entire green premises. Simple clean lines with contemporary style defines the architecture of this home. Striking the right balance between traditional sensibility and contemporary style the home has balanced proportions in size and shape. Its simple geometry of white rectangular shell is easily noticeable within its natural surroundings. Spread over 6,700 sq. ft. area all the areas on the interiors open up to beautiful lush greenery. The North-South orientation, more

openings on East and blank wall on West has proved to be blessing in soaring summers of Gujarat. The long corridor of the house forms the spine of the entire planning. This corridor leads to living and puja room on one side and family, day bedroom, guest bedroom, kitchen and other utilities on another side. The semi public and private areas are separated by the flight of stairs leading to the first floor. The simplicity and elegance of this home is indeed, a peace retreat from the stresses of life.

The various projects designed by DGA showcases their systematic style of working and successfully fulfilling the client's expectations. ■