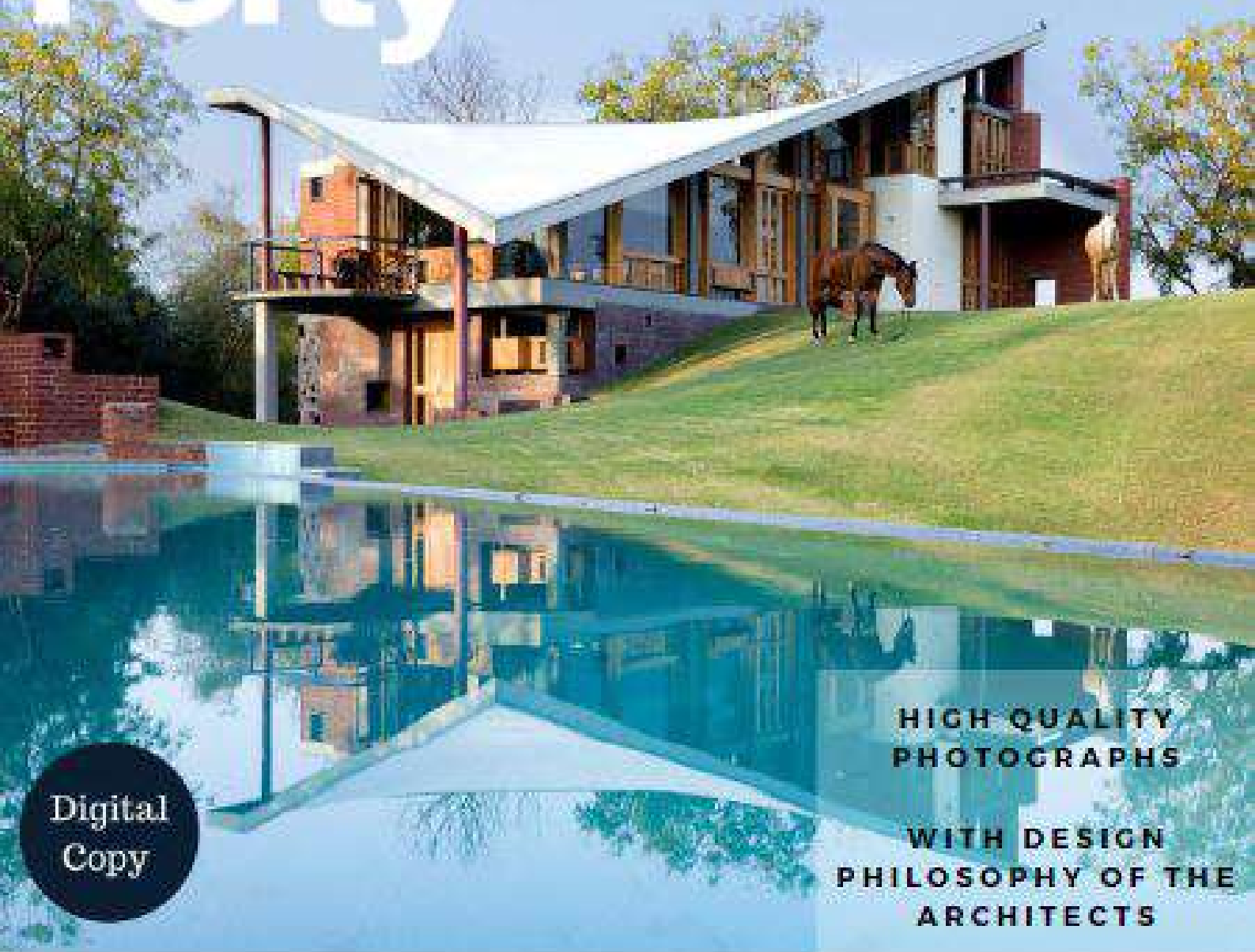


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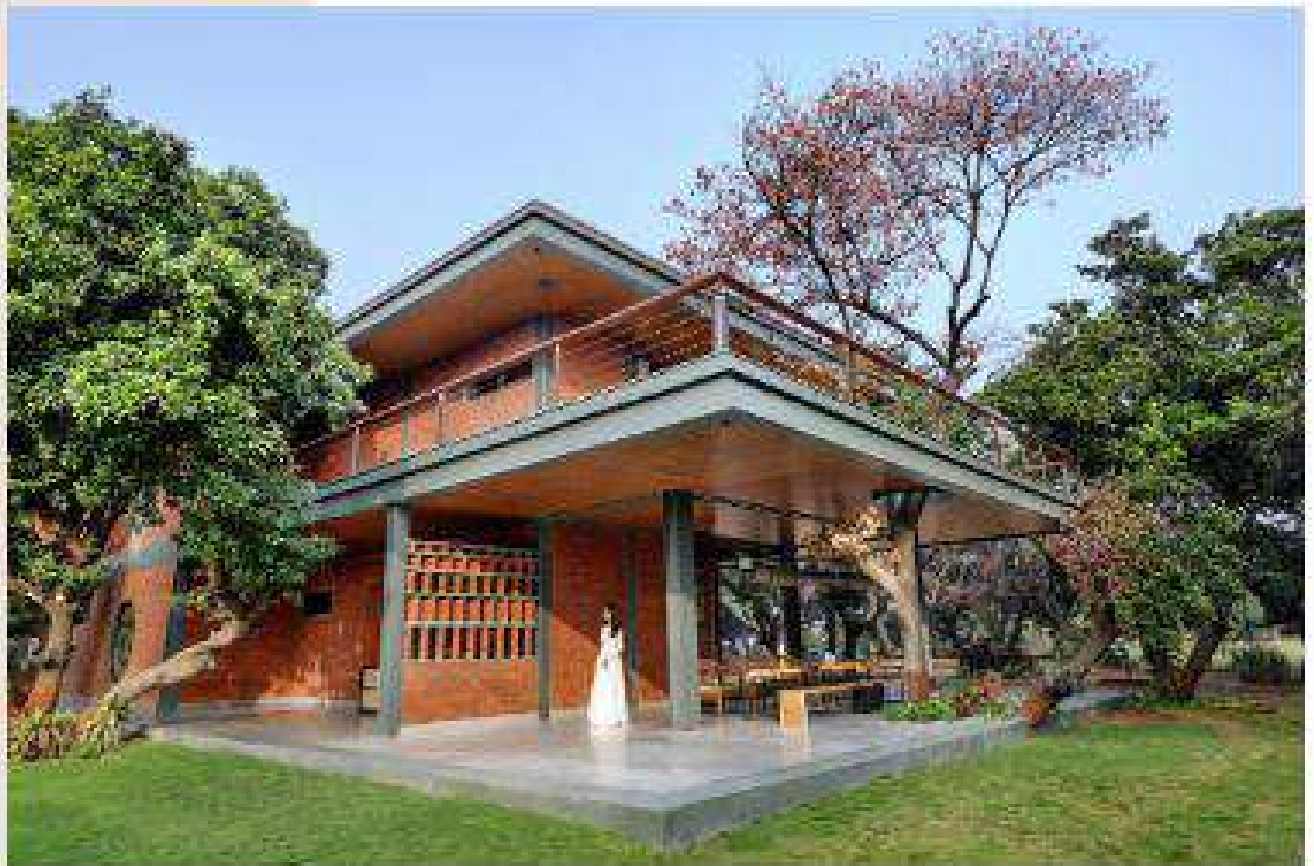
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NIRMAL FARMHOUSE

This weekend house for the shah family is situated in the outskirts of Bharuch, Gujarat. Within the dense 50 Year old Chiku plantations which is the main attraction and the challenge while designing the house.

Total farmland is about 8 Lakh Sq. Ft out of that we have selected 150,00 Sq. Ft of the area which is having more than 30 fully grown chiku trees. The house layout is planned in a way that one can feel it is within the chiku abode with minimum damage to the existing treasure. We have planned in a way that minimum trees would be damaged.

Here in this house, we have tried to play with the metal tube as a structural system along with exposed brickwork.

The exterior of the house is linear mass with the development of ground & First level, major elements of facades are Custom made metal column, beams & Expose brickwork.

'... that one can feel it is within the chiku abode...'



The front facade of the house faces North Direction, so we have planned maximum openings towards the north side along with huge deck areas in front which allows us to directly connect with the landscape.

At ground level recreational space is covered by a nicely designed perforated screen which is having jungle graphic punctures on it in the SW direction.

On the eastern part of the house, there is a Kitchen & an outdoor dining space at ground level, a Home theater & deck area at the First level.

The southern part consists of major services at ground level & a Swimming pool at a mezzanine level along with two bedrooms at the first level.

List of spaces on the lower floor:

Development of the house is done keeping all the fundamentals of Vastu in mind.

On the ground floor, once you enter, there is an open to sky Central Courtyard followed by Staircase & Lift.

There is a Living room, Dining area. On the Southeastern part, there is a Kitchen, Store & outdoor Utility.

'... an open to sky Central Courtyard followed by Staircase & lift.'



'... to enjoy the existing treasure of nature around the house.'



Exclusive Outdoor Dining space is there to enjoy the existing treasure of nature around the house.

The recreational area which is near to the living area, this area is planned for multipurpose use.

The recreational area is secured by a perforated metal screen in front which can be opened up completely to connect with the front garden.

There are few Service areas on the Ground level.



List of spaces on the upper floor

After climbing up the stairs, the Central courtyard is the arrival point. There's a service store room & a front deck area just above the Entrance.

There is a home theater area above the dining & kitchen area along with a huge deck area on the eastern side.

The Southwestern zone is having two bedrooms. One is the master bedroom in the SW direction which is associated with an infinity pool at the mezzanine level.

The other bedroom is the Guest bedroom.

... an infinity pool at the mezzanine level.

Entrance

A grand entrance is well covered with a huge deck popping out enables one chiku tree to pass through it which symbolizes the amalgamation of nature and man-made structure.

Foyer

Once we enter the house, it is a very unconventional foyer which is followed by a courtyard that opens to the sky, having a chiku tree passing through and it gives a mesmerizing experience.



LAYOUTS

GROUND FLOOR PLAN



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



Living Room

On the right side of the courtyard, we have placed the living room with the needful sitting arrangement without any extra treatment but a nice textured wall holding a beautiful long painting by Krishna Fulwala along with hanging fabric beads bought from Yamini Studio (Ahmedabad). This room is completely open towards the N side and associated with a semi covered recreational area on the west side. The recreational area is a covered space below the bedrooms which are above them.

With the introduction of a perforated sliding folding metal grill, this area becomes more useful with a lot of multi purpose activities.



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... sitting arrangement without any extra treatment...

This perforated door is being introduced to protect this area from unwanted animals entering it. But now it has become the main feature of the house which gives different level of exposure.

Dining Room & Kitchen

In this project dining room is on the left side of the open courtyard as we enter which is opening up towards N and can be merged with outdoors as and when required. This is also well associated with the owner's kitchen.





The owner's kitchen is having a non-conventional layout with only big – the size of the island, which enables us to keep N and E provided the needful storey with all other equipment.

There is one smaller pantry kitchen on the backside of the main kitchen where major cooking is done. The kitchen is completely modular designed by our team and executed by Jay Sales Vadodara

Balcony / Terrace

Since this is linear planning and a major opening is given on the N side, we have crafted a cantilever in a way that it acts as a major balcony on the first floor.

'... a cantilever in a way that it acts as a major balcony on the first floor.'

Also on the East and Westside, we have provided the big size of open terraces which enables us to provide coverage to open dining area and recreational area.

Staircase

It is at the back of an open courtyard made of 10 mm of folded metal plates with two open to sky slits in the slab which creates a magical effect on the walls and enhances the ceramic art by the artist Devesh Upadhyay on one wall and a des. painting in kalankari art on the other wall.



Also, we have created a round cut out on the S wall which enables us to get the connectivity to the green space on the backside.

Master Bedroom

It is designed on the first floor in the S-W corner to the house which is opened up towards N & W side in a way that it's well connected to outdoors on both the side with swimming pool and nature.

A very simple and needful piece of furniture is being curated from DAAZ, one of the favorite brands of DCA, and has been enhanced by the moonscape painting by Radhika Kacha.



Other Bedroom

The guest bedroom is also been treated very simply with needful furniture keeping in mind the association of outdoor from the S hanging balcony with a functional aspects.

Home Theater

It is been designed on the first floor on the left side of the open courtyard once we come up with all well equipped systems from control and Dali. It has been designed again with an opening towards N and E sides in a way that one can hang out on the terrace at the same time they can enjoy the entertainment in the home theater.

It is being designed in a way that they can accommodate no of people at a stretch and also they can sleepover as and when required.

Overview

This house is a kind of perforated house, which is eye associated with outdoor/indoor and respecting surrounding nature at its best.

The treasure of the chiku tree has been kept at priority and the house is well pampered by them and having a dialogue between nature and man-made structures.



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*... respecting
surrounding nature at
its best.*



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