

Owner's Pride

It was a double whammy...Architect Jimmy Mistry's weekend home at Della Enclave in Lonavala. One, we were looking forward to the peek into this public figure's personality. And two, we discovered that Della Enclave is his own pet venture! Naturally we bring you a peek into both, his own space as well as the lovely address that Jimmy and his team have created

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Jimmy Mistry set up his architectural practice - Della Technica a couple of years ago. Today, Della Technica has become a name to reckon with in architectural circles. His design philosophy is very simple. He says, "Each project, which we undertake has to be land-mark". Jimmy does extensive research before starting any project. And the results are there for everyone to see.



Planning and Design

The house has seven bedrooms, a play area, living, dining, kitchen, servants area and a laundry room. It has an outdoor play area as well. The entire house is divided into three levels. The first level has an amazing height of twenty feet. The predominant design feature of the house are its large column-less spaces and an infinite amount of natural light thrown in through all directions due to proper cross ventilation. The warmth reflecting inside the house comes from the underlying principles of design, understanding the movement of the sun, understanding the light moving through the house, understanding the indirect light reflecting into the house through a water body - there are too many sciences that play a role in designing a place and that's what brings warmth and positive energy into a house. The area of the house is approximately 11,500 sqft. Total family members - five.



The Entrance

Jimmy loves tall and double entrance doors. He personally believes that walking over water while entering house is very auspicious, even from a Vaastu point of view. He does believe in the science of Vaastu apart from some basic principles, which are the guiding and underlying forces for designing a place with good aura and good ambience. The entrance of his house is all about the science of direction, the science of understanding energy movements, which are created by the sunlight.



The garden has been designed in levels and gets revealed when you reach the next level, thereby creating an element of surprise.



The Living Area

In the living room, you'll find everything is in earthy colours, from the floors to the walls. There are natural materials used such as bricks and fire bricks. The floor is a dual combination of ceramic and wooden flooring considering the extreme amount of moisture content in the atmospheric air in a high altitude place like Lonavala. The Chesterfield sofa has a colonial design and look. You'll come across Chester design in the house in bits and pieces. This is juxtaposed with hand picked furniture from Chor Bazaar. The lighting again is from Chor Bazaar, and a few furniture and furnishing pieces strewn around are picked up from furniture stores. Jimmy love for the elements of fire, water and light reflects in the living room. Actually, Jimmy's concept is that the living room should be very large and spacious. It should be able to accommodate 40-50 friends and family members during occasions; and yet it shouldn't look like you're standing over each other just like in flat in cities where space is a premium. As Jimmy loves large living spaces, all the walls were knocked off, and two villa were merged for a comfortable and spacious living zone.





His Abode

Jimmy's house has a very different and distinct style of its own. He is usually known for contemporary and high-tech designs. Jimmy himself is surprised the way his home has been designed, because he has never in his career designed such a house. The house has a lot of colonial charm. You'll find a mix and match of old world charm and modern amenities in the house. The ideation of the house is simple as told by Jimmy, "I am a first generation businessman, my dream was to have my





The driveway to Della Enclave



THE PROJECT

Della Enclave is a 120-villa gated community spread over 24 acres in Lonavala.

Natural Surroundings

Nestled in a pristine, natural setting, Della Villas are the perfect destination for people who yearn for tranquility and privacy in natural surroundings. Far from the crowded city and pulsating routine; yet only a 120-minute drive from Mumbai and a 60-minute drive from Pune, this quaint neighbourhood will transport you to the typical Mediterranean countryside. With openness to the landscape that erodes the division between indoor and outdoor space and emphasis on natural textures and organic colours, these villas are the perfect destination for a relaxed holiday.

The Villas

Founded and designed by well-known architect Jimmy Mistry, Della Enclave is an excellent property of signature villas, a combination of excellent design and architecture. It is a complete luxury for those looking for a home away from home. Della Enclave emanated from the unification of the rustic and contemporary beauty. It is a lavish blend of architecture and world class infrastructure with all the hi-tech amenities. A lavish clubhouse has been built in to pamper owners with amenities such as massage and sauna room, yoga centre, gymnasium, mini-movie theater, play area for children, pottery studio, Gandhi charkha room, badminton, basketball, volleyball, tennis, motorcross tracks mini-football field, jogging and walking track, cycling and skating road, chess and card room, Library and much more.



AMENITIES AND FEATURES

- * Main entry gate with security cabins
- * Central landscaping and hard-scaping
- * Clubhouse
- * Jogging and walking track
- * Cycling and skating road
- * Sarva dharam mandir
- * Multi-cuisine restaurant with bar
- * Cigar, hookah and wine lounge
- * Pool, chess and card room
- * Library
- * Mini movie theater
- * Massage and sauna room
- * Gymnasium
- * Yoga meditation centre
- * Play area for children
- * Pottery studio
- * Gandhi charkha room
- * Corporate training centre
- * Banquet hall
- * Video conferencing
- * Amphitheatre



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own old Parsi home, which I never inherited, so I had to buy it, create it for myself and make believe that I have inherited it". That explains the design philosophy of this house. Every single thing in this house is an antique or old stuff, which is meant to look aged. It's not nouveau riche. The home is absolutely the opposite. It takes you into an old golden era, and usually such kind of homes are only inherited, never created. Jimmy says, "Creating something like this is a challenge for a designer. Everything has to blend in".

Lighting forms 50 per cent of design, says Jimmy. No design, interior or exterior, is complete without the right kind of lighting.



The Master Bedroom

The room has a ceiling height of twenty feet and a huge four poster bed, which is beautiful. The furniture is new-age, but it has been created like old walnut furniture. Lighting has been designed and manufactured for the room. There is a predominant single wood-grain throughout the house to give it consistency, which heavily reflects in the bedroom. The flooring is very interesting. It's colonial pattern and the colour in the room is white. There is a huge bathroom with a kota stone kind of floor, which stretches to the walls. Colour is again wooden grain. The master bathroom is about 600-800 sqft. The master bath also has a separate Jacuzzi and shower area.