

FIT FOR The Gods!

Simplicity and luxury co-exist in businessman Abhishek Bharadwaj's home in Tirupati

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The Owner: Abhishek Bharadwaj

Their House: Spacious with dash of contemporary elements

Location: Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh

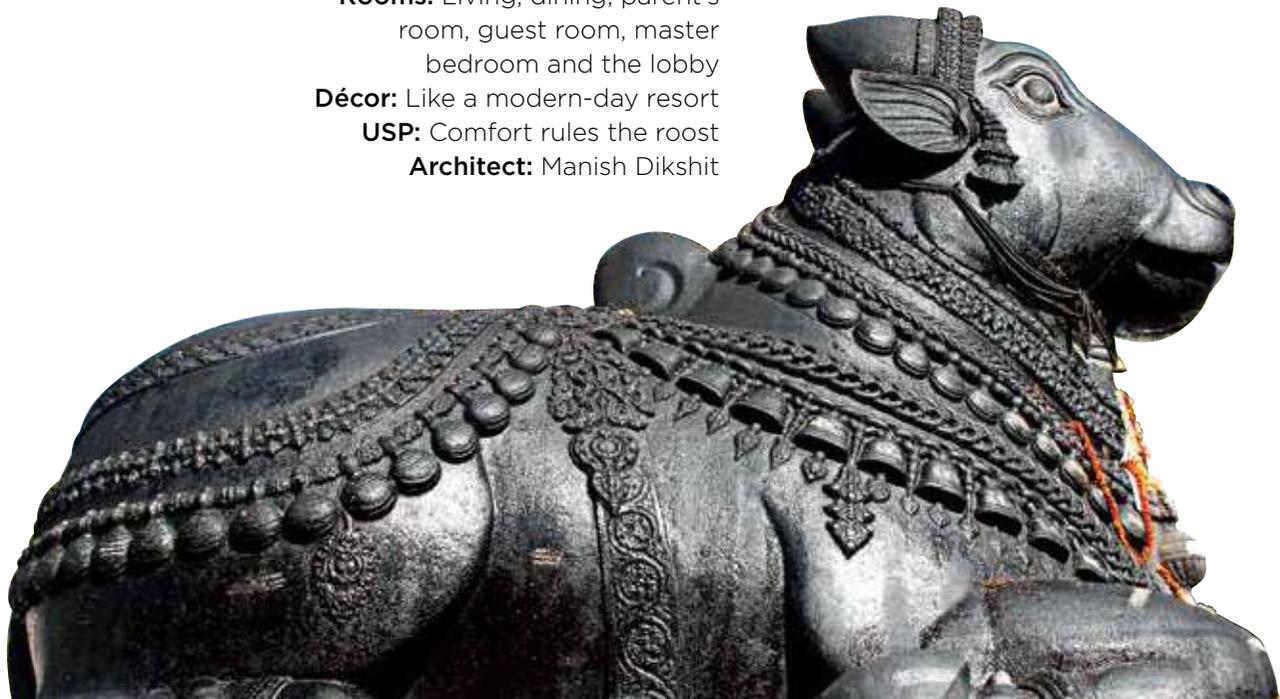
Rooms: Living, dining, parent's room, guest room, master bedroom and the lobby

Décor: Like a modern-day resort

USP: Comfort rules the roost

Architect: Manish Dikshit

For a close-knit family, the Bharadwajs sure believe in giving each other as much space as possible, while still residing under the same roof. And that probably explains their need of a house built on 5,100 sq.ft! For businessman Abhishek Bharadwaj (steel and power plant owner), his home, in the holy city of Tirupati, had to be spacious and contemporary, in terms of the décor. Comprising a lobby, living-cum dining, parent's room, guest room, master bedroom and upper and the lower terrace, each area of the house has its own identity.





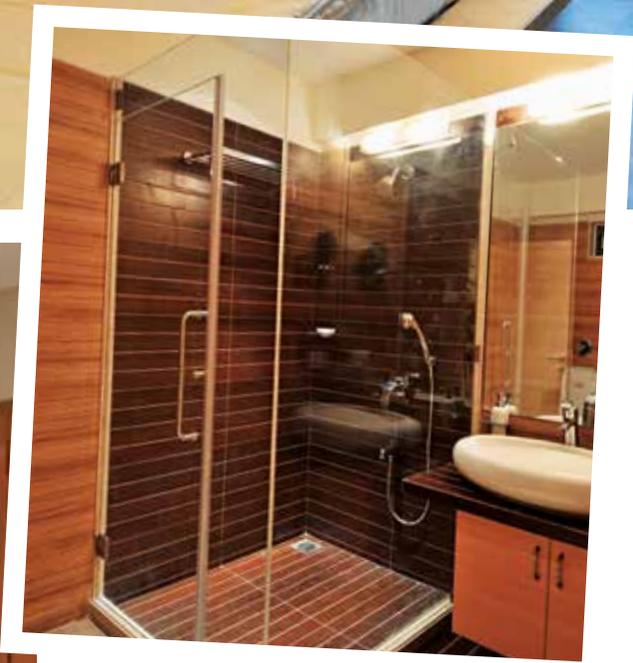
WELCOME HOME

If the home reminds you a bit of a resort, then that's because Abhishek deliberately wanted it that way. He wanted to come home to utter comfort and a unique style. As he welcomes us into his house, it is the impressive central lobby that captures our imagination first. A square island in the centre of the house, this was specially built on the insistence of his wife, and it features an installation of the revered bull, Nandi. Quite a holy beginning of a journey that takes us past a very large living-cum-dining area that overlooks a terrace...



THE SUBTLE APPROACH

There are more surprises in store as we saunter about and take in the interiors. For instance, a suspended-from-the-ceiling wooden frame, which effectively separates the living and the dining area! Of course, the large kitchen is a revelation. The lady of the house obviously believes that a woman needs ample leg space while cooking and moving around the kitchen. Equipped with all contemporary amenities, it also boasts of a large window that acts as a buffer between the kitchen and the dining area — a visible connection, yet one that keeps both zones separate without disturbing or distracting the pace of work.



IN STYLISH HARMONY...

Close to the living room is the guest bedroom. As a staid décor seems to be anathema for Abhishek, who wanted something “jazzy” for his overnight guests to admire, this room has a Japanese theme with a low wooden bed and horizontal Roman blinds. A cartoon strip running across the walls completes the look, as that too, is of course in Japanese!

REAL HOME

Abhishek's parents' bedroom is on the ground floor and boasts of a teak-wood four poster bed, in a dark finish. The walls are accentuated with a coat of fresh lemon green that contrasts well with the bed. Decorative laminated panels tastefully strewn about the room complete the look. The master bedroom displays Abhishek's and the designers' creativity at its best. Italian marble flooring, a customised fur headboard, folding doors and a balcony which accords a beautiful view of the Tirupati Balaji temple... A happy co-existence of religion, harmony and style!





TERRACE TALK

There's something just not right about a bungalow without a terrace... And the Bharadwajs don't disappoint! They asked the architect's team to design a terrace which could be used as a party hub as well as a place for moments of solitude. The lower terrace wins ample of accolades for its planning and design. In natural sandstone, it comprises an outdoor barbecue, with direct

access to the kitchen, and the seating area. There is also a Jacuzzi with a water curtain to maintain privacy and a collapsible roof. The stunning pond that has been divided by the dining room window cleverly links the terrace to the inside of the house. The outdoor speakers and lights help to change the ambience at any time of the day. A false ceiling over the barbecue and pond illuminates the entire terrace area at night.



SOMETHING SPECIAL...

Moving away from the comfort zone of the lower terrace, we were pleasantly surprised by the cantilevered rubber wood staircase which leads one to the upper terrace. This is primarily a roof garden with a 360 degree view, with a four seater gazebo and a traditional thatched roof! With innovative designs and contemporary interiors, the Bharadwajs have gifted themselves a luxurious casual comfort many would envy...

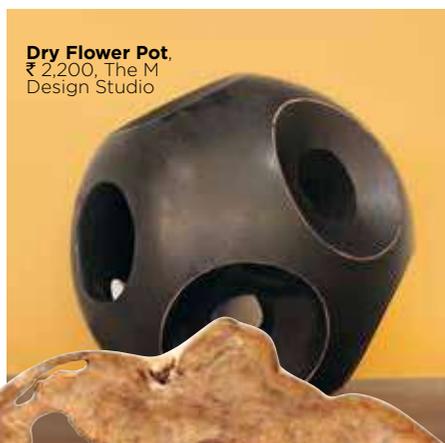




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