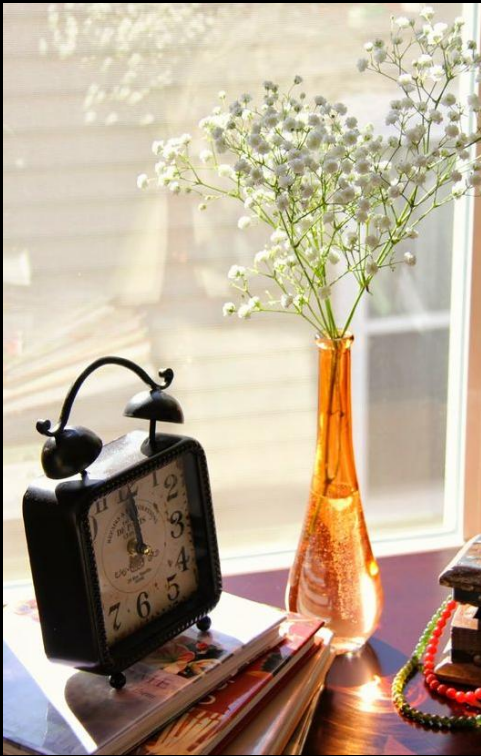


Changing lives, Changing Designs..



*Nature is the Inspiration
for all ornamentation-
Frank LloydWright.*

Social Distancing, WFH is the new normal. This term seemed fancy when it was introduced. We had to accept it with the growing outrage of the Novel Corona Virus- 2019, and it has put the human nature of Socializing to stake. Everyone is concerned about the repercussions of this phase, in their respective fields. It is difficult to imagine this for a longer run. In the constant introspections we are realizing the importance of Fresh Air, kind weather, generous greenery. And now is the right time to improve our design intents..

It always grabs my attention how design of houses have evolved and how we justified the designs with changing lifestyles. With the pace of life, we got engrossed in work, a metropolitan lifestyle, and with this we created our own space, where we fit ourselves and modified it with our own convenience with changing time.

But wait! While running with the pace to match the world, the trends, the changing lifestyles, let's have a look at what we left behind.. We left behind the "*Aangan*" the best transition space from the outside to inside, where we used to wash our hands and feet before entering inside our home. We left behind the "*Chowk*" (Courtyards in houses) with ample sunlight, amazing cross ventilation, a beautiful space for family gatherings. We left behind the "*Diya*" we used to light in front of the doors near Tulsi Vrindavans in the evening to keep away the negativities. We have left behind the eating styles too, and so on... Wasn't there a deep yet basic science behind these practices?



Space is the Breathe of Art- Frank Lloyd Wright

With urbanization, and misunderstood words like modernization, we have left behind a life which was supposed to be our “Happy Place”. We must not and never forget how this modernization has made our lives easy, but let’s throw a light on how Covid-19 has affected our lives and lifestyle. What if this phase continues for long? What if it is accepted to be the new trend, new normal?

The evolution of homes along with the evolution of human lives is a new food for thought. It is the need of the hour for the designers to think wisely about the design of homes. Understanding the vastly growing urbanization, lack of spaces, absence of health and hygiene to a large extent, and the immense clutter thereby, has led people to merely compromise on their mental hygiene, and a life at home to a large extent. It is now essential to de-clutter the mess that has been created.

Now let’s think if it is really essential to construct on every inch of space. If spaces could talk, then “LET ME BREATHE, I’M SUFFOCATING” would have been heard, louder and clearer with each new construction happening. If the lockdown at home has been suffocating for you then your house is filled with unnecessary elements. The “Chaar deeware” speak with you, but it also needs sunlight, fresh air, chirping of birds and your giggles with the family. The walls and spaces in your house are an indigenous part of your life, let them breathe the air you would like to breathe. They definitely don’t deserve the clutter we throw at them.



A natural proximity to elements of nature is the new unseen luxury that awaits the evolution of humans after Covid-19. And with this, the responsibility of designers has increased, and the idea of space planning has changed. Sensitivity towards every single space can make a home- a healthy place to be! Imagine the dialogues between the spaces and the users then.. Happier homes, greener corners and balconies, lesser cramped spaces, more floor space for children to play.. WOW! And it can be achieved at no-extra cost. It only requires sensitivity towards life and understanding of essentials in life.

This outbreak has changed our life and way of living to a large extent along with the new realization that we are generally content in small stuffs. We are undergoing drastic changes in the personal and professional styles, and we must have a speculation on possible changes we should incorporate in our living on daily basis. And as designers, a thorough sensible understanding of situation is essential. The change in outlook towards the design of homes, functioning of every inch of space, its efficient response to the user, and the positive vibe it can transmit into the home...

Cheers, Happy Designing !!!

Stay Safe !

We shape our homes and then the Homes shape us – Winston Churchill

- Devaki Kanade Suklikar