



FAREWELL...

Yes, it is time to move on! A year into the pandemic and the world is not the place as we knew it once. There have been huge shifts in our mindsets and the way we look at our lives. It is indeed uncanny that exactly a year ago, our May 2020 coverline said TECTONIC SHIFTS. And here we are living them.

It is undoubtedly overwhelming for me to pen this piece. There is a whirlpool of imagery that sucks me in everytime I try to put a finger on any stretch of time. It's been fun and hard at the same time, its been gruelling and crazy in the same breath, its been satisfying and joyful at others. A mixed-bag, like anything else in life, but also full of lessons and acquired wisdom for the years ahead.

I couldn't be happier leaving the magazine with a cover story from one of my most-admired architects in the country; Ar Dominic Dube of DDIR Architecture Studio. A quiet person with legendary talent, his designs leave me awe-struck for their 'presence in simplicity'. Our cover story is a home designed by him in Hyderabad. It is not a house but a universe that he has created for the homeowners here. Lucky are the ones who live in homes designed by him. Further, the home has been photographed by none other than Bharath Ramamrutham, who beautifully captures the soul of the house. All in all, it will remain one of my favourite cover stories for a while. I am sure all our readers will enjoy it immensely.

Our Homes are already looking and feeling very different. I am sure, the sentiment is shared across the spectrum. As a parting line, there is only one thing I'd like to say: pay attention to the home, not just by slathering expensive materials on to it but by filling the nooks and crannies with joy and memories. These are the real things that will help us survive the trials and tribulations. Your home is the repository of your memories and experiences, bring in only the best.

Stay safe and stay happy!
Au revoir!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mridula Sharma".

Mridula Sharma, EDITOR-IN-CHARGE

