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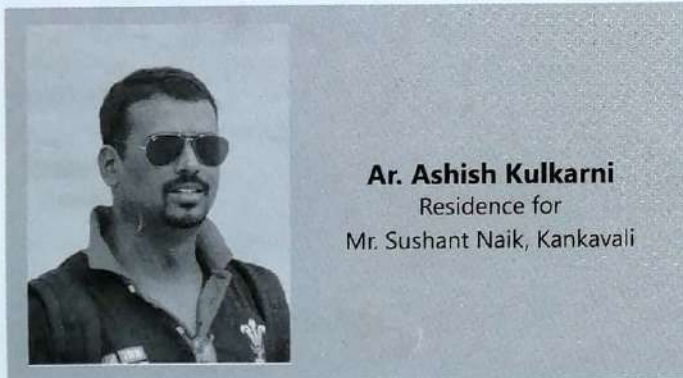


an angle beyond...





Six feet under



Ar. Ashish Kulkarni
Residence for
Mr. Sushant Naik, Kankavali

When one experiences a well composed entrance facade with Shera wood and stone cladding with a S.S finished plate flaunting the word – APPA's in a bold red color, it is definite that there is more to the house than just the inviting entrance lobby.

The 4500 sq.ft. site is interestingly located in the Konkan region of Maharashtra at Kankavali, exactly on the Mumbai-Goa highway. When the client – Mr. Sushant Naik approached the Kolhapur based architectural firm – Designex, with a single storeyed existing structure, Ar. Ashish Kulkarni got acquainted with the criticalities of it. The structure which was only allowed to be dismantled except for the RCC work, was six feet below the highway level.

Ashish playfully took all these hurdles in his stride and planned the house efficiently with minimal disturbance to the existing structure level, accommodating the living area, puja, dining space, kitchen, utility and one bedroom on the ground floor with the office on the mid level while having a lavish family area and two bedrooms with terraces on the periphery of the first floor. The entrance is at mid-level between the existing floor and the planned first floor. To avoid mixing of various functionalities due to level differences, Ashish created an indoor landscaped space prior to the entrance in the living



space. Grandeur is well achieved with the double height sloping roof with skylights nesting the landscaped area. The entrance lobby at the existing structure level has no external wall, therefore the passage above is provided with a glass floor and further the roof for the passage witnesses skylight keeping the entrance lobby well lit throughout the day.