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DEMURO DAS (PHOTO: ISHITA SITWALA)



**ABHIMANYU DALAL ARCHITECTS**

**New Delhi** Coming Up: A seminar block at Mayo College, Ajmer, designed to echo the Indo-Saracenic character of the campus; the girls dormitory at Lawrence School in Sanawar, Himachal Pradesh—the oldest boarding school in the world—the projects differ in context, but are equally steeped in heritage.

**ARCHITECTURE DISCIPLINE Akshat Bhatt | New Delhi**

**Highlight:** Glulam, or glued laminated wood, a structural material from the mass timber family that is more sustainable than steel and concrete. The firm's latest residential project in Goa, composed of mass timber, is the first residence in India to be built using Glulam. [architecturediscipline.com](http://architecturediscipline.com)

**ALVA ARCHITECTS | BONA FIDE DESIGN**

**Ashwin Alva | New Delhi** Recent Project: In Gurugram, a residence that marries home-like comforts and hotel-like luxuries. **Coming Up:** Boutique properties in Ladakh, the Andaman Islands, and Goa; adaptive reuse of a 200-year-old palace in Ladakh and a 125-year-old Portuguese house in Goa. [alva.co.in](http://alva.co.in)

**ASHIESH SHAH ARCHITECT**

**Mumbai** Recent Projects: The white-washed space at Neuma, Colaba, a new restaurant housed in a restored colonial era bungalow; a residence in New Delhi dotted with antique collectibles from Kochi. **Constant Inspiration:** Le Corbusier's Tower of Shadows at the Chandigarh Capitol Complex. [ashieshshah.com](http://ashieshshah.com)

HUMMING TREE (PHOTO: SYAM SREESYLAM)



**DEMURO DAS Puru Das, Brian DeMuro | Gurugram, New York**

**Project in Focus:** DeMuro and Das turned a 2,700-square-foot apartment in New Delhi into their new home. The space tips its hat to Das and DeMuro's past as New Yorkers, but is also peppered with echoes of India, and pieces from their own furniture line. **Material Obsession:** Coloured gemstones, as seen in their Gem and Demi capsule collections: a five-piece offering of mirrors, cabinets, and tables inspired by India's centuries-old jewellery-making traditions (see pg 72). [demurodas.com](http://demurodas.com)

**HUMMING TREE Mohammed Anfan, Arun Shekar | Kozhikode**

**Project in Focus:** An 18,000-square-foot holiday home in Wayanad, Kerala, which celebrates the surrounding natural landscape. The bungalow is made with natural materials, and features pitched roofs, redolent of the encompassing mountainscape. **Coming Up:** "Our studio has been approached to revive the Comtrust Handloom Weaving Factory in Kozhikode. We're also working on an 8,000-square-foot, eco-friendly home in Kochi," says Shekar. [hummingtree.in](http://hummingtree.in)

**ANAGRAM ARCHITECTS Madhav Raman, Vaibhav Dimri, Shruti Dimri | New Delhi**

**Recent Project:** A wellness resort in Haridwar that opens up to sweeping views of the Ganges. **Constant Inspiration:** "Antoni Gaudí's work continues to inspire us," says Raman. **Dream Collaboration:** With Dutch designer Marcel Wanders on a hotel. [anagramarchitects.com](http://anagramarchitects.com)

**ARCHITECTURE BRIO Robert Verrijt, Shefali Balwani | Mumbai**

**Recent Projects:** A women's design and community centre in Mumbai; a treetop boutique hotel in old Goa with suspended "room pods"; a sprawling Alibag home with Kunal Maniar Associates that made the cover of AD's November–December 2022 issue. [architecturebrio.com](http://architecturebrio.com)

**BANDUKSMITH STUDIO Melissa Smith, Sachin Bandukwala | Ahmedabad**

**Coming Up:** Private residences across Gujarat, and the redevelopment of Chharodi lake in Ahmedabad. **Wish List:** "We want to work with the nomadic Gaduliya Lohar community, known for their filigree work in metal, mostly brass or steel," says Smith. [banduksmithstudio.in](http://banduksmithstudio.in)

**CASE DESIGN Samuel Barclay, Erica Barclay, Saleem Bhatri | Mumbai**

**Highlight:** A quietly commanding design for the AD Museum (see pg 194) at the AD Design Show 2022. **Recent Project:** A villa in Alibag languidly spread across a one acre plot—with a pavilion, guest houses, and a pool lined with a row of mango trees. [casedesign.in](http://casedesign.in)