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Silent Designs that Speak Volumes

Noise pollution is definitely annoying and sometimes we learn to live with it but architect Jayadevan has found a design solution to cut the unwanted noise for this beautiful home at Munambam.

Text **Dhanya Menon** Photos **Architect Jayadevan**



UNCH PARTY



An enfolding tranquillity is the first feel any visitor would get, when he enters this house.

Despite the paradox of being positioned around a clattered location, it's a world away from the drama surrounding it. There is a noisy school on the southern side. The couple who spend most of the day at home also wanted to muffle this noise entering the house," says architect Jayadevan about the real challenge that he had to face while planning the design.

Considering these two aspects, the house could have very little openings on those sides, yet they wanted to create a spatial ambience and to make their day bright and airy. The design solution he gave was to arrange all the spaces used much during the day away from the school side. Spaciousness was created by defining each space by just enough separations and at the same time, ensuring that the whole space is coherent as a single volume. "There was also a challenge in ensuring the core living area that was completely day lit and naturally ventilated despite being surrounded by the other rooms", he continues.

INTERIORS

Interiors of the house are designed with a clear minimalistic theme and a modern accent. Subtle touches of art works and variations in lighting define different spaces and an overall spaciousness compliments all these.

ENTRANCE AND CONNECTED SPACES

The house opens up to a long corridor keeping a little surprise for the visitor on what's inside. This also prevents the house from interacting with the future commercial development facing it. The formal living and dining spaces are on the two opposites of this corridor, maintaining privacy through half walls, while at the same time, retains the connectivity. Going straight, it slowly leads to the family living space, other rooms and a private deck.

The kitchen of the house, which is a traditional type, is positioned close to the dining space, which has an outlet for a private open area.

All these spaces being active during the day, a flat roof accentuated by a large skylight lights up the entire space and would provide drama on the walls, through a play of light and shadows. This planned concept together with the internal courtyards lends vibrancy to the spaces. The core living space is also naturally cool and comfortable.

BEDROOMS

All bedrooms stick to the common theme of minimalism. Bedrooms are designed as cool spaces by keeping it away from the south and western sun, by lining up the toilets on the south side and a shaded deck on the southwest corner. The kids' bedroom additionally has a cabinet placed on the western wall which would reduce the direct heating up of the room during afternoon.

OTHERS FACTS

The skylight space has been detailed to allow the hot stale air inside to escape freely



QUICKIES

A modern, minimalistic and inward looking home which is silent from the inside and unassuming from the outside.

Type
Individual House

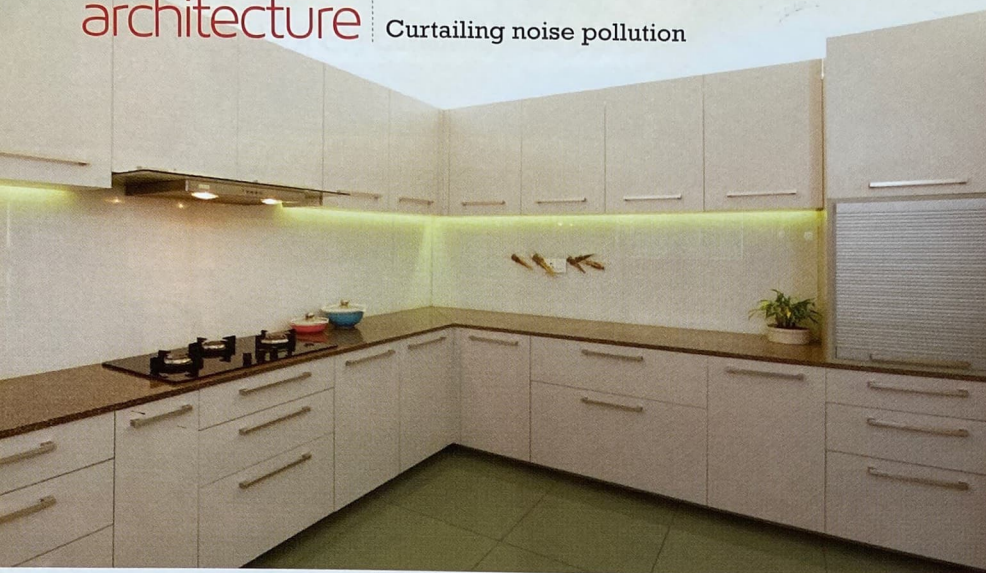
Total Area
2720 sq ft

Owned by
Mr. Joby

Location
Munambam, Kochi

Designed by
Architect Jayadev, Kochi.
Tel: 9846420000





through the slits provided along the edges. This helps in passive natural ventilation in the core living space, which otherwise will be aided only by the large opening near dining and a door / window opening to the deck on the south - west corner. Air movement occurs through these windows and through the east facing window of the formal living room.

Other notable feature is the use of solar control glass with 75% heat reduction capacity, as part of a double glazed unit for the skylight. There is virtually no heat inside the spaces; the UV rays and glare is also cut off by this, letting inside, only the desirable lighting during day time and plenty of moonlight at night! With absolutely no artificial lighting required during the day, the electricity consumption is considerably less.

