


Cover Story
India's top Architects and Builders


Carving a niche for itself

Sankalpan has carved a niche since its foundation in the year 1996 for providing end-to-end solutions to its clients.

Sankalpan began small, with interiors of buildings rather than the building itself. Ever since its inception, Sankalpan has carved a niche for itself as a premier design firm providing a range of services in the fields of architecture, infrastructure and real estate. Sankalpan has designed and built over 700 + projects, measuring over 8.5 million sq ft for corporate.

First project undertaken and discipline: Our first outbreak was to design a branch office for Times bank in Mumbai.

Total number of projects done: Sankalpan has designed and built over 700 + projects, measuring over 8.5 mn sq ft for corporate, retail and hospitality sectors.

Best three: Nirmal Lifestyle - Nirmal Lifestyle Mall, Mulund, Mumbai.

Total area: 100,000.00 sq ft. Primary Design Brief was to conceptualise an office space that underlines arrival of Nirmal Lifestyles at Front end of quality realty scenario in Western Region of India, making customers feel welcomed, employees valued and management proud.

The state - of - the - art 'Glass Atrium' is the most unique and functional feature of this office facility. Sensitively designed high volumes add to grandeur of spaces.



This facility has been conceptualised through careful planning in which design decisions, material specifications are carefully evaluated in terms environmental sustainability

Bayer Material Science, Greater Noida, Area - 28,650 sq ft. An integrated measure has been taken for increasing the environmental protection and dealing with the climatic changes. The aim of this energy efficient design is to meet the above requirements whilst keeping investment costs to a minimum. The uniqueness of this building lies in its concept of zero-emission making it one of the landmark green buildings in India today. One of the features of this building is the window openings that are designed to attain maximum natural light minimizing harmful ultra violet solar rays by leveraging various energy efficient products. The light energy is captured for radiating the inside of the building leading to minimal use of power and artificial energy.

Morgan Stanley, Lower Parel, Area - 66,000 sq ft. The concept was to have a non-cosmetic - minimalist approach towards

achieving highly humanised and conducive environment and to create an ambience that would generate impetus for innovation, considering high density multidepartment office requirements. This facility has been strategically designed to be a future ready facility. The common spaces have been designed to rejuvenate occupants of the facility by providing a completely different and refreshing ambience by using a well balanced interplay of colours, materials, forms and volumes.

Favorite project: 'Sankalpan One', the very first state - of - the - art IT Park of Sankalpan Group. It is nourished with finest design and facilities acquiring 'LEED GOLD Certified' building keeping in mind the environment consciousness.

Current and ongoing projects- the



USP: Currently we are working on various projects like Morgan Stanley, JP Morgan, Standard Chartered, Patni Computers, etc.

Inspiration: Hafeez Contractor is the architect I admire the most while Dhirubhai Ambani and Lakshmi Mittal have greatly influenced our outlook towards life and business. Their services to our nation lie in their actions more than anything else. Great things are not said but done and they have motivated all of us to accomplish our own goals and objectives through vision and passion.

New trends to be seen coming days: The design industry will be highly expertise oriented. India may start looking at world class exposure, processes, and sector specific demands. With the large scale development of malls, IT parks, SEZ's, hotels, commercial complexes and multiplexes, and the future of this industry seems to be bright. Green products will be in most demand for office interiors in the future and considering the global warming issue, the usage of green products shall be made mandatory. ■