

The House That Is a Home



Ar. Benny Kuriakose

The Anand Pushpa Residence is a creatively designed home that leaves you spellbound. Ar. Benny Kuriakose of Benny Kuriakose and Associates talks about the process of its creation.





The beautiful Anand Pushpa residence built in 2019 is a home that catches your eye. Benny Kuriakose and Associates, led by Ar. Benny Kuriakose constructed it. This contemporary house has its design rooted in tradition. Thus, it has elaborate stone pillars, decorative ceramic tiles, and a sloping roof with Mangalore tiles.

Ar. Benny reveals, "It has a proximity to the sea. Thus, the land level has been elevated, allowing for the construction of a garage in the basement. The route separates after the ramp at the site entry, with one path leading to the basement and the other to the house's front veranda. The bedrooms on the first floor are organised around a family area as the focal point for a view of the courtyards."

You will see large courtyards, verandas and sit-outs with the warmth entering the large interiors. There is also a rear sit-out that overlooks a secluded lawn and lily pond. It is for the guests to enjoy. "The house's colourful ceramic tiles on the stair risers are a standout feature. Adequate lighting and timber furniture blend well with the light hue of the walls and flooring. This property is as serene as its surroundings thanks to its minimal ornamentation

and embellishment," mentions Ar. Benny.

The Anand Pushpa Residence is indeed a sight to behold and admire, thanks to the efforts of the firm Benny Kuriakose and Associates and Ar. Benny Kuriakose.

AR. BENNY KURIAKOSE

Born in 1962 in the small town of Koothattukulam and brought up in Thiruvananthapuram, Dr Benny Kuriakose started his career in 1984 and received lessons in architecture under renowned Laurie Baker. He received the Charles Wallace India Trust Award for a Master's Degree in Conservation Studies from the University of York, UK, and his PhD from the IIT in Madras, India.

Taking its roots in vernacular architecture, he has developed expertise in architectural conservation and the design of new buildings. He focuses on the design of structures built from natural materials. He runs an architect and consulting company in Chennai, India. He has worked on all sorts of projects. He has also worked as a consultant for the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), UNESCO, different state governments, and non-governmental organisations.











