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WHAT INDIA CAN DO NEXT



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Himanshi Narwal  
with her slain  
husband Vinay in  
Pahalgam

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about translation. About understanding a client's vision, listening to the land, and crafting something original yet timeless.

#### Designing Tomorrow, Today

As India accelerates towards a new future—urbanizing, digitizing, and diversifying—Habitat Architects stands at the forefront of this transformation. Their work is not just about adding buildings to a skyline, but about adding meaning to the built environment.

By combining architectural rigor, narrative interiors, cultural intelligence, and next-gen technology, Habitat Architects is shaping a blueprint for how Indian architecture can evolve—gracefully, intelligently, and sustainably.

Team Habitat is creating more than architecture—they're building a design legacy where beauty meets purpose, and innovation becomes heritage.

contemporary projects. These elements are not nostalgic flourishes—they are bridges between heritage and progress.

In their hospitality work, such as the award-winning Havelli, this design ethos is especially visible. The firm blends architectural grammar from historical Indian havelis with modern programming, offering guests an immersive experience that feels both luxurious and rooted in identity. Similarly, their multi-residential projects prioritize community, sustainability, and wellness through passive design, green spaces, and shared amenities.

Urban developments—including high-rises and masterplanned communities—are designed for the future. Clean-lined aesthetics, pedestrian-friendly planning, and environmentally conscious infrastructure allow Habitat Architects to shape India's next-generation urban fabric without losing sight of its cultural anchors.

#### Legacy in Motion: A Multi-Generational Vision

What makes Habitat Architects singular is its ability to operate across generations without dilution of vision. Zafar and Monika's leadership is driven by depth and discipline, while Sahir and Sarah bring dynamism, digital fluency, and global exposure. Together, they form a rare design collective—anchored in legacy but open to constant reinvention.

Their projects are not dictated by a fixed aesthetic. Instead, they are driven by a belief: architecture must be lived, not just looked at. It must answer questions of place, purpose, and possibility. The studio's approach is never about replication—it is

Here, Zafar's background in architectural engineering provides a solid technical foundation, while Sahir's approach introduces algorithmic thinking and modular adaptability. The result is architecture that is highly performative—where every square foot is optimized, and every design move is purposeful.

Sarah's role in interior environments ensures that these projects are not just smart, but human. Whether it's a retail experience that flows intuitively or a corporate space designed to foster creativity and connection, her perspective ensures each space feels considered, coherent, and complete.

Functionality is never compromised—but it is always elevated. From integrating technology seamlessly to embedding brand identity into spatial planning, the firm's commercial work stands as a model for thoughtful innovation.

#### A Contextual and Cultural Lens

Whether designing for a single family or a large corporation, Habitat Architects works with a consistent philosophy—architecture must be contextual, responsive, and culturally attuned. The team begins each project by understanding its physical and social environment. This means considering the lay of the land, the direction of the sun, the materials that feel native, and the stories embedded in the local culture.

This sensitivity to context is brought to life through artisanal collaborations and indigenous materials. Metalwork from Moradabad, stone from Rajasthan, and handcrafted detailing enrich even the most



cultural nuance, ensuring that each home tells a story that is both personal and universally relevant.

Across all residential work, the studio's material palette reflects a commitment to eco-conscious living. Reclaimed timber, ethically sourced stone, and native crafts are used with precision. Passive cooling strategies, adaptive lighting systems, and natural ventilation design are layered into every floor plan. These are homes that breathe, respond, and evolve with their users.

#### Commercial and Retail Design: Intelligent Architecture for the Next Era

In the commercial realm, Habitat Architects creates spaces that are as strategic as they are sensorial. From research and development campuses to mixed-use hubs and high-street retail, the firm's portfolio is defined by clarity, efficiency, and user-centric innovation.

and group housing designed for the future, every dwelling is approached as a sanctuary.

At the heart of these homes lies the seamless integration of Zafar Choudhary's architectural discipline and Monika Choudhary's wellness-centered design ethos. Together, they craft spaces that are as calming as they are intelligent—balancing aesthetics, performance, and emotional resonance.

The next generation brings a distinct technological edge. Sahir Choudhary, an alumnus of Cornell University, infuses each project with digital sophistication—leveraging tools like parametric design, modular innovation, and AI integration to create future-proof homes. Meanwhile, Sarah Choudhary adds depth and material narrative to the interiors, combining hospitality sensibilities with

In the shifting landscape of Indian architecture, where tradition intersects with innovation, Habitat Architects has carved a distinctive voice—one that is elegant, efficient, and deeply rooted in purpose. Co-founded by Zafar and Monika Choudhary, the multidisciplinary design studio has evolved into a leading force across residential, commercial, and hospitality design. With a design language shaped by thoughtful storytelling, craftsmanship, and environmental responsibility, the firm's work speaks not only to the eye but to the soul.

#### Residential Design: Spaces That Breathe and Belong

Habitat Architects brings exceptional intentionality to its residential projects—each home is envisioned as a living narrative, shaped by the site, the climate, and the people who will inhabit it. From luxury villas perched on Himalayan hilltops to urban retreats

# DESIGNING THE FUTURE OF INDIA

## Habitat Architects' Dual Focus on Residential and Commercial Excellence