

PROJECT : SHELTER

Residence for Shekars

Architect : H.C. Thimmaiah

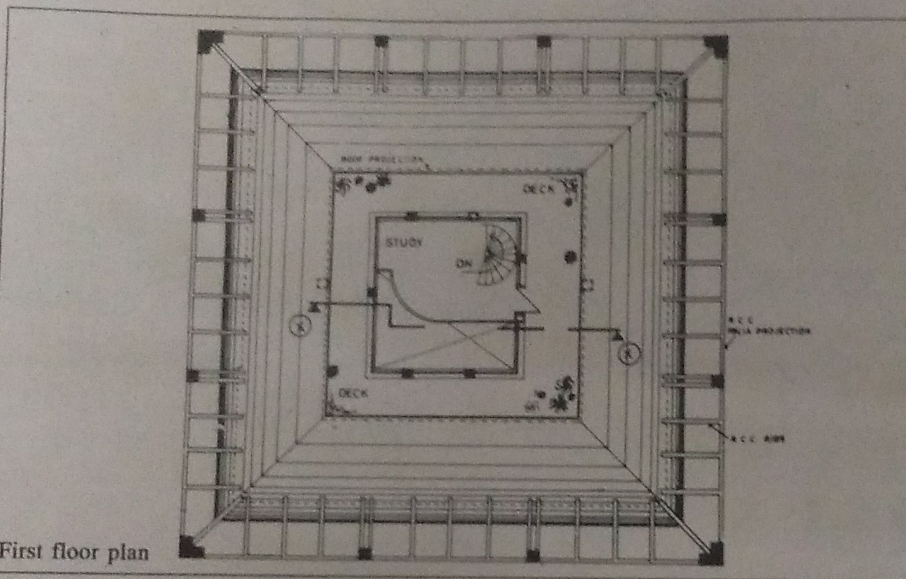
The concept of this residence in Coorg is based on vernacular planning of Coorg temples by the neighbouring Kerala 'Aacharies' having the basic idea of a box within a box. Temples in these regions invariably have the garbhagraha at the centre. Running corridors all-round provide a sense of unexpected style and depth. Walls are very thick having small openings, sloping roofs and one main entrance.

The site lends itself for a vast scope to blend interior with exterior spaces, the rich greenery of coffee and orange enclosing the residential space can be noticed from the main entry and all through the approach road to the house. The sensitive land plan achieves several goals by preserving its plantation, giving every corner a view of the lush landscaped setting. The arcaded verandah provides a welcome to the house.

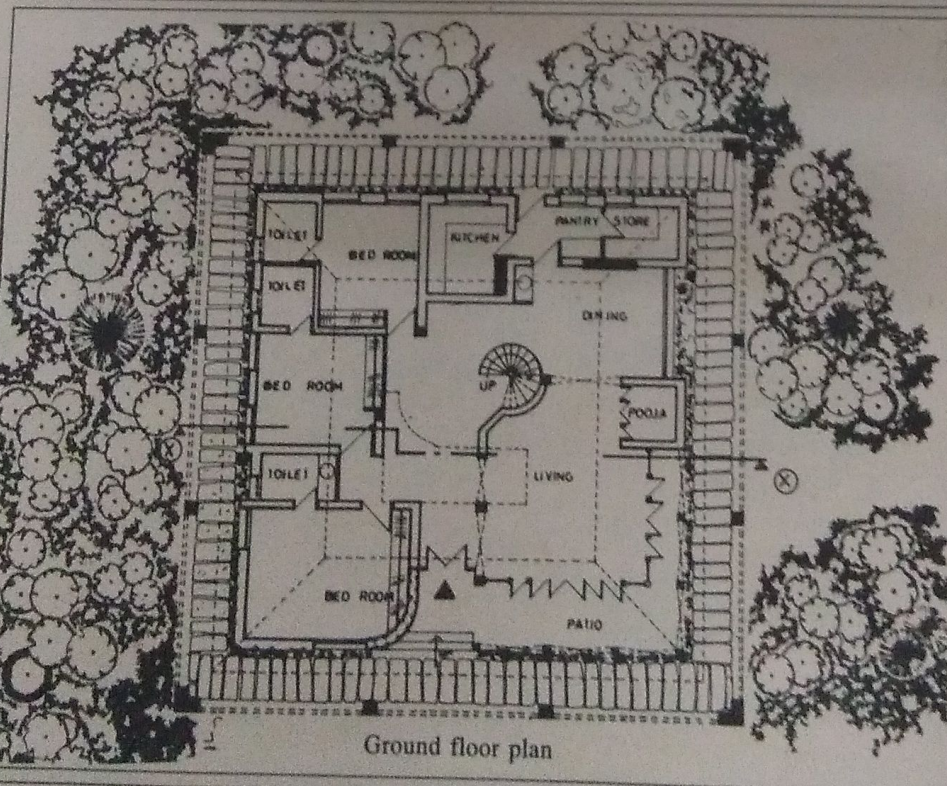
The entrance point provides long diagonal views of expanding space. Living area is enclosed by large glazed surfaces with judicious flow of spaces. It also houses the traditional pooja space. Circular staircase has access from the entrance foyer being the centre piece of the house and forms the partition between the foyer and Dining area.

Expansive spaciousness is created between living and dining areas by an opening in the arched section of the wall. Bed rooms, three in number, are accommodated in the ground floor itself having attached toilets. Kitchen is designed with an "L" shaped cooking counter, and provided with a separate pantry and store. The first floor (the inner box) raising above the ground floor roof accommodates study area being creamed up by having access to a wraparound balcony space, carrying the outdoor orientation. Soffit of this study is viewed from the entrance lobby creating floating horizontal planes.

A 2-car garage is designed at the entry to the house detached as a separate unit which features a store in the basement. The house is built in laterite stone with projecting stucco finished facias, arcaded patio, lavishly designed openings, covered porches and balcony, in typical Coorg vernacular style where the Shekars live now, with their young daughter Gangamma.



First floor plan



Ground floor plan

Project Information

Owners :
Roshan & P.B. Shekar

Architects:
Thimmaiah & Prabhakar

Total built up area :
3,070.00 Sq.ft

Cost of Construction :
Rs. 7,50,000/-

Year of Completion :
1990

Text :
Vani H.B.

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This site is situated in the Dollars Colony area of Bangalore and has an inviting approach with the design encroaching the full built up area and houses garages at the Basement. This site, though narrow, is designed to give a different impression from the entry point. A diagonal view passing from the lobby to the living room up to the corner window make the house feel roomier at once and another through the dining room upto a large window completes the impression. Design works on the principles of level changes, visually

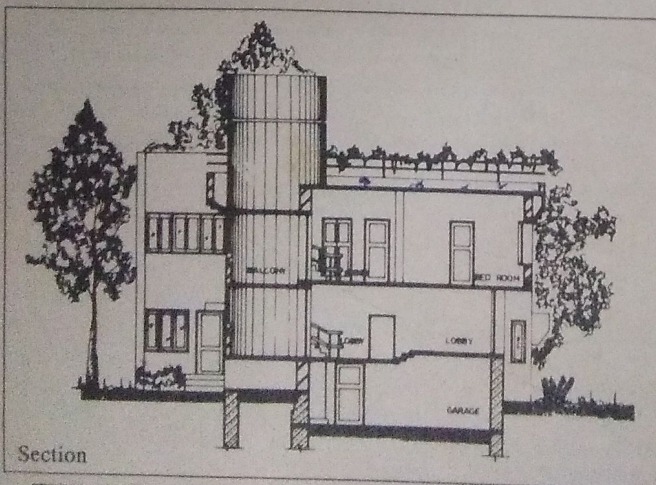
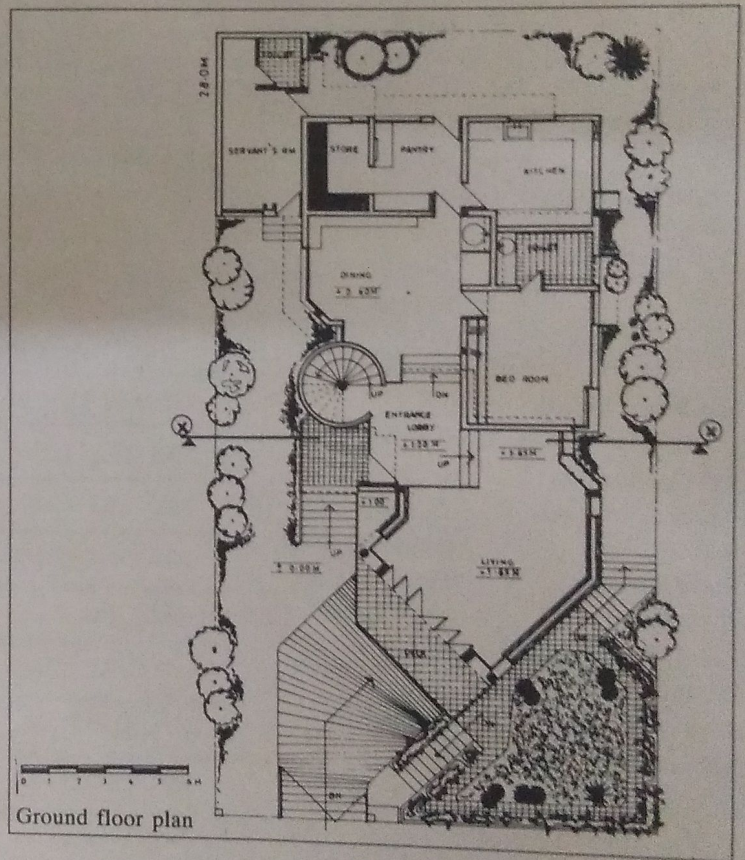
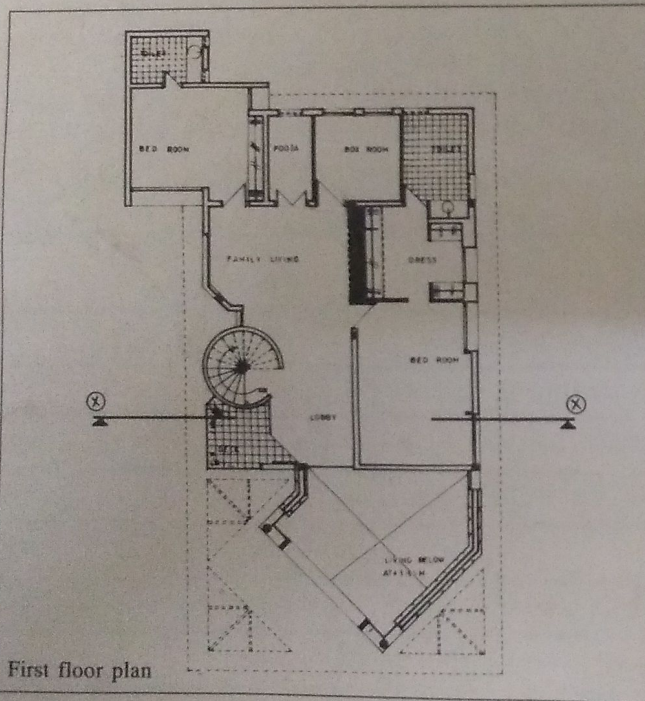
integrated areas and imaginative floor plans. The space stretching from living area expands beyond enclosing walls into the covered deck. This floor houses a bed room furnished with wall to wall wardrobe and an attached toilet. Dining area succeeds as a beautiful continuation of the nearby kitchen, pantry and the store.

Vertical circulation is through the decorative spiral stairs, landing at the lobby of first floor which looks down to the living room below. This floor accommodates the

family with living and the pooja room giving a personal setting to the whole unit and brings in privacy. Master bed room flows out into the walk-in-wardrobe and the attached dress and toilet.

Beautiful patios, lush landscaping, stone facades, projecting roofs with cut-outs, decks, angled walls, corner windows and glazed walls add to the advantage for the living style of Mrs. & Mr. K.G.C. Nair - an U.N. Expert - retired and settled here.

See colour pics on Front Inside Cover



Project Information	
Total built up area	: 3,200.00 sq.ft.
Approximate cost of Construction	: Rs. 8,50,000/-
Year of completion	: 1988
Transparencies	: Anantharam
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