



SOLITUDE IN THE CITY

Dr Mythri Shankar talks to **Saaniya Zaveri** about her dream home—a unique themed villa located on the outskirts of Bangalore

Situated on the outskirts of Bangalore city is Dr Mythri Shankar's villa. It's a two-storey house with four bedrooms and three baths, in the Eagleton Golf Village, that has rightly been given the name 'Solitude'. It has a beautiful garden with a Buddha statue and a pebbled pathway.

Each room in the house has its very own theme. The Space Room as it's called has a unique wallpaper from the Smithsonian. "It depicts the evolution of the Earth starting with the Big Bang theory in cosmos. An entire wall which lights up when the room is darkened depicts the solar system with the stars

shining and the Saturn rings swirling," says Mythri.

"Another room, which we call The Sea Room, has custom-made flooring with the pattern of ocean waves on it. There are dolphins painted on sea blue walls, and a matching bed set that depicts sea life," she adds. And

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did we mention the live aquarium sidetable by the bed?

Mud-coloured floors, green walls, bamboo curtains and a Swiss clock with a hunter who 'shoots' every hour. Yes, you guessed right; we have just entered The Jungle Room! "It even has hooks with deer antlers, a monkey under a palm tree lamp, animal print bedding with fur pillows and a bear rug," says Mythri.

One look at the living room and you will know that this family loves to travel. "Some of the things are a testimony to this fact—Venetian drapes, the Serengeti chess set that I placed on a wheeled cart, a Moroccan vase on a chest of drawers made of suitcases and the totem poles from Alaska," says Mythri. Yet the center of attention is 100 per cent Indian—a 300-kilo brass *abhisheka* set custom molded for the family deity, through which flows an actual fountain with mist and coloured steam on festive days.

Even with a house so interesting and captivating, Mythri's favourite spot is in her kitchen. "There is a rocking chair just by the kitchen window and I love sitting there with a hot cup of coffee, beside a large stack of books," reveals Mythri. ●