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Spotlighting 20 women who are leaving their unique imprint on India's evolving design story

This Women's Day, we celebrate a diverse group of women whose work, leadership and vision are shaping the future of design in India.

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From redefining residential and commercial spaces to shaping the future of urban design, women in India's architectural and interior design community are making their mark with ingenuity, leadership, and style. Across practices both large and boutique, these professionals are challenging conventions, elevating craft and inspiring the next generation of designers.



Established in 2007, Pentaspace Design Studio is a Mumbai-based full-service design consultancy specializing in end-to-end project management, from planning and visualisation to interior design and styling.

Ar. Pragya Sanghavi, Head of Research at Pentaspace, plays a key role in shaping both current and future projects at the firm. With value engineering across multiple verticals as her core specialization, she oversees projects from pitch to completion while managing team coordination, budgeting, vendor relations, and cataloguing. Her ability to strategically allocate and optimize resources also extends to business development and public relations, strengthening the studio's operational and creative framework. Pragya holds a degree in Architecture from I.E.S., Mumbai, along with a qualification in Construction Management from NICMAR, Pune, and Real Estate Project Finance from ICFAI. She has also been part of the prestigious Goldman Sachs 10,000 Women entrepreneurial initiative at IIM Bangalore. Her multidisciplinary academic background enables her to bridge architecture with construction, engineering, and project management consultancy, bringing a comprehensive perspective to the firm's work.

Ar. Bhakti Pote leads the interior design team at Pentaspace, bringing a refined understanding of material selection, cost analysis, and spatial aesthetics. Trained under her father, Ar. Arvind Shah, she developed an early sensitivity to design and spatial relationships. Her strong grasp of space, scale, and volume allows her to intuitively translate architectural intent into cohesive interior environments. Bhakti's expertise lies in visualisation and the optimisation of both interiors and architecture, ensuring that every project achieves a harmonious balance between form, function, and finish. The final detailing and refinement of each project are carefully shaped under her supervision, reflecting her meticulous approach to materials and design execution. An architecture graduate from the Academy of Architecture, Bhakti also holds a degree in Business Management from Xavier's, Mumbai, a combination that strengthens her ability to integrate design creativity with practical project management.

Together, the leadership at Pentaspace Design Studio brings design insight, technical expertise, and strategic management to every project, creating spaces that are both efficient and aesthetically compelling.