

# Housing people's dreams

That's what architect Sanjay Puri's doing with his new project in Dona Paula

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When it comes to residential architecture, the country has seen a series of trends hitting the market. With *Anantam* in Dona Paula, Sanjay Puri Architects, the award-winning architectural firm, has shown how homes can be interspersed with landscape organically with the sea, wind, palm trees, sunrise and sunsets becoming a part of each house.

"When I first walked on the site of *Anantam*, in every direction I saw 'Goa' with all its elements; the sea stretching upto the horizon in a panoramic view of 180 degrees, palm trees swaying to a gentle breeze all around and a serpentine beach skirting the entire periphery of land that rose steeply upto a height of 80m," says Sanjay, who has planned every space on the site to provide an unrestricted view to the residents.

Each apartment overlooks the sea with large sheltered balconies creating a transitional space between the inside and the outside. Landscaped gardens are interspersed with the buildings at each level creating an open lush green environment. The layout of the residential complex is designed taking advantage of the sloping site and the complete cross-ventilated spaces ensure that the buildings are more energy-efficient and the deep overhangs, reduce the heat within each apartment.

*Anantam* is the creation of the Emgee Group. "My association with Emgee Group dates back to over a decade. Our synergies in the vision has brought us together and we continue to create not just

towers but house people's dreams. That's the motto of Emgee Group as well," shares Sanjay. Emgee Group is the pioneer in constructing eco-friendly homes, much before the eco-friendly trend hit the Indian market. Their commitment in creating self-sufficient communities and their belief in giving extra value to the client, is what, the two firms believe, has kept them together all these years.



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