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a monthly realty news digest

Dear Readers,

REalVIEW is a monthly news digest bringing to our clients and well-wishers news updates on major developments in the realty industry. The periodical will keep the readers updated on the significant changes and trends affecting real estate development within the country as well as globally, thus helping them in taking informed and calculated investment decisions.

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A SENSE OF SPACE



Covid-19 has robbed us of many things – our work culture, our options to socialise, our holiday plans.... but most of all it has us trapped in our homes and taken away our 'space

Probably for the first time in years all the members of the family find themselves at home – together literally 24 x7! While earlier one or even both parents would go to work, the kids would be at school – each one in their own microcosm of friends and colleagues – suddenly they find themselves with only family members to associate with, all within the confines of their home. Even the most positive and upbeat families have now tired of the endless days of lockdown, coping with household chores, watching re-runs and playing board games. Everyone craves that sense of their own personal space.

This is where families who live in high rises and especially those blessed with balconies have an edge over others. While, your square foot carpet area may be limited – having the luxury of staring out at panoramic views can certainly expand your horizons, quite literally if you live on the higher floors! Looking out at a dazzling blue sea or even a

beautifully landscaped garden within your gated community can be a calming influence. Actually, even a cityscape can be quite a colourful canvas when viewed from a higher plane and the nights are an urban delight of twinkling lights.

The feeling of being boxed in just disappears as soon as you step onto your balcony. That is why it is lamentable that such a wonderful architectural feature is slowly fading away from modern building designs. The balcony gives a sense of openness that no other room can, no matter how large. The balcony offers a myriad of possibilities and continues to be on the checklist of most prospective home buyers.

The coronavirus pandemic will be conquered, the lockdown will be phased out but those in high rises with their own balconies will continue to treasure their added sense of space.

GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION: THE FUTURE OF REAL ESTATE?



Impact of COVID-19

The virally-conveyed clarity has shown us the fragility of the achievements of human civilization. The current pandemic has upended norms and conventions. It has caused us to reevaluate our role as designers and builders. The virus has certainly brought perspective to the ways our societies live and work. In the novel world of physical distancing, a thriving virtual network has become an absolute necessity. By disengaging ourselves from unproductive activities, we've reduced our energy consumption and thereby, our carbon foot print. Its first time in history that very basic tenets of design & construction needs to have a paradigm shift of sorts.

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New techniques

Green building principles need to be applied scientifically, underlying the thermal and luminous behavior of buildings. We spend 90% of our time indoors and buildings are responsible for 40% of our carbon emissions worldwide. Furthermore, a temporary drop in pollution levels has amply highlighted the large part we can play in reducing our carbon footprint. Our buildings can become substantially more energy efficient by adopting smart building materials like Low-E glass and switchable glass in facades, anti-bacterial fabrics and finishes, piezoelectric plasters, translucent concrete, shape memory alloys among others. Certain construction materials already standard in Healthcare may find application in other building types. The true test of sustainability will come after we are able to inculcate the changes brought about by this pandemic into concrete examples of energy efficient buildings and cities of the future.

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