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Gathering of Four designers hold 'fourth' on design, its unique facets, and a designer's own personality, at 'A&i Ideology Forum' at Residency Club.

When famous designers converge at one venue and share rare insights on work and life with other fellow designers, it has to be an inspiring evening. And so it did at the Residency Club, when A&i Digest roped in four prominent designers- Suntosh Baheti, Milind Chingle, Milind Chorrge, and Anil Ranka- to have a tete-a-tete with over 100 guest designers, hosted by Manpasand Pictures And Frames. Opening up about their life and work, the chat session proved to be highly revealing and remarkably, lot of fun too.

The four designers invited are known to be hugely successful and certainly innovative. As multi-faceted individuals possessing a voluminous amount of talent and charisma, they have all approached design with the easy flourish of the true artist and the meticulous care of the perfectionist. This makes them very interesting to indulge in conversations covering everything from design to hobbies.

The agenda was anything but conventional; instead of the staid presentation format, the function included a 'The person inside the famous Designer' section followed by focused interaction with the designer with reference to a clutch of select projects.

The function began with the unveiling of the 9th edition of A & i Digest Mega. With anticipation building up, Interior Designer Milind Chingle was asked to come up on stage. After a quick look at the designer's persona- as a young intern in an office to the budding enthusiast that he is- Milind Chingle was quizzed about his projects, including a bungalow, an office and a showroom. Stress was definitely on the distinctive use of materials and lighting and Milind answered in his quiet, unassuming manner.

Following Milind's interesting inputs on his work and style, it was now the turn of seasoned architect Anil Ranka's turn to converse

with the gathering. Known to be an architect who often sets the trends in residential design, his interests in travelling, music, and as a contributor to social causes became interesting factors that became a good starting point for the discussion revolving around the bungalows he has designed.

Interior Designer Milind Chorrge is a creative man who believes in logic and reasoning, and his wry humour also made many smile when he interacted with the audience over his projects, particularly a museum, educational institutes, and an ice-cream parlour. Before he explained the design of a few of his projects, his other talents, like having been an actor and hands-on troubleshooter, also surprised a few.

The evening came to a fitting finale-end when Suntosh Baheti, along with his partners Virendra Patel and Rahul Mutha in WEE3, sat together on the couch and smilingly answered questions ranging from working in a team to having executed some of the most talked-about projects.

Presentations involving designers and their projects are hardly new on the city's social calendar, but 'A & i Ideology Forum' proved something that must be regarded as crucial- that behind every good project is a designer whose mind is actually a keenly absorbent storehouse of passionately pursued hobbies, a strong sense of enjoying life, and of witnessing the wonders of the world around them. Since design is after all an amalgamation of so many things, it follows that the designer is certainly a person of many talents. This function effectively reinforced this fact and also brought the audience closer to understanding the four invited guest designers for much more than their showcased projects.



Interior Designer Suntosh Baheti & Ar. Anil Ranka



Interior Designers Milind Chingle & Milind Chorrge



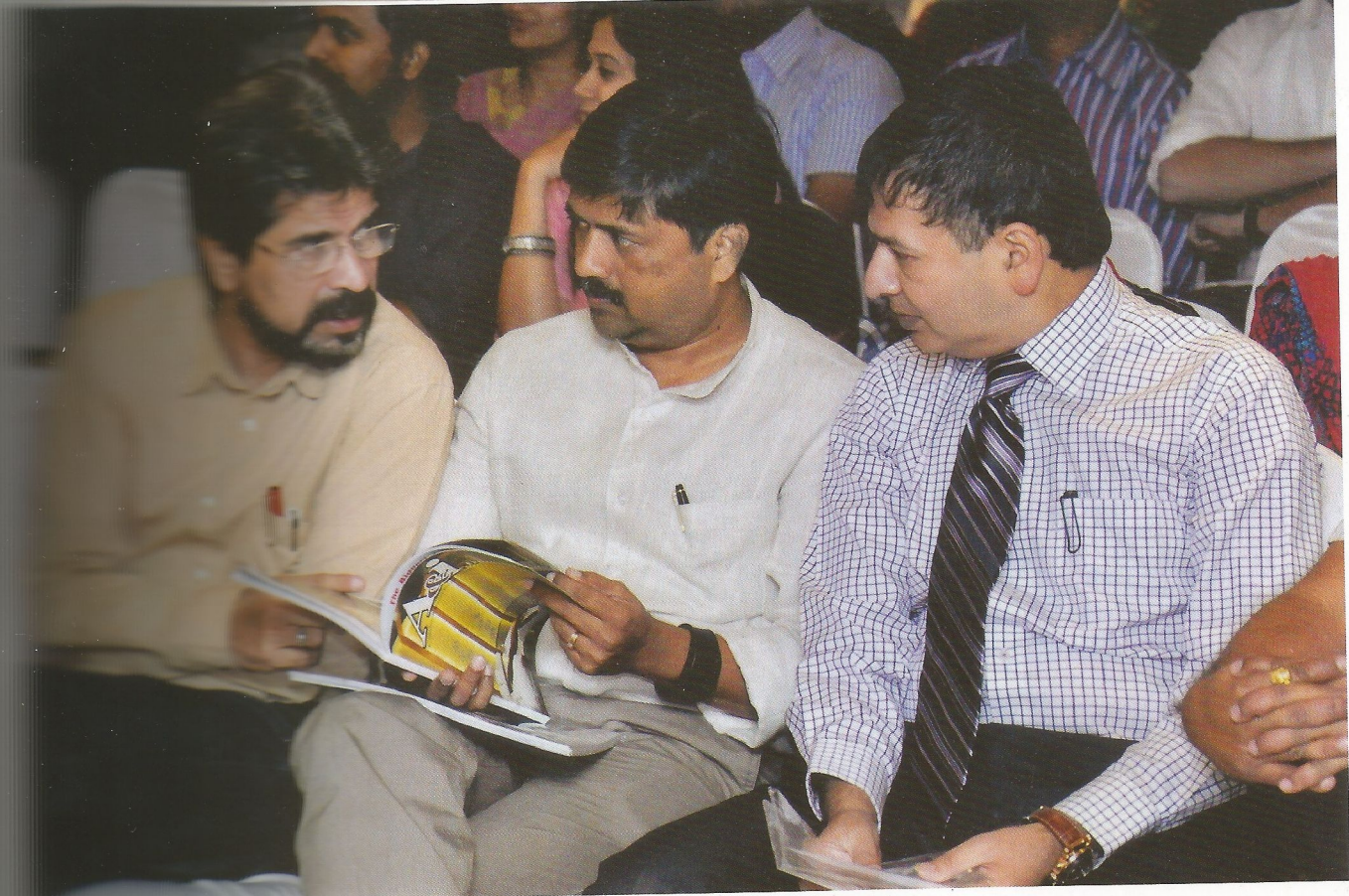
Host Chetan Vora Greeting the Guest Speakers



Amit Danait, Suntosh Baheti, Rahul Mutha & Pratap Jadhav



Eminent designers attended the presentation.



William Agashe, Interior Designers Pratap Jadhav & Suntosh Baheti browsing the latest edition of A&I Digest magazine.



The release of the latest edition of A&I Digest magazine at the hands of the eminent guests.