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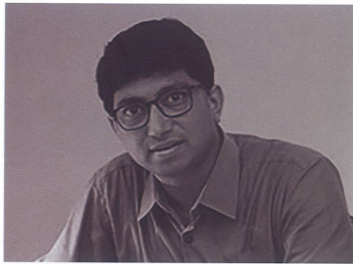
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STEEL YOURSELF!

An office for Tata Steel, Kolkata by Ar. Ayan Sen



AR. AYAN SEN

Ar. Ayan Sen creates a stunning new office for Tata Steel in Kolkata. The 15000 sq ft space shows an integration of diabolically opposite characteristics - contemporary and conventional, quiet and quirky, understated and bold – and manifests a new paradigm in office décor.

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An office of Tata Steel had to shift to a new location – on the 8th floor of a commercial building in Salt Lake, Kolkata. The 15000 sq ft space had to be designed keeping in mind the outreach and reputation of the company that it was being designed for.

The popular trend in office interiors is of open layouts. Minimizing walls, and eliminating cubicles creates a larger open space for working. More and more companies - whether small or large, have their top managers and executives sitting in open areas as well.



3. View of the MD cabin

management. Functional efficiency is ensured by the use of automation technology and LED lights. The lighting fixtures used in the project come in various modules from suspended decorative to down-lights, in recessed and can-shaped fixtures. The workstations are designed in clusters, with breakout spaces, lounges and meeting rooms.

A cafeteria and a library are also part of the programmatic brief of the office. The MD's cabin is placed strategically at a corner, with two open sides offering uninterrupted views of the adjacent wetlands and city beyond.

A high focus on sustainability led the design team to choose reusable, repurposed, recycled or recyclable materials in the interior. To enhance the working ambience and people's well-being without compromising the well-being of the planet, every possible design feature and element has been adapted to maximize benefits for the occupants while minimizing energy use and waste.

In terms of design exploration, steel has been used to craft design

elements – as a reflection of the organization. Using this material in combination with local crafts, sets this project apart from run-of-the-mill office spaces. Planters and bio-pods are used throughout to provide a sense of relief by bringing the outdoors into an enclosed space. Overall, the design manages to create a 15,000 sq ft. visually connected office space which not only displays functionality in its operation but is also relevant and relatable in the local context. ■

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