



9&10. The Neelkanth Heights project comprises 21-storeys towers designed in Spanish-Colonial style of architecture.

11&12. The swimming pool and club house are located at a height so that one can enjoy the scenic view of the hills and lake beyond.

13. Slated-tiled roofs adorn the top of the buildings, completing the 'Spanish' look.

Thane is a fast-growing and well-developed suburb of Mumbai. The architect was asked to design a mega-residential cum commercial complex here, on a site that is prime location with roads on all sides and admeasuring about 10 lakh sqft saleable area. "The site was erratically contoured, as it was a quarry earlier and there were too many excavations and cutting done of the existing hills...making the project all the more challenging to design". The west side of the plot has a scenic view as it abuts the Upvan Lake, a landmark recreational space in Thane and beyond the lake lie the Yeoor hills, creating a backdrop for the site. Deepak enthuses, "We took advantage of the site conditions and designed the towers on stilts and podium with 21 floors above, all flats facing the lake and hills." The towers are placed on the periphery of the site, providing space for huge central landscaped multi-levelled terrace garden. "Amenities like an amphitheatre, jogging track, rock-climbing, banquet lawns, temple, active and passive recreational area, water bodies, terrace gardens and more have been specially incorporated and designed in this project", says Deepak. The design of the building is