

ar. deepak mehta:  
**creating assets  
through buildings**

architect deepak mehta, a mumbai based architect, rides high on the upsurge in real estate industry that redefined the face of modern indian urban architecture over the last couple of decades.

**His unassuming persona merges** seamlessly merge with any background, but not so his architectural designs. They stand out as landmarks redefining the new skyline of an emerging urban India, despite a cluttered cityscape that leaves little room for an identity.

### driven by destiny

“Being an architect was in my destiny, I do not find any other explanation,” says Ar. Deepak Mehta. Hailing from a well-to-do Gujarati family, where career choices often veered towards business, architecture had the least appeal, according to him. He says, “I grew up in Ghatkopar, Mumbai, and as some relatives were mechanical engineers, I did toy with the idea of being one. After standard XII, I was almost certain to join engineering, when my school principal said, ‘You are good at drawing and music, why engineering? Why don’t you join architecture or fine arts?’ This changed my career choice, and I do feel humble before the concern and foresight of my teachers.”