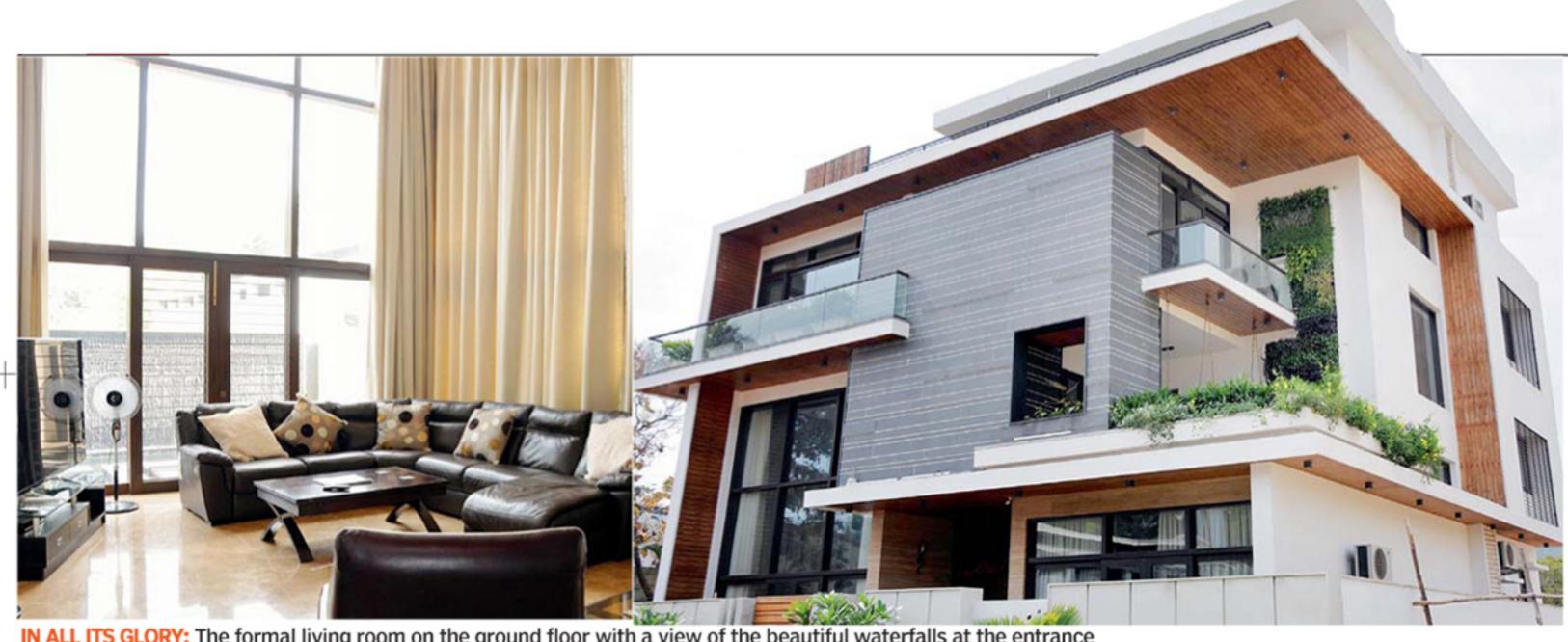
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STAIRWAY: The reinforced cantilever staircase

IN ALL ITS GLORY: The formal living room on the ground floor with a view of the beautiful waterfalls at the entrance

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Situated in the busy by-lanes of Karkhana, Captain Prakash Rao's 8000 sq. ft three-storied home is the jewel of the neighbourhood. Captain Rao, his wife Rama Rao and their 23-year-old son Santosh live here. Now, an entrepreneur, Rao and his wife worked on this house for over five years and call it their "dream home".

Three years ago, when cantilever Rama approached her architect Kanan Modi to design her house, the brief she gave was very "The house simple: should elicit warmth."

Keeping that in mind, the architect replicated the principle of warmth throughout the house with various elements including wood and



STANDING TALL: The 15 ft handcrafted marble wall

used liberally but aesthet- floor is for their son's bedwhich creates a stunning illusion of depth, for set aside for parties with a example.

The ground floor comprises the living room, which has a 15-foot wall level

> walk-in Modi. huge

glass. These have been wardrobes, the second ically, like the wooden room. The room has been staircase, given an industrial look. The third floor has been private kitchen and a bar.

Another aspect Rama was keen on was the multi connectivity. made of handcrafted mar- "Standing on the third bles. There's also the floor I can look down on drawing room, where what's happening on the Rao displays his ground floor now," says mementos. While Rama. "This also helped the first floor has a provide plenty of light very spacious master bedroom with entire house," says Kanan



The multi-level connectivity helps provide plenty of light and ventilation across the entire house and allows for better connectivity -KANAN MODI, ARCHITECT