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The top names in the world of Indian architecture and design
disclose to us which of their landmark projects is on the anvil

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For the founders of this New Delhi-based firm, who were always drawn to all things creative, great design is one that never ceases to inspire. And in the architecture profession, they found the "perfect amalgamation between art and technology with national and social implications." Over the last 25 years, they have challenged these convictions by implementing projects pan-India — from luxury stores, boutiques, restaurants to salons, residences and commercial spaces. "Rather than following current trends or pursuing gimmicky approaches, we believe in designs that are well-balanced, contextual and appropriate. We make a conscious effort to minimise the impact on the environment and use as many sustainable materials and technology as possible," explains the duo about their work ethic. Responding to the uniqueness of the Indian economy, DCA's work methodology keeps the people, their relationships, craft and the environment at the heart of the design intervention. Their solutions are guided by an unwavering focus on design excellence and innovation, that is primarily rooted within a local, appropriate context. "Instead of adopting Western techniques of mass production, we should be going local," advocates Aurora and Bansal, adding that local, handcrafted approaches could result in a more equitable and sustainable lifestyle.