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Society Interiors visits the home of TV actress Divyanka Tripathi.



Moving to a new city and adjusting to the lifestyle there takes efforts and the only thing to give you comfort is your own home. In such a scenario who would not love their home to have the essence of the place where they come from. Television actress Divyanka Tripathi feels the same way. The actress who played the role of protagonist in serial *Banoo Main Teri Dulhan* hails from Bhopal.

Brought up in palatial homes, her 1,260 sq. ft. apartment seemed small to the actress and the only thing that concerned her most was to make it look big and not cramp it up at all. Siz & Associates headed by Suraj Dutta and Imran Khan took up the task of giving Divyanka her dream home in Mumbai. Owing to the fact that the actress did not want something regular, Suraj and Imran decided to go with a Victorian look. With a combination of white and champagne and tinges of gold the entire apartment has

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turned out to be better than expected by Divyanka.

The sofas in the living room do complete justice to this theme where two double seaters are perfectly complemented with two tall single seaters. No conventional painting but a round mirror with a white frame adorns one of the walls and what attracts attention most is the beautiful spiral chandelier gracing a corner. "Gold is very pleasant to look at and I wanted to feel like I am living in a palace," says Divyanka, which explains the dominance of shades of gold throughout the house. Gold leafing done by Shehzad Khan of the Goldleafing studio has been used in the furniture in small quantities but prominently to draw attention to the elegance.

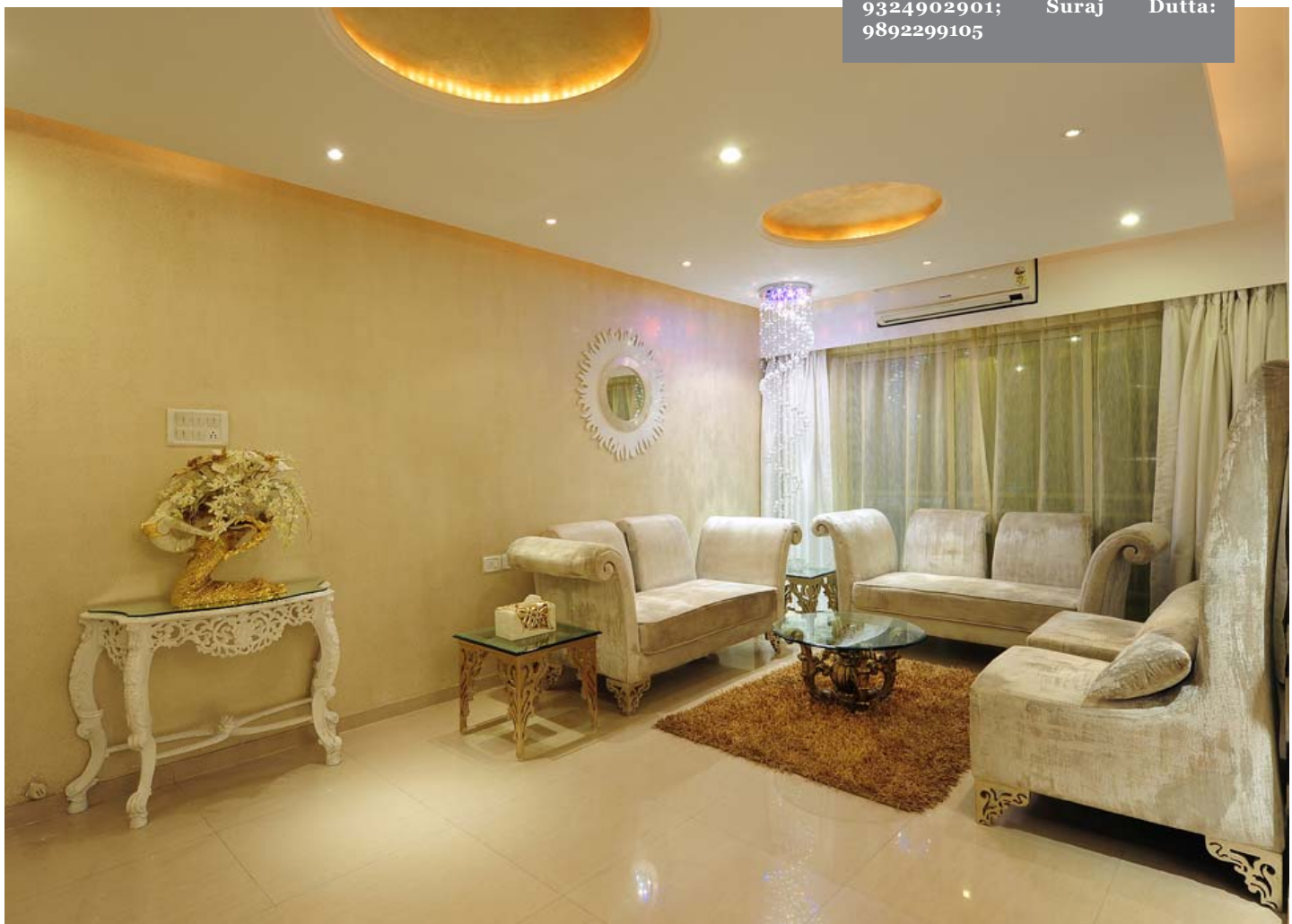
The dining area has an open niche display with hanging wine glasses which Divyanka has bought from her beloved home town — Bhopal. Subtly highlighting the trophy wall that showcase the actor's achievements are metallic leaves running at the back without shifting focus from the trophies.

Taking the Victorian theme ahead is the master bedroom. The bed here is in-sync with the theme and the ceiling, too, is interestingly



Suraj Dutta from Siz & Associates completed his interior design from Rizvi College of Architecture, Mumbai in the year 2006. He then worked with Talati & Panthaki Associates and later worked on doing the interiors of the chain of Main Land China restaurant. Since 2009, Suraj along with Imran Khan started Siz & Associates and ventured into design, execution and handling of turnkey projects independently. They design celebrity homes, residences, hotels, commercial offices, stores and clubhouses. The duo is now gearing up to open a one-stop-destination for all interior design services.

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adorned by a mural. Full-length mirrors have been placed at both ends of the wall facing the bed to make the room look more spacious. Highlighting the white painted wardrobe is the big gold handle. Right next to the master bedroom is a smaller room which Divyanka uses as her dressing and looks just like an extension of the former. The guest bedroom is the only part of the house which sees no use of gold or white. The theme here is contemporary and totally contradictory from the rest of the apartment. Black is used in dominance and to go with it silver leafing has been used.

Looking at the actress one is convinced that nothing is impossible when your heart is in it. "This house is a birthday gift to my mom," concludes the cheerful Divyanka 