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Goan traditional architecture had a language of its own, intricate, beautiful and very artistic. The chief building materials involved in a typical Goan house were all very local and indigenous. Laterite and stone were widely used along with wood, metal and tiles of different patterns and varied styles. Ornamentation was a focal point and evolved greatly. We present to you some salient features that distinguished this style from the others.

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## DRAVIDIAN MAGNIFICENCE

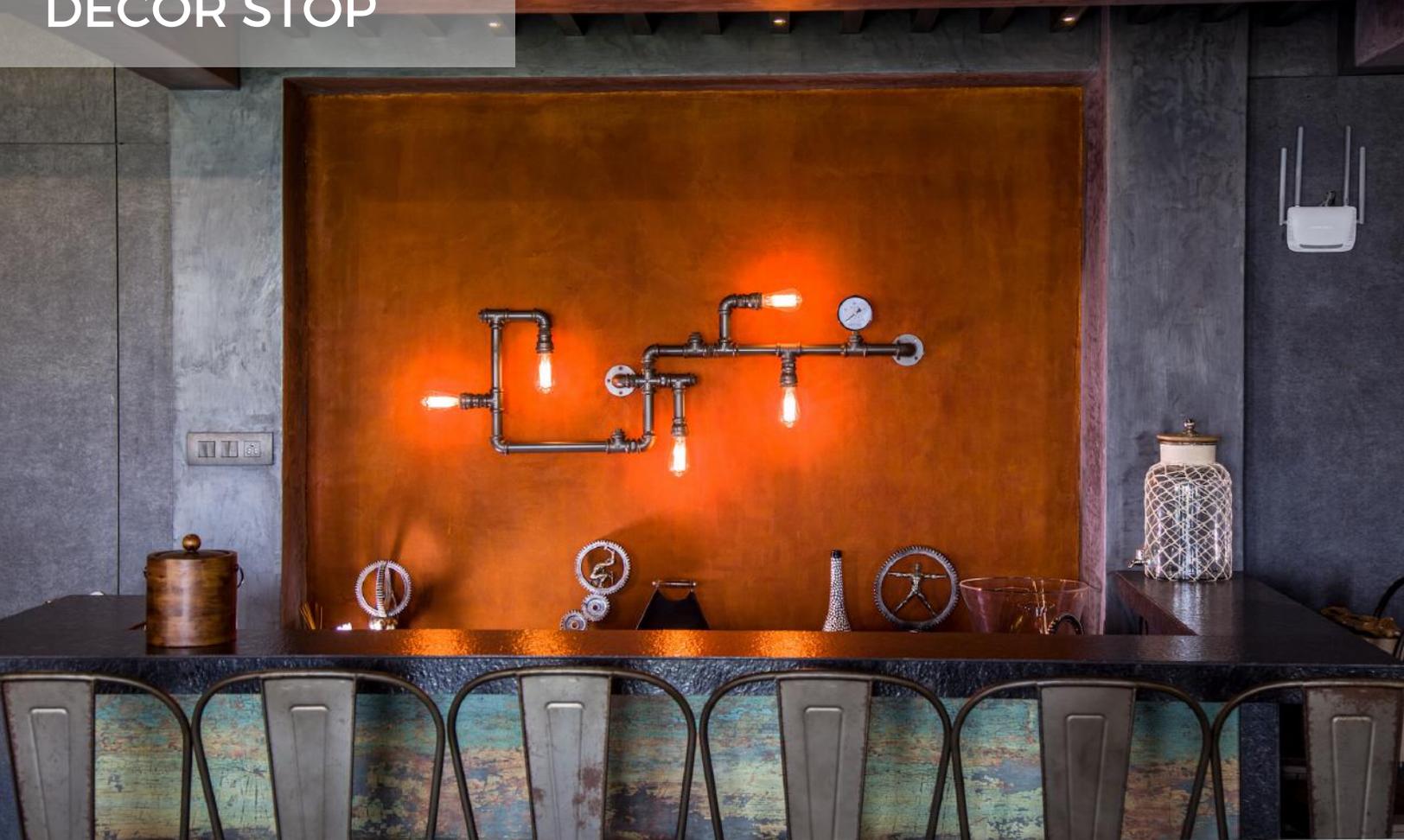
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The Rameswaram temple also known as the Ramanathaswamy temple is dedicated to the god, Shiva. The temple is spread over an area of 15 acres, and has been built using the Dravidian style of architecture, which stands within a complex surrounded by a high compound wall or ThiruMathil on all the four sides of the temple. The temple boasts of striking long corridors inside that are 5 ft. high.

The temple is primarily dedicated to Ramanathaswamy or Shiva and has the deity in the form of Lingam. The sanctum of the temple consists of two Lingams – one that was built with sand by Sita known as Ramalingam, and another that was brought from Kailash by Hanuman known as Vishwalingam.

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## DECORATIVE CONCRETE

'Evolve Interiors and Exteriors Solutions' is a new-age surface décor finishes company which manufactures novel surface finishes.

Founded by father-daughter duo Himanshu Shah and Krishika Shah in 2014, in Mumbai, India, It is an embodiment of their penchant for innovation.

The company boasts of having the largest collection of rust finishes in India, and can custom match any metal or concrete design inspiration. They forayed into Decorative Concrete Finishes to cater to the dynamic needs of architects and interior designers, and become the go-to company for unique surface textures, offering over 4500 design options. We spoke to their founders...

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