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THE GREEN SPACE



Leafy corners, sunny sills, and simple ways
to sneak some nature into our homes.

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Neighbourhood Nooks

Our neighbourhoods are shared spaces, somewhere between public and private. Landscape architect Subhagya Raval tells us about how we can look more closely at these spaces and rethink our relationship to them, and nudges subtle shifts.

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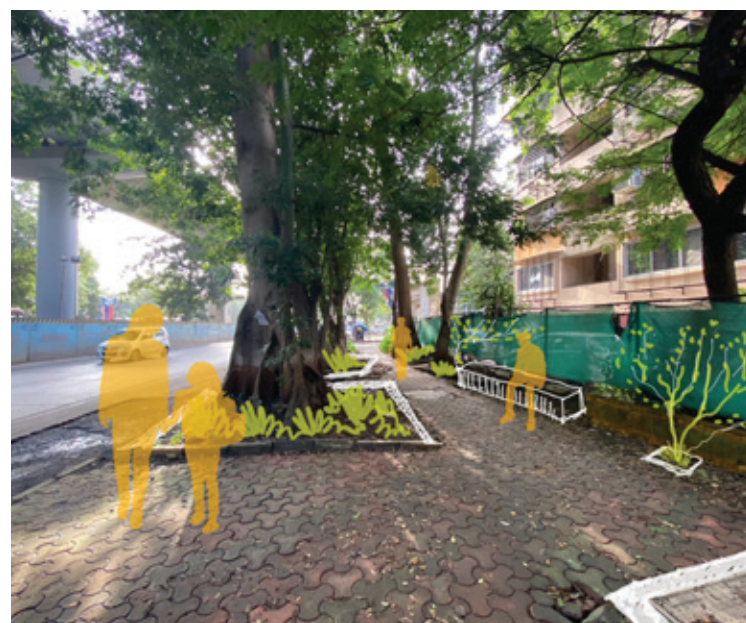
The latent potential of these spaces is immense, it is time to act and capitalize on it. Small interventions can lead to significant transformation.

In the midst of urban hustle, it is easy to overlook the neighbourhoods we move through every day. The streets we walk, the views from our windows, the small corners we pass—they quietly shape our lives, yet often go unnoticed. By pausing to observe and question these familiar surroundings, we begin to see their potential. A tree, a bench, a marked pathway — small interventions can shift how we experience our spaces and create more meaningful connections with them.

Questions to ponder: Why have I not observed this before? What minor alteration could enhance and make this a space to thrive in?



The concept of shared path — this shows how by something as simple as demarcation of bands, vehicular areas can also be used for other purposes as cycle tracks or pedestrian friendly connections.



A large pathway can be amplified by defining proper lines and incorporating some waiting zone. Remember, the space is well kept if used every day by a responsible citizen.



Cleanliness and hygiene can be maintained by making spaces usable through simple interventions. This will also help educate people not to throw garbage indiscriminately. If we create spaces, we get emotionally attached to them, which makes spaces liveable.



A small neighbourhood street can be demarcated using painted bands and simple materials, with interactive spaces designed for senior citizens to engage and socialize.

Making our spaces greener isn't only about planting; it starts with paying attention to what's already there. By observing, reflecting, imagining possibilities, and then implementing feasible ideas, we can turn overlooked corners into thriving communal places. These forgotten corners can become places to pause, meet, and belong—spaces that feel like natural extensions of our homes and neighbourhoods.

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