



**Lakshya Lohumi, MICA**

LAKSHYA IS AN avid reader and you will realize this the moment you enter her room. One side of the wall is painted with her favourite quote from "The Chronicles of Narnia" "I suppose we have only dreamt." These children, I find completing the quote by adding, my personal motives and goals," she says. The lamp is from the same story while a few more motivational items come colour in the room. "I like my life in the spirit that something is black and at other times, full of colour," she shares. Another aspect of her room

**Saba Nasir Pathan, IIT Gandhinagar**



**COLOUR ADDS CHEER** to life and with this idea Saba has designed her room with plenty of lights and stickers. "I have three lights of different colours and am planning to buy more. I choose the light according to my mood," she shared. Every time you return from class, you want to feel like you are at home and the animated stickers Saba got from a colouring book make her feel just that. "I love animation and it is important to stay cheerful when you're away from home." she shared. She is not good at painting, but has managed a beautiful piece of shading for her wall. Along with that, go pictures of her family and friends, in black and white of course. A fan of soft toys, Saba has a few she brought from home. "It is generally dusty here but I love keeping the toys with me as a cosy reminder of my home."

**Rayika Biswas, NID**



**INSPIRED BY HER** love for travelling and different cultures, Rayika's room reflects all things calm, cosy and serene for her. "My room is a very personal space. It reflects my lifestyle." The room is filled with paintings, posters, cushions and soft toys, letters and notes from her friends and more. "Many a time, I have packed stuff really fast from the spring of campus for my room," she said. The photograph on the wall was not clicked by her and was written in a very complicated font. She also has several maps marked with places she has visited and wants to visit. Rayika is very close to her room, "and the pictures with her make me miss her too."

## How room-antic!

Hostelites, leave their family and friends to enter a new world of college life. It is in their corner in the hostel that becomes their home. Rhea Lodhiya chats up with students who have transformed their rooms into personal getaways to a calm, peaceful time

**Smit Kaneja, MICA**



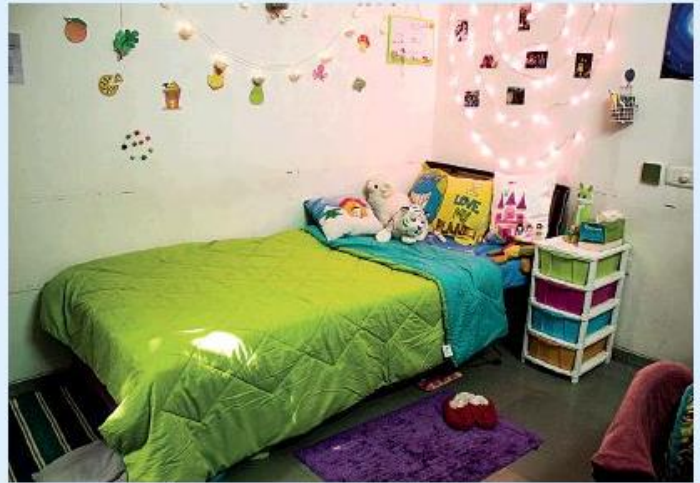
**EVERY ELEMENT** in Smit's room represents a memory from his past. Back home, his room had a grey wall. "But here, painting the entire wall equated to a new world of colours and as bricks were the best option." Many of the pictures, including a Buddha poster, were passed on by seniors and that is a sentimental MICA tradition. There is also a small piece with "Narnia" written on it and it hangs on the desk that at any other moment or how much you struggle in it, "I'm glad." He says. Every room has a story and every year the story changes. Smit's story has made it difficult for him to leave MICA.

**Aarushi Mittal, NIFT Gandhinagar**

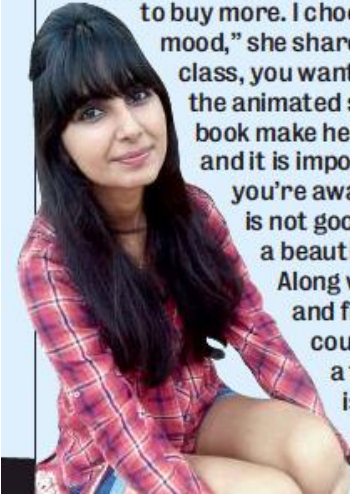


**AARUSHI LOVES FIELDS** so much that she says, "I would grow a plant and look after it as a hobby." She has fairy lights and a lot of stickers of places she has been to. Each one is a reflection of the person she is. Most stickers in her room are memories from the first day of her hostel. "The posters, colours and all other stationary were something to remind me." They were the largest frequently by rearranging things and adding new ones; the motto is always to make the space happier and better. "I am still not very tidy here. It was a great experience," she shared. Another side table is covered with a beautiful range of stickers. "I took one five days of preparation to come up with a collection, but given my love for gardening, it was worth it," she added.

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