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Sunita Kohli Interior Decorator

TRAITS : None noticeable. Her power lies in her creating the ambience that the world's most important people will take back with them about Indian decor. It is not a small thing.

The Kohli touch is visible in all the places that matter. In 5 Race Course Road Hyderabad House (where many of the top dignitaries and India's power elite are entertained) in the suites of Rashtrapati

Bhawan and in the VVIP aircraft interiors. A Bombay magazine even went so far as saying that the powers that be are so fascinated by her that when it comes to decor they can't think beyond Sunita Kohli. The surprising thing about this is that it seems to be true.

Kohli is an English Honours graduate of Lady Shriram College. Her confidence and amiability (which were a great

strength even during her college days) seem to have been powerful ingredients in ensuring her popularity in the social circuit from whence have come her high profile contacts.

Ms. Kohli's foray into the world of interior decoration seems to have come as a surprise to many of her college associates. They don't recall her having taken any formal degree in the subject, but

as one contemporary says, "she has a natural taste for the elegant and her culture-enriched Lucknow background had a role in it." Sunita Kohli sauntered into this field in a more definitive fashion by virtue of being Neena Singh's friend who was once very much part of Sonia Gandhi's entourage.

Now firmly ensconced in the close-knit circle surrounding Sonia Gandhi, this lady is said to bag all the prestigious contracts effortlessly. The contract for redoing the official premises of the Nehru Centenary Celebrations almost fell into her lap, sources say. Whether this is envious gossip or not, the fact is that Ms. Kohli did bag it gaining an edge over all the other contenders. Her friends deny that she is a go-getter and insist that she does a good job and enjoys the confidence of the Prime Minister and his lady.

As part of the advisory committee of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism, she has helped choose fabrics for the two major national carriers which has again gone a long way to reinforce the 'in high places' image.

It is also rumoured that she may be the one chosen for redesigning the interiors of Parliament House, which is being considered in earnest.