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So what if the Maids desert You!

The new age homes are intelligent, can obey your every whim, even before you articulate them



Click, record, rewind, replay: choice options in your absence

touch of the finger reveals a map of the house and if all door points are green, then they are secure.

ing machine, and the laptop, and the mobile phone. And all those other gizmos that we take for granted now. The trick is to choose how far you wish technology to bring ease to your life, and invest in it.

You might ask, as another celebrity did, when faced with the prospect of a home that does it all for you, why you should spend so much on something that a very affordable household help force has been doing for years.

Especially if you are just starting out to build your dream home, which is when you need to ensure you put the brain in first and install the wiring that makes the commands audible to the stations you want serviced.

But it goes much beyond that. Even family members do not anticipate each other's needs the way technology can.

So, in a home that is tuned to your needs, one central brain unit hidden out of sight can monitor your lighting, audio, video, security, and also ensure that in case you are on holiday, you can use your laptop to peep into your home through the installed cameras to ensure it is exactly as you left it.

Settle back then, to a life where on Sundays if you wish to watch a film, all you need to do is touch a panel saying Watch DVD and the movie choices will come on, and the telephone ring level go softer, the curtains will get drawn and you can sit back and let the rest of the world fall away.

All of it comes at a price. But so did the car, the wash-

Oh, we forgot the popcorn! Give it a year more and technology will fetch that for you too!

lifestyles," says Sanjiv Malvi, MD of Home Intelligence India, who is one of the pioneers in bringing 360 degree technology into the home.

In the six or seven years since Malvi started working with the intelligent home idea, he has seen how cities like Mumbai and Delhi have taken to the concept wonderfully, and homes in other parts of India too are beginning to transform into self sufficient islands of comfort.

Of course there are levels of comfort available.

It depends on the lifestyle you want.

Finally, what technology is offering is platforms, not products. And integrating the platforms and technology gives the end result that you want.

It could be as simple as getting your home theatre to perform with the quiet ease and comfort of a visit to a multiplex, or your preference could be towards storing all your music and movies on a server library that lets you see the art covers, read a synopsis, and watch a short preview before you click on the

movie of your choice. Almost anything is possible, and with passing years, it is getting more so!

Remote controlled light controls have been around for some time now, but the service is now at a point that makes human brains marvel.

And of course, there is the angle of security.

For, the more well furnished the home, the more tempting it is for those on the outside to want a piece of the goodies within. Today, technology helps keep your home safe too!

Take, for example, the case of a well-known film personality who admitted to losing sleep over the possibility of one of the many entries to his house being left open at night. The solution was simple. An interactive panel near the bed ensures peace of mind. One

Here's looking at the changing scenario.

The best thing is you don't see them. They don't complain either, or ask for wages. And they never take leave.

Technology has come to a stage where the home has a brain, and can make being at home more pleasurable than a holiday in the most luxurious of resorts. And not only because it's all your own to command and enjoy endlessly.

"It is the beginning of a huge change in our