



Vaastu & Homes

Mrs Ragini Niranjn Patell

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Born and brought up in Ahmedabad, Mrs Ragini Niranjn Patell did her schooling at C.N. Vidyalyay, a premier school of the city at the time. She excelled in studies; in fact was awarded a gold medal in microbiology. She is a Jain married into a Patell family. Her husband, the late Shri Niranjn Thakorelal Patell was the nephew of Ratilal Khushaldas Patell, owners of the landmark Natraj Theatre (now demolished) on Ashram Road.

Mrs. Ragini Niranjn Patell resides with her daughter Amoli and sister-in-law Pratimaben in the well-appointed and elegant apartment 142, Park West, located in Bodakdev, an affluent and fast-developing suburb of western Ahmedabad.

We met Mrs Ragini Niranjn Patell at her elegant flat 142, Park West in Ahmedabad.

*Excerpts from the Interview***Mrs. Ragini Niranjn Patell**

We were five brothers and sisters in all, staying at Ellis Bridge. We had a family business of trading in submersible pumps. After the unfortunate passing away of my father, my elder sister and I handled the business with full support from our principals, suppliers and our senior trustworthy staff. I was in my early twenties then. After my sister got married and left for Mumbai, I continued to handle the business, even after my marriage. I remember still, the days when my husband and I would leave together for work. Since both of us had offices on Relief Road, he would drop me in the morning and pick me up in the evening.

In time, when my brothers were old enough, they relieved me of this responsibility and began handling the business themselves.

Interest in Vaastu

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Sprawling Balcony With Sit-out of the Mrs. Ragini Niranjn Patell's Flat

Vaastu and there are plenty of Vaastu consultants around. But, from the early days, I have held Vaastu in high respect and yearned to understand it as much as I could. I bought a couple of easy-to-understand practical Vaastu guide books from the book exhibitions that I went to. Reading them convinced me that my husband and I were living in premises that carried serious Vaastu defects. I corrected some, but couldn't correct others and paid the price for it! I shall give an example.

I have given utmost care and attention to Vaastu but live with the ground reality that not everything can be Vaastu-perfect and that some Vaastu solutions are out of reach.

142, Park West

Dr Rao saw the plot of our 142, Park West flat and pronounced it an excellent choice. Subsequently, he helped us with the interiors too.

Modern architecture is conceived outside Vaastu and it came as no surprise that some of the rooms were not the way Dr Rao would have them. It was impossible to remove the structures, but as a compromise we changed the usage of space to something closer to the Vaastu ideal.

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Vaastu Works

For me, especially in this new house, Vaastu has really worked. During the two years that we were housed in my sister-in-law's home at Vastrapur until this place was ready, I suffered



Drawing room

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several reversals in my health. In fact, in the end, we were left with no option but to flee from that place and come here, even though work was still on.

Thankfully, that is now in the past. We moved here just three months ago; yet everything has improved so drastically that it is hard to believe.

The best part is that I have started responding to treatment, and this is a true wonder that I directly attribute to the Vaastu of the place.

Since 2002, I have been suffering from Myeloma, but it is only now that I see hope for myself. My daughter Amoli is very happy and says often that she is at peace here. I too, agree. This home has given me a secluded and happy haven where I can spend my days peacefully and with renewed hope. In plain

and simple words, life has become comfortable.

It is amazing how all of a sudden we seem to be privileged to pass through the Green Channel. Simple odd jobs that kept dragging are now done effortlessly as if they were child's play. It could be the mere transfer of a share certificate or a complicated medical treatment, everything gets done on the spot without fuss or delay. There were serious things that were lingering for six years since my husband passed away, but now, all have been cleared by what I can only call a stroke of Vaastu wizardry.

In a way things have come round a full circle and the faith I had in Vaastu as a young girl who read those Vaastu guide books has now been proven true. ■



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