



## VOICES 2012

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It has been the foremost agenda of Vaastuyogam to engage the public at large on issues pertaining to the Vedic sciences. This endeavor has taken us to the many corners of India and in the process we have had the privilege of meeting doctors, architects, lawyers, chartered accountants, businessmen, housewives, artistes, architects, engineers, stylists and astrologers.

As with every year we close the year 2012 with a quick re-look at the topics discussed with various people across the board in our interview series of Vaastu Turnaround, Vaastu and Homes, Jyotisha, International Footprint, Architect's Voice and Corporate Logos.

Mrs Gayatri Devi Vasudev



Astrology is a complete packet to be taken whole and not just the parts you want.

Ms Neeloo Balani



Dr Doshi explained (to us) that vaastu is an indigenous design solution for environmentally friendly housing that is founded on sound scientific principles of climatology and the use of locally available building materials. He also warned that Vaastu as it is practiced today is only as good as the Vaastu consultant because – in the absence of widespread knowledge on the subject – it is easy to corrupt the original intent and purity of the Vaastu design principles.

Dr Raghavacharya



It is the characteristic of Kaliyug that people think only about their immediate personal goals of money, good family life and health. They have no time or interest in the pursuit of "dharma" and in fact, this situation has arisen because there are no

true "gurus" who can impart the needed knowledge and enthusiasm for following the path of righteousness.

Mrs Bhavita Shah



As far as the Vaastu part goes, I strongly advice that Vaastu is a difficult and deep subject so please don't fall for any and every idea thrown at you. Get a Vaastu consultant with proven experience and then put faith in him and do exactly as he says. Vaastu has a direct bond with your happiness and health. Don't toy around with it.

Mr S.S.V Raman



The alacrity with which I was able to respond to Dr Rao's Vaastu

changes was the main driver of the successful implementation. You must try and understand the criticality of what I am saying. Normally at the time of Vaastu intervention a person is almost down and out. Neither his emotional state nor his finances permit him zeal the Vaastu changes entail. This always puts Vaastu on hold and even if implementation starts, it is a limping race full of second thoughts and strong doubts.



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Mr Harshad Ajoomal



I had heard about Vaastu but knew very little about it. Unfortunately, the experiences of my family with Vaastu so far had been not good. My father got Vaastu done for some of our factories in Gulbarga, Karnataka. In the mid-eighties our mini-cement plant in Karnataka actually failed miserably despite having a Vaastu consultant...

Meeting Dr Rao more often now, I understand clearly why one must follow Vaastu wholeheartedly. You have to be focused on involving Vaastu in all aspects of your business and home.

Architect Suraj Kathe



During my years at CEPT there were few students who dropped out, because they couldn't take the freedom they were given to think. They were the studious type and were bewildered because they felt that they "were not being taught anything!" The truth is that many of us were sleep walking the first three years. I think it is only in the fourth year the student becomes aware of how much the transformation has overtaken him. Then, in panic, he scrambles whatever he remembers of the first three years and calls it his architectural education.

Architect Paresh Gajjar



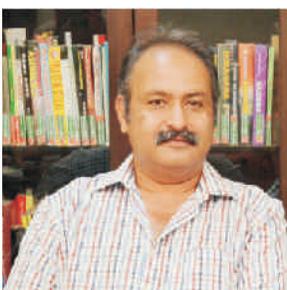
What is unarguably in favour of Vaastu is that the client has unshaken faith in it and will go to any length to do what the Vaastu consultant says. We, too, believe Vaastu to be a good thing and go out of our way to implement it in toto. In fact we have done our office in accordance with the Vaastu tips given us by a Vaastu Consultant friend.

Mr Amman Anup Kumar



Yes, I must add here that we have not had to do any big or costly re-work on account of his advice. All of the changes we did on DrRao's advice have been easy on the purse and the mind.

Mr Tony Sahni



We feel better now. As a business we are doing better too. We are getting recognition. After Dr. Rao changed the logo of our company, many people thought that a new international company had landed in Kenya.

There has been more visibility all round and everyone says, "You guys are really doing good."

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Architect Mita Brahmbhatt



Personally, I think Vaastu deserves our respect and more. Vaastu is connected with the earth who is our mother. And what the mother can give you, nobody else can. We will not be spared if we insult or injure her, knowingly or otherwise.

Shri Manoharji



One must study the Ramayan texts and not just read them. The texts must be attended to with devotion, respect and discipline. We must read them as bhaktas (humble followers) and not as critics.

Architect Narendra Modi



The ultimate but unspoken goal of every person buying a house is that he wants to have peace, happiness, good health and improve his social standing. I think this goal can be achieved with judicious use of Vaastu and under supervision of a worthy Vaastu consultant.

Mrs Smita Bhaiya



For me, Vaastu has never been in the forefront because Rajiv handles that part. Sometimes, when some things seem to be going awry, Rajiv's Vaastu radar traces them to Vaastu infringements that we might have committed.

Without losing time, he will set about rectifying the Vaastu and unbelievably we are on even track again.

Mr Naman Pipara



If you ask me whether we have seen changes in our fortunes, then my reply is that we made the changes in the logo as a long term measure and we are sure that everything good will come from the exercise. We are in Vaastu for the long haul and I recommend this to everyone; please don't be on the lookout for quick turnarounds.

Dr Manish Raval



I have learnt now, that you're home is not merely brick, stone and cement but a critical fulcrum for your progress, health and happiness. With good Vaastu in your house, things become easy, without you're knowing it. You can achieve the things you thought were not possible.



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Mrs Srinivas



Vaastu falls in the grey areas where we can observe its results in the dramatic upswing it causes but we can't understand the methodology. If, someone were to say that Vaastu did not work for him, I would ask him to get his Vaastu re-done from a good Vaastu consultant because I know for sure that Vaastu can never go wrong; but a Vaastu consultant may interpret Vaastu incorrectly.

Mr Sanjeev Agarwal



If you take the opinion of five different Vaastu consultants, you will end up with five different opinions. They will all agree on the broad principles but will not see eye to eye on other things. I find this situation not only perplexing but discomforting as well, so I have decided to stick to one Vaastu consultant – Dr Rao. I am happy with the results of his Vaastu and do not want to venture into unknown territory with someone else.

Mrs Abhija Dalal



I have clients who have returned from visits to Bali, Singapore and Australia who are impressed by the plants there and want to grow them here. I tell them "Get me that weather here and we will grow those plants" So, it is not as if everything can happen everywhere. If that was so God would not have made such varied topographies and climates.

Architect Yagnesh Ghoricha



An architect must arrive at balance and harmony. He should not be carried away by a some elements at the cost of the rest. To give you an example: If, when entering a

room, a visitor were to remark," The rest of the room looks fine, but the chandelier on the ceiling looks too good", I would see that as flawed room and dismiss the interior designer as a learner who lost himself during the project.

However, to be fair to the architect, he often has to succumb to the insistence of the client who wants to stuff everything nice that he has seen into his new house.

Mrs Deval Gandhi



Dr Rao started narrating things that had happened on that plot. Things no one could have ever known or guessed. The history of the place rolled out in a few minutes was straight out of a supernatural movie.



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Mr Rathin Goghari



As an architect one is working with all kinds of consultants and the Vaastu consultant is one more. Yet, the situation is slightly more complex, The Vaastu consultant has been provided with a license by the client to tinker and alter design. No other consultant has that kind of power.

Mr Kiran Patel



For many years I had known Dr Rao as a friend who shared vegetarian lunch with me. He had seen my house, office, everyplace I had , but that was all. He knew Kiran Patel does not believe in anything so he let the matter rest there. But now I was buying a property. It was a transit hotel near the airport. For its success I needed two things. Direction from my guru and good Vaastu and Dr Rao was the best Vaastu person around. And that's why I have made this trip and am here in his office.

Mr Pranav Khira



Nevertheless, for Vaastu to work you must "Shradha" and humility to submit. One has to come to terms with the realization that we are dealing with a force that adds up to more than everything we can do by ourselves.

Architect Navin Ghorecha



Whether architects may believe it or not, Vaastu makes a serious impact on the life of the occupant. Designing a structure against the Vaastu rules can and does cause infinite disturbances in the life of the occupants. Just as in cricket, teams prepare favorable pitches to suit them, one can use Vaastu to prepare a favorable pitch for our lives.

Mr Praful Shah



Things are bound to go wrong. Plans are bound to backfire. The most well thought out strategies may not take off. In all such cases, good Vaastu will come in handy.

Architect Yatin Pandya



In architecture there is no text book from which you teach nor a strictly defined curriculum and therefore in architecture exposure and freedom matter.

Cultivating interpretation matters. In architecture how you conduct a course matters.



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Mr Shyam Tibrewal



Over and above the many advantages of Vaastu I have found that Vaastu brings immaculate aesthetics to the factory. As soon as one enters a factory that is Vaastu oriented one cannot but be impressed by its beauty and orderliness. The second additional major advantage of Vaastu – if you have implemented it through Dr Ravi Rao - is that you will get a modern, scientific and logical work flow right from entry of raw materials to the dispatch of finished goods. Of course one could achieve these two through non-Vaastu agencies as well but if you have achieved these using Vaastu then they will make for positive energy.

Mrs Ruchi Harsh Ajitsaria



What happened after all the Vaastu re-engineering?

The answer is not as simple as the question because when one goes for Vaastu, it is because, firstly, it most likely prevents calamities from visiting you. Thus, the first result of Vaastu re-engineering - as I see it - was that nothing untoward has come our way...

I read in a back issue of Vaastuyogam that " First we build the homes and then the homes build us."

This sentence truly describes our experience with our home.

Chandrakantbhai Balwantbhai Sompura



The Muslims who desecrated Hindu temples, did so for the gold and jewels they would get to loot rather than to destroy the idols out of a supposed duty towards Islam. In fact, the Somnath temple was not destroyed by the Muslims – that would have taken them too much time. They first demolished the idol of the main deity and then indulged in needless rape and murder of the people, carrying away many women and children as slaves. As far as the temple structure was concerned, they merely hunted for the gold and diamonds and made off with it and in the process, damaged the temple structure seriously but did not destroy it totally.

Styleguru Mr Pankaj Sabharwal



"Style" is about expressing yourself just the way you are, and helping you become who you want to be. But you must accept yourself, as you are, before you can become who you really want to be.

Mrs Ragini Niranjan Patell

My interest in Vaastu goes back several years to when I was a collegian. At that time not many people knew about it and nor were there Vaastu consultants that could be easily found.