

External Effects of Vastu

In my earlier articles, I have extensively dwelt on internal factors of Vastu. However, there are also quite a few external factors which are mostly beyond the control of the residents. I have listed a few of them below.

HILLS AND HIGH-RISE STRUCTURES

Hills, elevation, heavy rocks, in the north/northeast will close the 'Eshanyam' of the dwelling. Similarly, water bodies like lakes or even ponds with or without water in close proximity at the south and southwest may as well affect the dwellers. Therefore, abundant care should be taken before selecting the plot or an apartment.

Similarly, a high-rise building or a low level house of a neighbor, with toilets at their southeast corner (which is in effect the northeast for the dweller) will affect even a fully complied dwelling. While the former will block the flow of positive energy, the latter will abuse the sanctity of Eshanyam. I have seen such unforeseen developments bringing serious effect on the occupants. The same factors in opposite direction, meaning water body in the north/northeast and elevation in the south/southwest will immensely enhance the compliance level of the dwelling.

HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSFORMERS

Fire is one of the five elements of Vastu meant to be boosted only in the 'Agni' segment. That is why kitchen is preferred at the southeast. Boosting 'Agni' elsewhere like 'Niruthi' or 'Eashanyam' can produce adverse results. The same principle also applies for external factors like high voltage power transmitters in close proximity.

TEMPLES

Vastu imposes strict restrictions on dwellings in close proximity of Temples and other places of worship. While

some texts stipulate 50 meters from the base of the tower as the safe distance, the others are satisfied if the shade of the tower does not fall on the dwelling. The priests of the temple are exempt from this rule since they are most often at the abode of the deities chanting mantras. That is the reason their dwellings have been assigned in the road circling the temple.

GRAVEYARDS AND SLAUGHTER HOUSES

Some of the ancient texts also talks about the dwellings in close proximity to slaughter houses and grave yards. While the former is perhaps, based more on sentiments the later one seems have no rationale or logical reasoning. The grave yard or cemetery is simply the disposal site for the residuals remains of the departed Athma whose ultimate destination is earth itself. In fact, all of us are living on the earth which is buried with such remains of numerous other beings.

I have recently approved an apartment in the city which had no takers since it was facing an unused burial ground. The buyer was able bargain a better price citing this as a major defect. Thanks to Vastu. The good news for people living in apartments is the fact that all such external negatives are proportionately shared by all residents in the complex. Perhaps, those residing in the higher floors may have zero effect.

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