

# Finding Brahma-sthanam in your house

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Brahma-sthanam or Paramasayika is one of the most significant facets and unique to vaastu.

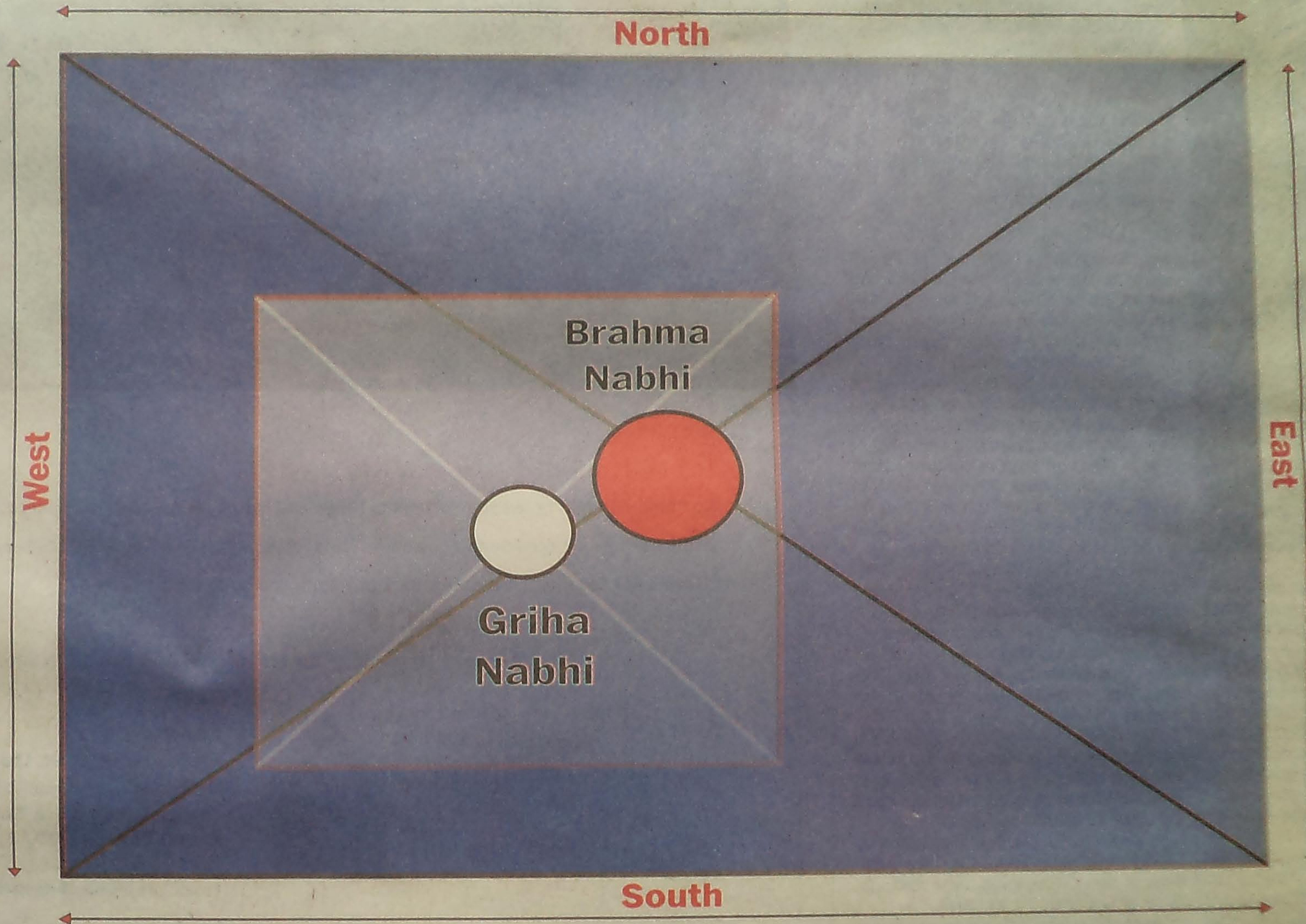
Unfortunately, it is also the most neglected subject by experts and in books on vaastu. This may be due to difficulty in identifying its actual location in the complexity of modern architecture with various shapes and sizes.

Perhaps, this task was lot easier in olden days, when buildings were mostly in the shape of a square or rectangle. Even today, most houses in our villages are seen in these shapes. The open courtyard in the center where the ladies offer prayers to Tulsi - or the holy Basil plant - is, in fact, the Brahma sthanam which means Pavitra sthanam or the point of purity in a house. Its location is at the intersection of northeast to southwest and northwest to southeast axis. Such intersection on a site is called the Brahma Nabi and the intersection inside the building is called the Griha nabi

If the readers are familiar with the concept of Vaastu purusha or Vaastu mandala illustrated in an earlier article, the Brahma-sthanam is his naval. Brahma-sthanam is as distinctive as the Esaanyam or the Pooja room in a dwelling. In actual fact, this is the nucleus where the cosmic forces intersect. Therefore, it is important to maintain its sanctity and protect it from negative forces.

Readers will be also aware that Vaastu prescribes the following formula for the orientation of buildings from the peripheral walls

This means, the Brahma



Nabi will not align with the Griha nabi to make a single Brahma-sthanam as illustrated in figure 1.

This also means that while there will be two Brahma-sthanams (Griha nabi and Brahma nabi) for independent houses and only Griha nabi is applicable for apartments since there are no individual setbacks in this case. On the same principle there can be

South (Vivasvan)	: Least width
West (Mitra)	: Wider than south
East (Aryama)	: Wider than west
North (Prtvlhara)	: Widest

perhaps multiple Brhama-sthanams for large industries, hotels and offices.

Any knowledgeable practitioner of vaastu science must be able to locate the point even

in odd-shaped and multilevel buildings and recommend suitable remedies. However, the difficulty may arise if it is buried under walls or columns in which case we have to apply

other methods to solve the problem. In one instance, I had to ask the residents to take a circuitous passage while moving between living room and the kitchen in order to protect the point. Interestingly, in a seminar I was asked by curious audience about the Brahma-sthanam of India. Unfortunately, this point seems to be eluding us due to the inconsistencies in the peripherals

caused initially by the invasion of Moghuls and later by the entry of the British, French and Portuguese.

The unsettled border disputes with our neighbors are also affecting the permanency of our nation's Brahma-sthanam. Nonetheless, readers can try and spot this point from figure 2, which is based on the boundaries indicated in the official map of India.