



If you err on Vaastu, it doesn't always call for demolition of a building or a space within it. Being an an-

cient building science, it goes without saying that all remedies for vastu are also scientific and practical. Most of the defects can be rectified without demolitions.

However, with misconstrued notion that Vaastu correction means demolition, many experts advocate various easy but ineffective remedies like yantra, mantra, yagna, etc. Here are some unwanted remedies usually suggested.

Feng-shui

The concept of Feng-shui, in many respects, is similar to that of Vaastu. Both are based on five elements and eight directions. The only difference is Feng-shui has substituted wood and metal in place of ether and wind in the case of Vaastu. It also believes in chi the positive energy. However, when it comes to the application of remedies I find Vaastu

is vastly different.

Yantra

There are quite a few yantras recommended by consultants. In some Vaastu books, the author displays the yantras meant to be buried in all eight corners of the house. He, however, forgets to explain anywhere in his long narration as to how the gadget will work from their grave. I was also amused to watch on TV yet another expert advocating installation idols of nine planets in nine respective corners with sun in the Brhamasthanam which is against the principle of Shilpa Shastra. The truth is there is no way such superstitious belief can remove man-made defects.

Mantras

Similarly, merely conducting Vaastu Ohmas and Yagnas, without physically correcting the defects, will also not effec-

tive. There are number of temples and priests offering such services for a hefty price.

Astro-Vaastu

Many authors also confuse the believers by linking astrology with Vaastu under caption astro-Vaastu. The truth is Vaastu is totally independent from astrology. The only link perhaps is to know whether the planetary position supports acquiring of an immovable property at the time of intended purchase. Astrology and Vaastu experts suggest astrologically suitable direction for a dwelling for individuals. Hypothetically, what will happen, if someone buys astrologically recommended north facing house for himself and later wants to gift the same to his wife or son which doesn't suit them?

Pyramid Vaastu

This is yet another commercial

gimmick advocated by some experts. Pyramids built in accordance with the prescribed dimensions can perhaps preserve substance kept underneath. An experiment with a shaving blade did prove that its sharpness was prolonged. This is because it was kept inside the specially prepared Pyramid. This explains how the mummies preserved in the great Egyptian pyramids.

However, what is beyond comprehension is how any tiny pyramids made of glass or plastics or even special alloys stuck on the walls or beams can remove Vaastu defects. Recently, one of my clients had to shell out some hefty fee for such an unviable solution. Needless to say, a simple Vaastu correction was more effective.

Commercial Gimmicks

The latest gimmick in the market is the Vaastu fishes and Vaastu paints. While many set up huge aquariums with a fish called Vaastu fish at a huge cost. Some are advised to paint their houses with repulsive colors in the name of Vaastu. Both have nothing to do with the science of Vaastu.