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Mr Ramakant Agrawal has been born and brought up in Ahmedabad. After completing his studies, he joined the family business of wholesale trade in textiles. In 1987, he started Jagdamba Polymers at Dholka and followed that with Shakti Polyweave in 1991. Mr Ramakant has a son, Hans Kumar who is with him in the business and a daughter who is married and stays in Mumbai. We met Mr Ramakant Agrawal at his Navrangpura residence.

Excerpts from the interview:



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Mr Ramakantji Agrawal with his son Mr Hans Kumar

Today, I am a firm believer of Vaastu and have in fact convinced many of my friends to adopt it. Most of them have believed in it and thanks to Dr Rao all of them – without exception – have been amply rewarded. The funny thing is that I did not take Vaastu seriously before I met Dr Rao, even though I had read and heard about it. I had a hazy veneration of it as a part of our glorious heritage that we must all try and understand, and follow in our day to day life. But Vaastu had not touched me and that was because I remained busy with my work and generally kept distance from any experimentation of the Vaastu kind. But, all this was to change because of Dr Ravi Rao as I will explain later in the interview.

I realize now that Vaastu has always been around me, even though I wasn't aware of it. I recall the old fashioned houses I have seen. Almost all of them were built on a plot that was either a square or a rectangle. Invariably the central square – the Brahmathana – would be open to the sky. More often than not the toilets were outside the house. These simple design rules made the homes over 80% Vaastu perfect. Those were happy homes with happy people. Inadvertently or out of calibrated discipline these homes were Vaastu homes. Of course, in the houses built today we don't see this design philosophy and no doubt we – the occupants - are paying the price for it. I must add one more thing. It is absolutely

wrong to say that awareness of Vaastu was more in the previous generations. The fact is that the current generation is fully aware of Vaastu but the trend to build flats has put us all in the clutches of unscrupulous builders who have their commercial interests first and last. But the winds have changed and again we see a grand revival of this ancient science through faithful implementation.

There is a segment in the business community – unfortunately this segment is not small – that believes that Vaastu results, if any, are more in the nature of a windfall



than a derivation of scientific design. If not a windfall then, at best, they see the Vaastu results as a happy coincidence. Now the point is that a windfall cannot be repeated on a sustained basis. But if it is a science, then it can be repeated unendingly. I speak from

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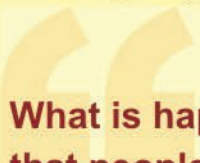


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personal experience when I say that in the event of things taking a wrong turn in business, one can pinpoint with unerring precision what exactly has been disturbed (from the Vaastu angle) and how it may be remedied. If the southern wall is damaged then certain things might happen but on the other hand, if the western wall is damaged, certain other things might happen. Sitting in his office, Dr.Rao can predict the cause and the outcome of Vaastu transgressions. This happens. We have experienced it too often to write it off as a windfall or a coincidence.

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I shall give my own example - I have a fair knowledge of Vaastu and more than that I am very close to Dr Rao. Yet, my destiny had ordained that I go through some woes; and go through them I did.

Let me elaborate - There is a toilet just above my main gate. Dr.Rao had been insisting that I do away with the toilet but somehow it was stuck where it was. Why? The simple reason is that I was destined to suffer and therefore despite my usual alacrity in Vaastu matters, and despite Dr Rao's continual insistence, I dragged on with this crucial error. I finally corrected this about six months ago but the story has a twist here which is worth sharing.

Dr Rao had given me an unequivocal instruction that when the main door was shifted, I should in a concurrent and parallel action build a compound wall of over 2.5 feet in a particular area which he spelt out quite clearly. He warned me that if this was not done, my health would be at stake. I did not build the compound wall and suffered as was ordained by destiny. For all my urgency, the compound wall construction kept getting delayed. For three full months, I suffered the worst health crisis in my life.

Finally, I called Dr Rao. Despite his heavy commitments elsewhere, he rushed to my home. I overheard him on the phone as he told his wife Komal that he knew exactly why I was in such bad shape and that he had to rush to meet me, come what may. In the



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evening, both Dr Rao and his wife Komal came over to meet me. Even as they were entering the house, Komal exclaimed that it was true that Ramakantji had not made the compound wall. Within four days, I got the compound wall built and soon enough I was hale and hearty again. Meanwhile during the three months of my sickness, no doctor could correctly diagnose the cause of my sickness nor suggest medicines that would give me relief.

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Dr Ravi Rao is dedicated to his profession. He does not believe in exaggerating things, nor does he make tall claims of any kind. He keeps himself to Vaastu and what it can do. He is a strong advocate of the corrective role of Vaastu in improving business fortunes. I have never seen or heard him make bombastic claims like many of the other Vaastu consultants.

The best part is his clear identification of the problem along with the gradual and gentle flow of Vaastu changes. This has always

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been his style. I had noticed this many years ago when he was a complete new comer and perhaps I was one of his first clients. On my third meeting with him, he made a couple of suggestions. He did not press the point but quietly mentioned the pros and the cons. I was very impressed and so was my younger brother Yogesh. Dr Rao was always less talk and more work.

More importantly, his solutions worked! Not once or twice but always. His grip on Vaastu was phenomenal. Call it his intuition or whatever you like, but the fact cannot be denied that he hit upon solutions in a matter of hours, not days. It startled us to see that his solutions always gave positive results. We were convinced that Vaastu is pure science and Dr Rao its true proponent.

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I will talk about one instance here: Around that time, Arvind mills was going through a rough spot. It so happened that the arbitration of my family had been conducted by Sanjay Lalbhai's grandfather, Kasturbhai Lalbhai. Shri Kasturbhai had gone out of his way to settle our family matters. His obligation was towards my family and I thought that one way in which I might repay that obligation was by introducing Dr Rao to Arvind mills which is now run by Kasturbhai's grandson, Sanjay Lalbhai.

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I thought that if I could do something good for Arvind mills, I should. I introduced Dr Rao to Sanjaybhai and eventually Dr.Rao did bring in many improvements there which impacted the company's fortunes favorably. ■



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