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Mr Moti Bhojwani was born and brought up in Singapore. After the India-Pakistan partition his parents moved from Sindh to Jaipur and from there to Singapore. The family had several businesses, one of which was a Malaya Silk Store Pvt. Ltd. a retail store that was looked after by Mr Moti Bhojwani. The retailing was phased out in the early nineties and the company now is in the business of exporting bulk food items (like Rice, Sardines etc) and consumer electronic goods(plasma T.V's, air-conditioners, refrigerators etc.) to countries in Africa and Asia. Apart from Singapore the company has offices in Dubai as well.

We met Mr Moti Bhojwani in our Vaastuyogam office, when he was on one of his occasional visits to India.



Mrs and Mr Bhojwani with Dr Rao at Vaastuyogam office, Ahmedabad

It was around 1999 that I first met Dr Rao. He was on his way to Sydney and had made a day's halt at Singapore to meet my brother. That was when we all got to know him. I got to know him better because he was staying with me. He always stayed with me whenever he was in Singapore . It was only when he came here on vacation with his family he stayed in a hotel. My personal relationship with him has bonded further because our ideas on religion etc. are on the same wave-length. Moreover being with him 24 x 7 whenever he was in Singapore , we became very good friends – and have remained so over the years.

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Excerpts from the interview:-

Astrological Bulls-Eye



I am not a big believer in Vaastu etc. In fact I think things are in God's hands and there the matters rest. Yet – at least in the Astrological sphere- the astounding accuracy of Dr Rao's predictions have encouraged me to do a re-think and believe in what Dr Rao says; not entirely though because one cannot factor out the hand of God from our lives.

I give you a very recent example that has enforced , further, my faith In Dr Rao:-

My son studies in U.S.A and we were anxious about his job prospects there. Dr Rao told us to take it easy because when things will happen for him , they will happen just in the nick of time. As things came to pass, that is exactly how the events finally rolled out. He got a job just a day before he graduated!

There is another part of Dr Rao's advise that I want to mention. My son refuses wearing black because Dr Rao has warned him about it. Recently, when I went to the U.S.A to meet him, I asked him about it and he said that he doesn't wear black colour because Dr.Rao has warned him against it. - Mrs Moti Bhojwani



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Singapore and Indians



Singapore is the world's fourth leading financial centre, and its port is one of the five busiest ports in the world. Some 5 million people live in Singapore, of whom most are of Chinese, Malay or Indian descent. There are four official languages: English, Chinese, Malay, and Tamil. English is the first language of the nation and is the language of business, government and medium of instruction in schools. Buddhism is the most widely practised religion in Singapore, with 33% of the resident population declaring themselves adherents at the most recent census.

While contact with ancient India left a deep impact on Singapore's indigenous Malay culture, the mass migration of Indians to the island only began with the founding of modern Singapore by the British in 1819. Initially, the Indian population was transient, mainly comprising young men who came as workers, soldiers and convicts. Today over 3% of Singaporeans speak Tamil as their home language and though only Tamil has official status, there have been no attempts to discourage the use or spread of other Indian languages especially Malayalam and Punjabi.

For an Indian, it is extremely easy to move to Singapore because close to 10 % of the population here is of Indian origin. And now thanks to banks and financial companies that have regional headquarters in Singapore, there is a substantial expatriate population of Indians here. In fact, there are so many Indians here that Bollywood movies are released here on the same day as in India.



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FengShui experience

In Singapore, we were familiar with FengShui – there was a lot of it going around – and so we were aware of the correctional powers of traditional sciences for improving life's prospects. Mostly, it was the Chinese who were into FengShui, but even Indians were experimenting. In fact, I had a brush with FengShui myself before I met Dr Rao. I had invited a Chinese FengShui consultant for an opinion and he made a list of what I

should do to strengthen the FengShui of my place. As a precaution I got the place double-checked by another FengShui consultant, but he gave me a list that was quite the opposite of the earlier guy. This incident shook my faith in both of the consultants and I finally decided to do nothing.

Vaastu

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A good friend spoke highly of Dr Rao to my brother and so we felt that, rather than wait for things to take a wrong turn, we might as well check out the Vaastu status as Dr Rao

was around in Singapore for a day or two. After having a look at our offices and homes Dr Rao suggested that we do a few changes both at home and the office. What he asked us to do, was not really too much, so we went ahead with most of his suggestions.

Dr Rao did explain to us, though, that in Vaastu everything is inter-related - the house, the business, the offices and factories. There was informal debate over what was to be done. We are five of us brothers and each one has different level of belief in Vaastu. Some felt that as things were going well for so long there was no need for Vaastu or any other such thing. Others – me included – believed that there was a method and science behind what Dr Rao was doing and there was no harm to try out his solutions.

It is very difficult to explain to someone who is new to Dr Rao or to Vaastu , but there is no doubt in my mind that Dr Rao's Vaastu worked phenomenally. Whatever his solutions promised, they delivered. This did

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not happen once or twice but time and again and I must confess that his solutions were of immense value to me in my business and personal life.

The interesting – and happy – part of Dr Rao's solutions was that they were all by way of "minor surgeries", there was never any "major surgery". I remember one of the bigger "minor surgeries" that involved putting a water body outside the house building. I was O.K. with it despite the costs because we were adding something rather than undoing or breaking things. One of the issues surrounding a couple of suggestions was that - the site conditions of the house, being what they were- the suggestions just could not be implemented.

Favorable Mind-Set

Everything is inter-related in Vaastu and so

an imperfect house can be a destabilising force, even if your offices and factories are Vaastu O.K. Occasionally, few Vaastu changes just can't be made and therefore - for some period of time - one tends to lose faith. I think that in such a case, we've got to wait for the right time for the things to happen, for happen they will.

One has to arrive at a favorable mind-set before tackling Vaastu. Earlier, Dr Rao had recommended certain things which we did not do at that point in time because during that time our mind-set did not accept it; but we did do the changes later.

Often, some of the vaastu changes are minor but they appear to be major ones and difficult to implement. To give an example you have a habit to keep your shoes in a particular corner and you tend to leave it the

way it is. It's a habit that you have formed. Dr Rao asked us to move our shoe rack but for many years we just didn't do it. Then, some years later, by some act of providence our mind-set changed and without thinking much about it we moved the shoe rack to the Vaastu prescribed place that Dr Rao had told us about many years ago.

So it happens often, that even though you cannot explain it to yourself you simply refuse to do the few simple things that might change your life. Your mind refuses to budge. It keeps saying this is stupid, but how do you fight your mind? ■