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Ancient modern

Don't apply Vastu principles blindly as the centuries-old norms have to be rejigged to suit the modern social realities.

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Vastu is a science to managing energy coming from different direction. Each direction has its own characteristics and that is because of energy field of that area. These fields are created because of sun path and gravitational field of earth. The combined effect of these energies decides how a direction affects the beholder of that house. For example, 'north' is considered the direction of wealth. So, if some



house is more open in north, it will result in increasing financial inflow. At the same time, north is also considered as feminine direction, so there are chances that these houses also have more female issues.

The times are changing

— so are our social structures. Relations among family member are getting new definition every day. It is essential to check Vastu norms in today's scenario. We can't apply centuries old fundamentals in the same way they were once applied, in

those times, with a different set of social parameters. The needs of the times are changing as well and we have to keep that in our mind. There was a time when women did not play any role in the family's earnings and were more home-bound. But, these days

women have joined the workforce in a big way and are even heading corporates, domestic as well as MNCs, and have become reasonably powerful. They are setting new standards of expectation each day. So, it will be a folly to apply old fundamentals for modern-day ladies, in the same old-fashioned ways. We should not now try to curb the growth of female members, especially if they are an earning partner in the family.

A great many ladies who are very successful in their lives and have attained a respected position in society, live alone in this 'man's world', but, still, have power to change the society. This provokes us to enquire as to what is the deriving force behind these ladies. What are the energy fields which are giving them power to face the whole world alone? A case in point is a lady who is working as a media manager in a MNC. The first thing which strikes one in her house is the entrance — from south-east. As per Vastu norms,



south-east is the direction which empowers ladies, and entrance from this direction into a house gives power to ladies of that house. But, can only an house-entrance have such power to invest women

that much power?

To confirm this thesis, several other houses occupied by some successful and powerful ladies were surveyed. These visits included house of some teachers, saintly women,

politicians, lawyers and service-class ladies. The results reaffirm the age-old Vastu fundamentals. Two things which are common in all these houses are the south-east entrance and the south-west bed room.

The combination of these two is apparently giving these successful women power to stand alone against the whole world.

Traditionally, south-east entrances were considered very negative and inauspicious — but, with the changing social scenario, where the women also have their individual identities, the south-east entrance has also gained significance and is generating positive wonders. If we want more ladies like Kiran Bedi, Sheila Dixit, Pratibha Patil et al, we should not follow the principal of blocking south-east blindly.