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## Vastu Tips

### Shape of the site for house construction

1. Square plots are ideal for residential purposes:
2. Rectangular plots are also considered beneficial, but the ratio of breadth to length should not be more than 1:2
3. Trinangular, hexagonal or circular sites are not good.

#### ANGLES:-

1. The included angles between the sides of the plot, if 90 degrees, it is considered to be very good.
2. It is important that the angles at the South West corner is 90 degrees.
3. North East angle should not be more than 90 degrees, it could be less or exactly 90°.
4. North West angle should never be less than 90°. It can be more than 90°.
5. South East angle can be close to 90 degrees or a little more but never less than that.

#### Location of plots and Roads:\*

a) In the order of preference the plots facing East or . North are considered good.

1. Plots having roads on all the four sides is excellent and the owner will be blessed with good fortune.
2. Roads on North or East of the plots are considered to be the best.
3. Plots having roads on South or West are beneficial for business people.
4. Plots having roads on South and East are recommended for ladies and their organisations.
5. Roads on North and West of the sites are favorable too.

#### Projections in the Sites:-

1. Projection in the North East is good.
2. Projection in the South West corner is not favourable, but can be corrected.
3. Projection in South West and North West is not beneficial, but alterations can be made.

#### Levels of the Plots :-

The levels on South and West should be higher than

a) North and East.

1. The levels at South East and North West should be higher than the levels of North East, but lower than that at South West.
2. The levels at North should be lower than South and the levels at East should be lower than West.

#### Wells :-

1. The well, tube well etc., which are the sources of water supply is considered quite important in Vastu Shashtra.
2. Wells should never be located in the West, South or South West.
3. It is not correct to locate a well in the centre of the building.
4. Location of the well should not be in front of the main door of the house or opposite the gate.
5. A well located in the Eastern side of the Site should be in the first half of the site towards North.
6. The water sump provided at North East corner is said to bring happiness and prosperity.
7. The over head Tank should always be in south West and not in North East direction.

#### Corner Plots :-

With regard to corner plots, North-East corner plots are the best. In case the corner plot is in South East corner, roads will be present on South and East. Then the main door should face only East. Open space should be provided on the East. Those plots which will have roads on South and West, the main entrance should face West.

If the corner plot is in North West corner, the roads will be on North and West of the plot. Then the main door should face West.

There are eight lords for eight directions and they rule their positions. The open space left around the house have varied influence on the inmates of the house.

Kubera being the Lord of North, bestows happiness and prosperity if more space is left in the North. When more open space is left in North East corner, the Lord of that position being Esha or Shankara, health and soundness of body is conferred, the East is ruled by Lord Indira who blesses with prosperity and happiness if more space is left in that direction.

As South East corner is ruled by Agni or Lord of fire, if less space is left the inhabitants enjoy stability and contentment. Lord Yama reigns the South and hence less vacant space left in South results in being fortunate, peaceful and wise. The South West is ruled by Niruthi - a demon or Rakshasa, less open space should be left. This bestows balanced life and life without anxiety. Providing less open space in the West whose presiding deity is Varuna, god of rain, prosperity and contentment are the effects, less open space should be left in North West corner, for it is ruled by Vayu or god of wind; this results in achievement of wealth and good progress.

In order to derive the maximum advantages, the building should be constructed in such a way that it is parallel to Earth's magnetic force. If the roads are not parallel to the magnetic force, the building can be constructed at right angles to the road. The difference of the

**Vastu Shashtra does provide certain guidelines. Houses, Offices, Industrial sheds etc - may follow the following guidelines;**

1. The compound wall in front of the main door should not be more than two thirds of the height of the main door. The compound wall on South or West should

be higher than that on the North and East.

2. Open space around the building is a must. There should be more vacant space in the North and East side and less open space in the South and West side of the plot.
3. If any addition in the height of the building is done, it should be done in the South or West. The floor level of sit-outs or open verandahs in North or East should be slightly lower than the floor level of the main building, while sitouts in South or West slightly higher than the main floor level. Balconies should be towards East or North.
4. The main gate in the compound wall should be either in North East, North West or South East only. If trees happen to be there, trees grown in West and South can be taller than the building while trees grown in North and East should not be taller than the building.
5. Window openings should be more towards East and North and less towards South and West. Total number of doors and windows, taken separately should be even in number and should not have zeros in the ending like 10, 20 etc.; doors should normally be in North and East and less doors and openings in West and South. Some effects are predicted regarding the number of doors. If one - wealth and riches; two - happy and comfortable; three - inauspicious; four - longevity; five - ill health; six - blessed with sons; seven - not favourable; eight - comfortable and happy life ; nine - health hazards; 10 - not auspicious.
6. The main door should never face intersection of roads. Trees should not be in front of the entrance door. Only if the above obstructions are quite distant from the main door, and that distance is more than the height of the building than it is considered to be favorable.
7. The steps to the main entrance door should be even in numbers. Number of pillars and beams should also be in even number.
8. h) Thicker walls are recommended on West and South side, while thinner walls can be on East and North. side. The same holds good for the compound walls too.
9. If the plot or site faces the roads on North or East the gate should be located in the North East direction. If the plot faces the road in the South, the gate should be provided on south or South East and not on the South West. For the plots facing West, the gate should be on West or North West.
10. Kitchen must be located in the South East corner.
11. The room provided for Gods and prayer, i.e., Pooja room should be located in the North East corner.
12. The sink in the kitchen should be in the North East corner of the kitchen. Shelves and racks provided for storage purposes should be on Southern or Western side of the walls and not on Northern or Eastern side. The person who cooks should face East.
13. Master bed room should be located at the South West corner. Attached bathrooms should be in the North or East of the bed room and the commode should face either South or North and not East or West.
14. Staircase should be provided in South, or West or South West because of its height and weight. It should not be provided in North-East.
15. Verandahs should be planned in East or North and not in West or South. The roof of the Verandah should be lower than the roof of the main building.
16. Porticos should be provided in North East, East or North. The roof level of the portico can be equal to Verandah roof or lower, than that. The car shed should be located in South East, south West or North West. Servant quarters should be in North West corner. Out-houses can be designed in South East, North West or West, but should not touch Northern and Eastern walls. The roof level of the out - house should be lesser than that of the main building.
17. Septic Tanks should be at North West or South East. Under-ground tanks or sumps should be located in the North East corner.
18. Overhead tanks provided on the terrace should be in South or West. Overhead tanks in North West is good but not in North East. A gap should be provided between the roof and the bottom of the tank.

#### **Housing Colonies & Vasthu**

Housing colonies in industrial sectors and multi-stored apartments constructed for dwelling purposes are classified under this group housing. The main disadvantage in this or in such colonies is the common wall between the houses which prevents the passage of free flow of air. It obstructs cross ventilation.

Without proper ventilation, the house will be dark for it blocks the sun rays entering from the East. Hence when Housing colonies are planned, it should be planned in such a way that roads are laid in North-South, and East-West directions. The apartments or flats should be square or rectangular in shape.

The rain water should flow towards North, East or North-East direction. In such planning, the sump and wells should be provided in North-East and kitchens in South-East or North-West. Another suggestion for housing colonies is, that it can be planned according to Vasthu, if Du-plex and single tenements with first floor are planned. Instead of twin houses with a single wall separating them, Du-plex and single tenements allow lot of fresh air and good ventilation.

Parks and Play grounds are provided in the centre of the colony and dwelling apartments can be planned around them for better ventilation and free passage of fresh air. Housing colonies in Industrial Sectors should be planned at a convenient distance from the factory, so that the pollution is less.

The quarters should be constructed in South-East and North-West. In case of Multi-Storied apartments, if the height is more than that of the Main factory building they should be built in South-West

#### **MULTI STORIED APARTMENTS & VASTU**

Following the guidelines of Vastu in the construction of Multi storied Apartments is quite tricky. Positioning of different units like, Pooja room, Kitchen, bathroom, bedroom etc., strictly as per Vastu in all the apartments is not possible. However, with meticulous planning and careful execution it is possible to obtain satisfactory benefits in most of the cases. In order to provide maximum advantage to the resident of the flat, the following points are taken into account in Election of plots, planning and execution.

##### **Plots :-**

The plot should be Square or Rectangle as far as possible and the South-West corner should be at right angles. The ground levels are such that rain water should flow towards North-East. The level of the ground in South-West should be higher than that of all other corners.

##### **Planning And Execution :-**

The water bodies viz, wells, borewells etc, should be located in the North-East. The other directions to be avoided are South-East, North-West or South-West. Sumps and tanks should be in North-East.

While planning the apartments more open space should be left in East and North. Less space Should be left in West and South.

In the order of preference, the main entrance of the flats can be from East, North, South, North-East, West and North-West.

When Cellars are planned, one should locate it in North or Eastern portion of the complex. It is not favourable to have it in South or West. Car parking area should be in North -Eastern portion of the Cellar,

#### **INDUSTRIES & VASTU**

The guidelines of Vastu holds good for Industries too. For the prosperity and excellent performance of the Industry, proper selection of the plot or site, regarding shape, levels and the roads facing the plots are very important. In addition, availability of Water and Electricity is also essential.

As regards roads, it is beneficial to have roads towards East, North or North-East. Gates should be provided in North-East, East, North or North-West. South and

South-West are not recommended. Vacant or open space should be more in North-East and East where gardens can be developed. Less open space should be left in South and West where trees can be grown. In the North-West side of the North gate or South-East side of the South gate Gaurd room should be located.

The floor levels in South-West should be higher than the other corners. Similarly, the height of the building at the South-West should be higher than the other corners. Store rooms should be provided in South-West and must be filled with stocks to its capacity. Care should be taken to replace the consumed stock. Vehicles should be parked in North-West. Lighter vehicles can be parked in North-East also.

The layout of the factory should be planned in such a way, that the heavy Machinery are installed in South, West or South-West. The Weighing machine can be installed near the gate in East or West. Furnaces, boilers.

Electric motors, Generators and transformers should be installed in South-East or near by. Semi finished products or unfinished goods should be stored in the Western side of the factory.

The finished products ready for dispatch should be stored in the North-West portion of the factory. Raw materials should be stored in South, West or South-West. Whether the storage sheds are inside or outside the factory, the same holds good. Water bodies like Wells, borewells, ringwells, sumps, tanks etc, should be located in North East.

Care should be taken to avoid location of overhead tanks in South-West, North-East, North or South. Toilets to be located in North-West or South-East of the factory buildings and not in North-East or South-West. The Housing colony for the Staff should be located in South-East and North-West.

The Administrative Offices should be provided in the North- or East. The height of the Administrative office buildings should be less than the main Factory building. As already specified, the North Eastern corner should be vacant.

The walls of the compound should be thicker in South and West than the walls of North and East. The manager's cabin or the Employer's cabin should be towards South-West, and the Employer should be seated facing East or North. The Search-light fixed at the top most point of the factory should be towards the North direction. The shadows of the trees planted in East or North should not fall on the Main factory building.

#### **COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT & VASTU**

The principles of Vastu is applicable to Commercial establishments also for the prosperity and well being of the business houses. The following points are some of the important aspects worth considering.

The selection of site, as we already know is important. If the plot suits all the requirements of Vastu it would be ideal and very beneficial. If it does not meet the requirements of Vastu, then it has to be corrected. Projection should be formed if the North-East corner and the commercial complexes built on the principles of Vastu will bring prosperity and profits to the owners

The shopping complex should be planned and designed with more open space in North and East in comparison to that of South and West. This open space can be utilized for lawns, open Car parking, greenery etc. The water bodies i.e., bore wells, sumps, tanks etc, should be located in North-East, North or East.

Water stored for drinking purposes should be kept in North-East. If show-cases in shops are provided, it should be in South and West rather than in North and East. If lofts and mezzanine floors are to be provided in the shops, they may be located in south and West direction. North-East corner in a shop should always be utilised for locating pooja room or a small water tap and should not be used for storing goods or for storage purposes. The entrance door of the shop should preferably face East or North.

The owner of the shop should always sit facing East or North while conducting business. The stocks arranged for sale should be in West and" South, In case of business establishments using lathes and other mechanical gadgets, they are to be installed in South or South-West direction. The cash-chest should be kept in North direction and its door should be facing East. Constructions of Cellars inside the shops is not considered to be auspicious.

#### **HOTEL ESTABLISHMENTS & VASTU**

The Plot selected for Hotel complex should meet the requirements of Vastu. If otherwise, plot should be modified to meet the requirements of Vastu. South-East portion of the complex is the best location for installation of Electrical generators, Transformers etc., The Air-conditioning Plant should be in the South-East.

It should not be located in the North-East. Underground carparking along with kitchen and servants quarters may be designed in the cellar. But care should be taken to locate the kitchen in the South-East corner.

As kitchen need a lot of light and ventilation and sufficiently big space, it can be planned in the ground floor in the South-East corner. The installations of cooking ranges, Gas-Stoves, refrigerator, grinders etc, should be done as per Vastu in South-East direction. Restaurants and Reception can be planned in the ground floor in the South-West portion.

The Cash Counter could be located in South-West. Provision for Coffee shops, Snack Bars, Conference Hall can be planned in the first floor. The Upper floors may be used for rooms. If Mezzanine floor has to be provided it should be along West or South walls. Balconies should be designed in North or East. Toilets should be avoided in North-East side of the rooms.

Wash Basins should be provided in North, East or North-East. Store rooms for stocking goods should be in South or West or South-West. The Main Entrance door of the Hotel should be provided in the East- North or North-East. If the Entrance Door has to be kept in West, it should be towards North-West and never in South-West. Even by certain unavoidable circumstances, if the Main Entrance door has to be located in South, it should be in South-East rather than South-West. Swimming pools ponds, Fountains, borewells, sumps etc., should be located in North, East or North-East.

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