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Vastu a deciding factor in real estate?

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hile our entire focus is on how economic slow down and demonetization has engulfed the growth of real estate market, we are completely ignoring another crucial factor which is constantly and silently dominating the fate of real estate as well. Vastu experts. We as Indians are prone towards making impulsive emotional investments. Today, even as tenants look out for a residential apartment, office space or retail spaces, their first concern is Vastu. But if Vastu is considered as a bioplasmic architectural science, which has tools to help balance the five elements of nature controlling our life, then science should make things simple rather than complex and non-progressive, isn't it? Or are we operating from fear psychosis factor by the so-called Vastu experts?

To understand how the Vastu hysteria created by these so-called Vastu experts can be resolved, Nîlangshu Haldar - a renowned Maha Vastu expert from Kolkata and an independent Vastu consultant who works closely with numerous established developers in the city - came forward to clarify a few facts.

Haldar clearly explains that Vastu corrections can be done on three levels. "If

Most self-proclaimed Vastu experts are creating a hysteria among buyers, which in turn, is affecting the real estate market

we happen to miss the corrections at the first level or the second level, we can still make the changes at the third level and these corrections will give us the same success rate at any level," explained the Maha Vastu expert.

He further elaborates, "The first level of Vastu correction is made at the time of purchasing of land. As uneven lands are trimmed and pruned

to get a shape - it could be rectangular, square even L-shaped. The second level is where an amalgamation of modern architecture and ancient Vastu-shastra work hand-in-hand to create a Vastu friendly construction with an attractive project design. Here again, the designs always depend on various factors like construction ROIs, facilities to be

provided in the projects, to name a few. Hence, it is not always possible to keep the Vastu compliance as per the desire of the end users. Still, corrections can be made at the third level with colours and placement of various Vastu tools. Therefore, when people say "Is building ka Vastu thik nahi hai (the Vastu of this building is not good)", then we should not forget that corrective measures are also available, with our Vedic science of Vastu-shastra."

In fact, there are other important details to be seen while choosing a property than to just be a Vastu fanatic. The material used for constructions, the foundation of the building, local infrastructural development and many other things needs to be considered before investing in a property.

There are shopping malls, commercial complexes residential buildings that are vacant. Is it because the Vastu is not correct? Or is it just our inner

fear created by external forces in

the form of Vastu experts? If that's the case, then what did the Vastu expert do at the first and second level? To all of these questions, Nilangshu replied, "An experienced and knowledgeable Vastu consultant should be well versed with the remedies to Vastu problems".

Among the real estate agents, competition developers, and rival property brokers, it has become a common practice to malign a property by spreading false rumours about a property - which in turn, creates difficult implications on the overall consumption in real estate.

Originally, Vastu-shastra was used to make life prosperous and successful. But now, even with various real estate websites educating the prospective buyers about Vastu, fear and indecisiveness is increasing in our choices. The concern here is not Vastu, but the obsession that is creating a parallel cor-

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