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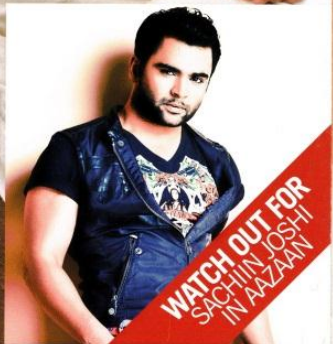
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“Amitji consults me often”

Astro-architect **Neeta Sinha** in conversation with **Meera Joshi**

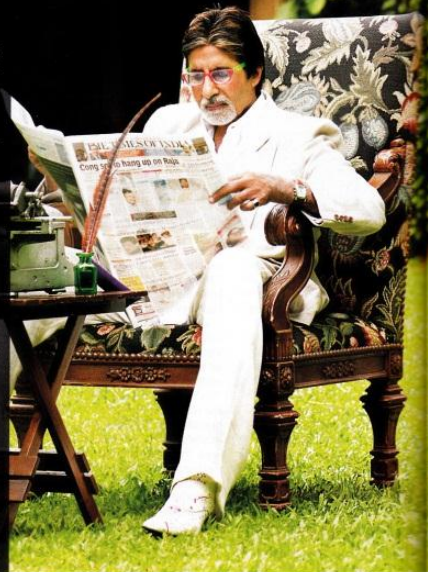


It took the persuasive charms of Neeta Sinha to do the well nigh impossible. Amitabh Bachchan changed the name of his bungalow Mansa to Jalsa and Shah Rukh Khan ensured the

name of his bungalow started with an 'M' and his company name began with an 'R'. Meet astro-architect Neeta Sinha who has an impressive list of stars, industrialists and other celebrities as her clients.

Neeta makes *kundalis* (horoscopes) for homes and with their help balances out the negative and positive areas that affect the people who live there. Plus, she advocates placement of mirrors, chimes, changing colours and placing plants, all of which can be done without any hassles. And with their help, Neeta helps the celebrities solve their problems.

Neeta was aghast that people were going in for structural changes in a bid to improve their fortunes. She approached Kirron Kher who was hosting *Jagte Raho* on Doordarshan in the late '90s and expressed a wish to feature on the show as she wanted to take her science to the masses. Says Neeta, "I told her there was no need to make or break, all they needed to do was balance the environment. She asked me to start with her home. When she saw results within a week, she was convinced and put me on to Abu Jani-Sandeep Khosla who led me to Amitji (Amitabh Bachchan)."





AMITABH BACHCHAN

"I first met Amitji when he was going through one of the lowest phases in his career. After I advised him to change the name of his bungalow Mansa to Jalsa, he begged *Kaun Banega Crorepati* within a week," says Neeta. According to Neeta, with the name Mansa, the entry to the house was in a negative area so whatever he was doing was going down the drain. Only a name change was required to create positive energy at the entrance. Says the astro-architect, "Amitji is already an improved soul. Even a small push takes him a long way. So he bounced back faster than the speed of his decline."

Points out Neeta, "No one can take advantage of Amitji. No one can get close to him until they have gained his confidence. Many Vaastu, Fengshui masters and astrologers had been sent to him when he was down. He was exasperated when I met him. His attitude was, 'Ek aur aa gaya' (Here comes another). Till then,

whatever was suggested to him had been implemented, including the shifting of the bathroom, but there were no results. When I asked him to change the name of the bungalow, he asked how that would help. I told him we'd meet later and I left. After KBC happened, he called me and said, 'Aapko Prateeksha dikhana hai. (I want you to check out Prateeksha)'—his other bungalow. Today he trusts me completely. I don't think anyone can take my place there. He consulted me about his parents' health and I was always there to help and support him with my science. He is a good listener and student. He did exactly what was explained to him. No one in his house has the guts to shift anything he has placed in a particular spot. And over the 15 years I've been visiting him, every plant still remains where I had asked it to be placed. He keeps investing in property and renovating so I'm called in often to ensure all the energies are as they should be."



JAYA BACHCHAN

According to Neeta, Jaya Bachchan is a great administrator. She runs the house and once Amitji has said what is to be done, she takes care of it.

There were no structural changes made at Jalsa. In some places particular colours were used or mirrors and plants placed to enhance energies. In Prateeksha too Neeta advised placement of mirrors and the use of certain colours in his parents' bedrooms. Since their conditions were age-related, there wasn't much she could do to help but her suggestions helped alleviate their suffering. "When you establish a certain level of comfort, clients don't mind sharing their problems with you. When someone is seeking solutions, my duty is to keep their problems private," she volunteers. Neeta has made the Bachchans place a drooping money plant in the sickness area of the house. Each time Amitji goes to the hospital, she goes over to place a fresh plant there. That decreases the intensity of the problem.

Although she wasn't consulted before Abhishek and Aishwarya's wedding, the fact that Neeta was one of the few guests invited to the function speaks volumes about her proximity to the Bachchans. She narrates, "All four are happy, united and family oriented. Each knows what the other three are doing, where they are and when they're expected back. They are one big, happy family."

KIRRON KHER

Talking of Kirron Kher, she explains, "Kirronji's house is a combination of two flats, one was in her name and the other in Anupam Kher's. The entry was cut in two. I asked Kirronji to give a token rent to Anupamji so that the entire flat is his. "When Kirronji was very keen to win a National Award, I suggested enhancements in the name and fame area of the house. I told her that if the awards were announced on June 6, the award would be hers. The date for the announcement was fixed for June 5. She was a little upset. But God knows why, that year they got postponed by a day and she won the Best Actress Award for *Bariwali* (2000)."



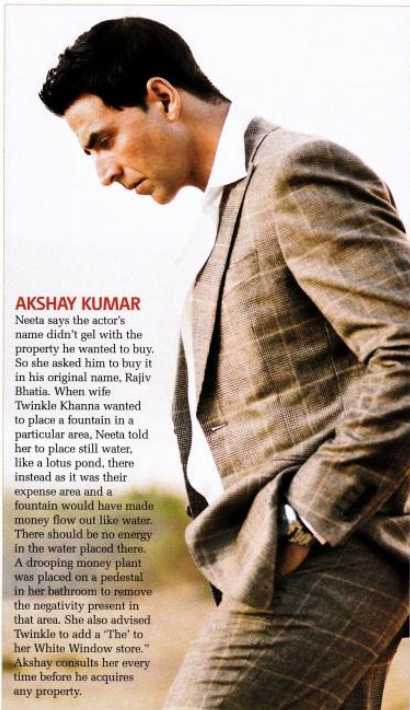
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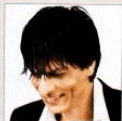
1. Identify corners full of clutter. They harbour negativity as do chipping walls and seepage. Use yellow in that area and place a drooping money plant there to evoke positivity.
2. The room which is the hub of the house should have red elements in it.
3. The front door should always be neat, clean, full of vibrant colours, well lit and welcoming. She advocates decorating the area with plants and tarans.
4. In the evening there should be a fragrance circulated in the house. Use *agarbattis*, *laban*, scented candles.
5. Open the windows of the house at least once a day to allow outside air to circulate.
6. Children's rooms should be painted in the colours of their choice.
7. Ring a bell all around the house to get rid of negativity from the home.
8. Place plants wherever possible. Surround yourself with green. Plants absorb negativity and wither away.
9. If someone is ill for long, changing the position of the bed may lead to improvement in health.
10. The house should be neat and clean at all times.

AKSHAY KUMAR

Neeta says the actor's name didn't gel with the property he wanted to buy. So she asked him to buy it in his original name, Rajiv Bhatia. When wife Twinkle Khanna wanted to place a fountain in a particular area, Neeta told her to place still water, like a lotus pond, there instead as it was their expense area and a fountain would have made money flow out like water. There should be no energy in the water placed there. A drooping money plant was placed on a pedestal in her bathroom to remove the negativity present in that area. She also advised Twinkle to add a "The" to her White Window store." Akshay consults her every time before he acquires any property.

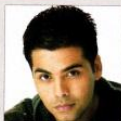


NEETA'S WORLD...



SHAH RUKH KHAN

Neeta had told Shah Rukh Khan to name his bungalow beginning with the letter 'M' and Shah Rukh came up with Mannat and the office should start with 'R', hence Red Chillies.



KARAN JOHAR

Karan Johar had consulted her when he bought his new home. She's grateful to him for introducing her to his friends. He led her to Farhan Akhtar who is rebuilding his bungalow and even Ritesh Sidhwani.



BIPASHA BASU

Bipasha Basu also consulted her when she renovated her home. Neeta suggested placing a fountain in one area and the shifting of the bed.



SALMAN KHAN

Alvira Agnihotri (Salman Khan's sister) had taken Neeta to Salman's flat at Galaxy Apartments. She had advised covering of certain mirrors but she says, "I don't think he heeded my advice. He uncovered them immediately."



AMEESHA PATEL

Neeta says Ameesha will find it difficult to gain stability in her life. She'd checked out one of Ameesha's flats but had told the actress that she can't help her unless she balances the other flats in her name too. Ameesha took this casually and nothing came of it.



JOHN ABRAHAM

John Abraham recently shifted to an entire floor in another building. To do away with the negativity in the flat brought on by John Abraham's name. She advised him to open a company with a particular name at that exact address.



SONALI BENDRE

The actress invited Neeta to check out her plans for the new bungalow to ensure each room is where it should be. Says Neeta, "If a new house is being built, I can suggest positioning of rooms in an existing house if a bed can't be moved, I can only advise something like a yellow bed sheet being used to sleep on, depending on the problem to be solved."



DIMPLE KAPADIA

Dimple Kapadia's house is still being renovated. She knocked down the walls and redid all the rooms. Their two flats were in her name and Twinkle's. Since Twinkle was eventually going to give her flat to her mother, Neeta initiated the process and got change made right away. When Dimple was worried about Twinkle and Rinke's setting down, Neeta made Dimple place some plants strategically and both got married soon after. Neeta also predicted the exact date Aarav would be born.



HRITHIK ROSHAN

A while ago, Neeta advised Hrithik Roshan to make some changes in the bedroom in their new home. According to her, he was sleeping in the expense area and that was the reason he was constantly travelling. To the extent that he was fed up. The measurements of the bed needed adjusting, which Susanne looked after. The wrong placement was leading to increased expenses. Neeta who plays more on names also gave Susanne the name The Charcoal Project for her shop.

Ask Neeta whether her celebrity clients keep in touch and she smiles, "Once a home is balanced my work is done. If there is any major problem, a SOS comes my way. Even when domestic help problems arise. You'll be surprised how often that happens and their lives are hampered. This is a common problem with everyone."