

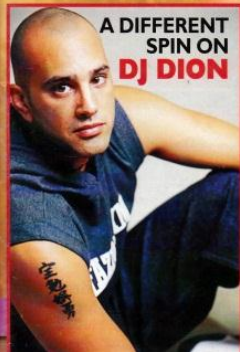
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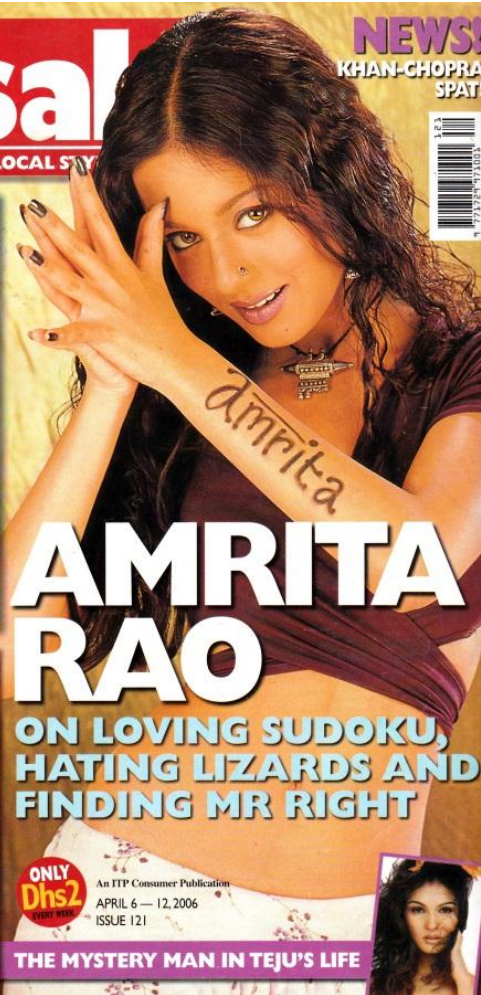
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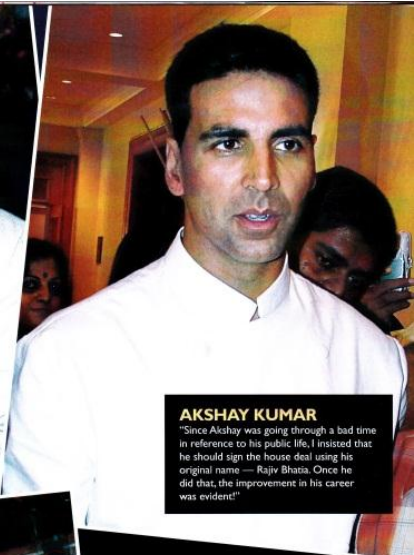
THE MYSTERY MAN IN TEJU'S LIFE





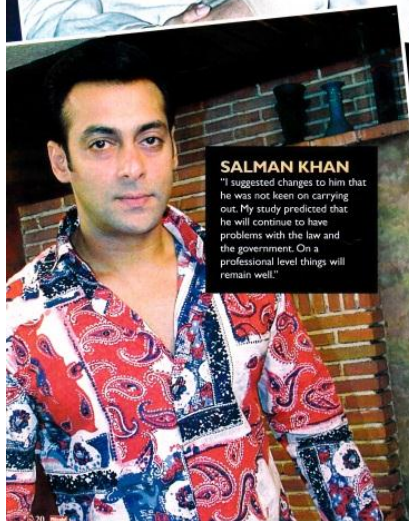
HRITHIK ROSHAN

"His forthcoming film *Krrish* will be a great success but it will not be as successful as *Kaho Naa... Pyaar Hai*. He will continue to earn the same name and fame as he did before. The Roshans' new house has been made entirely on my recommendations. My study predicted that Hrithik will continue to stay away from his home for long periods of time due to shooting schedules, but it will be good for his career. He will have lots of opportunities to excel and his movies will pay him rich dividends!"



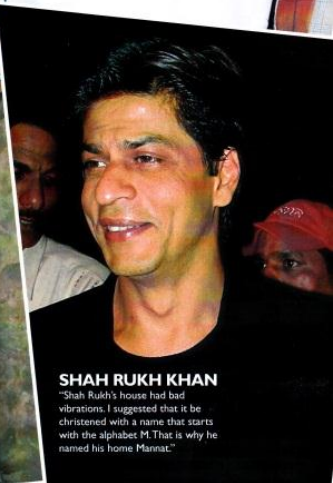
AKSHAY KUMAR

"Since Akshay was going through a bad time in reference to his public life, I insisted that he should sign the house deal using his original name — Rajiv Bhatia. Once he did that, the improvement in his career was evident!"



SALMAN KHAN

"I suggested changes to him that he was not keen on carrying out. My study predicted that he will continue to have problems with the law and the government. On a professional level things will remain well."



SHAH RUKH KHAN

"Shah Rukh's house had bad vibrations. I suggested that it be christened with a name that starts with the alphabet M. That is why he named his home *Mannat*."

CELEBRITY HOUSE DOCTOR

SHE HAS CHANGED LIVES, ALTERED DESTINIES AND HELPED AMITABH BACHCHAN, KARAN JOHAR AND MANISHA KOIRALA IMPROVE THEIR LIFESTYLES. MASALA! CHATS WITH THE WONDER WOMAN OF TINSEL TOWN...



Can a mere splash of colour, a mirror or a wind chime in one's residence change fortunes?

Apparently they can and radically, if we are to believe Neeta Sinha. This famed 'house doctor' (astro-architect) asserts to have done that for many stars in Bollywood. Her enviable clientele boasts of names like the Ambanis, Amitabh Bachchan, Shah Rukh Khan, Manisha Koirala and more. And when people like Karan Johar and Kirron Kher vouch for her and her abilities, is there reason enough to think otherwise?

Born in far off Bihar, Neeta Sinha shifted from Patna to Mumbai in 1984, and this proved to be the turning point in her life. She was very impressed by a few predictions made about her family by the renowned Dr LN Kusuma (her then neighbour), that proved true in due course of time. So awestruck was she by his magical prophecies, that she decided to study the art herself.

"I studied astrological horoscopes and the art of making *kundalis* for homes from Dr Kusuma for seven years before he died," says Neeta. She maintains that there is no such term as 'astro-architect', but as it involves the usage of astrology in architecture, it is called so. She believes that the *vaastu* of a house can affect the individuals living therein, their fortunes,

their mental state and relationships with one another. And astro-architects could help strike a balance between all these factors using colours, water bodies, plants, etc. This is exactly what she does to ensure the peaceful, harmonious existence of home inhabitants and their prosperity.

"I combine the remedies of feng shui and the directions of *vaastu*."

"When I make the horoscope for a house, I take into consideration the number of people living there, the legal owner of the house, whether it is a company or individually-owned. Based on all these findings, I make the *kundali* of the house," maintains the lady. Her unorthodox technique combines feng shui and *vaastu*. "I take the remedies of feng shui and the directions of *vaastu* and balance the vibrations in a house."

In her long and illustrious career she has designed the homes of many Bollywood heavyweights and statesmen and have altered their fortunes tremendously. The reliability of her predictions and house make-up according to her, "is around 90-95 per cent accurate."

Masala! meets the magical lady, to chat about her haute clientele... ▶



This piece of art by Neeta Sinha with a little friend, Tom Neeta Sinha.



AMITABH BACHCHAN

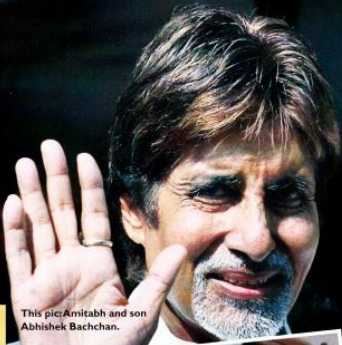
"My study showed that Amitabhji would have some minor health problems, nothing serious though. By making changes at his residence, we could control the health problems, but he would not be completely untouched by it. However, on the professional front, things will continue to remain the same, but he will have to take care of his health. He cannot afford to work till odd hours and should avoid overdoing his work and overexerting."

ABHISHEK BACHCHAN

"When he entered Bollywood, his astrological time was not right; that's why he could not make it big for quite a while. There was a promotional period of one or two years for Junior B.

"Nevertheless, as an astro-architect, I felt that Abhishek needed a house in his name and I always insisted that he should get one at the earliest. But as everything is predestined, it took him almost one-and-a-half to two years to buy a house. Now that he has one, you can see the change. He is the most happening star in Bollywood today! There is no doubt that he has entered the big league now and his time ahead is very good. He will win many accolades; the sky is the limit of his success and prosperity.

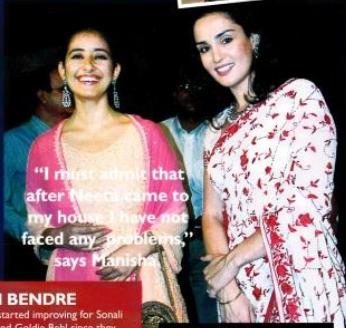
"In his personal life, according to my study, the third relationship (read affair) in his life will be the successful one; the first two will not click."



This pic: Amitabh and son Abhishek Bachchan.

ABHISHEK-AISHWARYA:

"Astrologically speaking, there is nothing wrong with the match and they would make a good pair. But as I have said, only the third relationship of his life will be successful."



"I must admit that after Neeta came to my house, I have not faced any problems," says Manisha.

SONALI BENDRE

"Things have started improving for Sonali and her husband Goldie Behl since they shifted to their new house. Earlier, when they were living at Shuvam (their former house), Goldie Behl's company, Rose Movies, was not doing well. But ever since they shifted, there is a radical change in the fortunes of the company. Both the new apartments they have bought are designed according to my suggestions."

MANISHA KOIRALA

"Her house had mirrors in all the wrong places. Even the fish pond was also carelessly placed. I changed the locations of both, after which things have started improving for her."



Above: Pooja Bhatt with Sonali Bendre and Goldie Behl. Right: Manisha Koirala with Sonali Bendre.



BAL THACKERAY AND THE SHIV SENA

"When I went to Matoshree (his residence), I told Balasaheb not to change the name of the city from Bombay to Mumbai, since it would have an adverse effect. However, after the change, his popularity has suffered and the Shiv Sena too seems to have lost its shine. To me, the political party does not have a great future in Mumbai."



SONU NIGAM

"His new house, Kailashnath, was built about six or seven years ago, based on my suggestions. Ever since then, he has achieved a lot in his career."

STAR ENCOUNTERS!

She has designed the homes of many big Bollywood names and has had great experiences with them all. *Masala!* brings you some of Neeta's favourite astro-tales...

KIRRON KHER

"For an awards function, she was short-listed in a certain category for her film *Bariwali*. I told her that if the function took place on June 6th, there were hopes of her emerging a winner. But as it was scheduled to be held on June 5th, I was a bit apprehensive. As fate would have it, the date of the function was changed to June 6th and she won the award. This is one story I will never forget!"

AMITABH BACHCHAN

"He is a great actor and an equally good human being. Before I met him, I too thought that being such a big name, he may have starry airs. But on the contrary, I was amazed by his simplicity. The most striking thing about him was that he is always focused and knew exactly what he was doing and why. He also had a very sharp memory and forgot nothing."

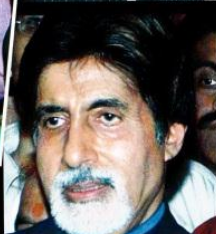
GOVINDA

"He is the one who advised me about where to buy my house. While I advise people on their homes, Govindaji did that for me. He told me I should buy a house somewhere in Juhu and not in Lokhandwala, as I was planning to. He is a very good human being."



KIRRON KHER:

"There is a definite improvement in the quality of our lives since Neeta Sinha came along. She has a completely different system of working. She is a practiced hand at making *kundalis* of houses. She is the only person I know who does this. What I really like about her is that she is a very positive person."



This pic: Amitabh Bachchan. Top: Govinda. Above left Kirron Kher.



Above: Dimple Kapadia with daughter Rinke Khanna. Rinke said, "There is definitely an improvement in my life. The atmosphere in the house has changed and things are more positive. Even I feel more positive about myself."



KARAN JOHAR

"I think Neeta is absolutely delightful. I can vouch for her because I have sent her to several friends and all of them have had good things to say about her. There has been a definite improvement in their situations."



I RECOMMEND...

THE COLOUR RED:

Red signifies energy; it is a forceful colour and hence should be judiciously used for good luck. If not, it could have adverse effects.

WATER BODIES:

Flowing water is good but stagnant water attracts negative energy. It is good to have a water body at home, a fountain or a fish pond but there should not be any water source towards the south of the house.

MONEY PLANTS:

A money plant is the simplest way to get rid of negative energy in a house. However, the plant should be placed at the right spot and should flow from a pot or a vase. Everyone should have at least three drooping plants in their

homes, if not more.

WIND CHIMES:

Astronomically speaking, wind chimes cleanse the house and they should be placed near the window, as they need to constantly ring to eliminate negative energy.

ENTRANCE:

A house should not have a south or a south-east entrance. It can be very hazardous.

BEDROOM:

One should sleep with one's head pointing towards the east or towards the south.

DRAWING ROOM:

As a drawing room reflects one's personality, one should choose a colour that matches with the individual's profession.

THE STUDY:

Muted colours like butter and beige help to prevent distraction.

A KITCHEN:

For positive energy, one should light a ghee ka diya in the evening and place it near a water body.

MY FAILURE

"When I accept my success, why should I shy away from accepting failure? I could not help **Urmila Matondkar** much, while she was doing up her Lokhandwala apartment. Maybe she was technically at fault while describing things to me, but somewhere, something went wrong and the desired results were not achieved. I could not make a difference to her life.