

« CAREER ADVICE

MY HR DEPARTMENT WANTS TO CANCEL MY LEAVE!

My department head recently sanctioned my two week leave after which I went ahead and booked international return flight tickets and made hotel reservations as well. But all of a sudden, the HR department seems to have a problem with my leave period. I have already made all my bookings and will lose a lot of money if I cancel them now. What should I do?

— Deepika Pandit, Bandra

It's funny that the HR Department has a problem after your department has sanctioned your leave. Clearly, your department head wouldn't have taken the decision without the HR department's knowledge. There seems to be a miscommunication in your case and you must get your department head and HR person to speak in front of you and clear out the misunderstanding. Let them know about your bookings and the financial damage it will have on you. They will definitely reconsider. However, make sure you keep all your leave application forms and emails with HR handy at the meeting.

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Neeta Sinha believes that there is a close relationship between you and the cosmos, and this translates into your house having a horoscope as well. She talks to Rhea Dhanbhora about astro-architecture

**ASTRO-ARCHITECTURE**

- Astro-architecture is a research based science and rooted in astrology as well as vastu.
- It normally takes around 90 minutes to 2 hours to see the premises, make its horoscope, understand any challenges and provide necessary remedies.
- Astro-architecture is equally effective in commercial, industrial, office and hotel complexes and apartment complexes as well as homes.

>> Neeta Sinha believes that a few simple changes to your home can help balance positive and negative areas and improve your life

Astro-architect Neeta Sinha, who has worked with stars such as the Bachchans, Twinkle Khanna and more, believes that by incorporating a few simple and cost effective suggestions in your home or office you can balance out the negative energies to make way for positive ones. She tells us more about what it's like being an astro-architect...

Tell us about yourself?

My philosophy is to be simple, attain simplicity and help others in whatever way possible. The closest one can get to defining what I do is by calling me an astro-architect.

Before becoming an astro-architect, what did you do?

I am a graduate in Arts from Patna. After getting married, I was a homemaker, bringing up my two children. My passion was writing so I got involved in some script writing too.

With such a background, how did astro-architecture happen?

I became curious about occult science and started studying and researching. When my mentor unexpectedly passed away, all his clients came to me. This science is result oriented and I consider myself to be learning, even today.

How did you make the switch?

Around 30 years ago I was going through a rough patch in my life. Someone predicted three things which seemed impossible, but they all came true. My interest led me to make the late Dr. L. N. Kusuma, a renowned homeopath and cosmic research scientist, my mentor. We started conducting research in astrology and vastu shastra. After seven years of research and in more than 30,000 homes, offices and other premises, we discovered that not only people, but houses too have horoscopes.

You said all your mentor's clients were handed over to you unexpectedly. Even so, are you happy with your career?

When I see the positive impact my solutions have on the lives of other people and when they talk about the turnaround they have seen, it is really rewarding and satisfying for me. That is what keeps me going.

For those who don't know, what does astro-architecture entail?

The basis of astro-architect is rooted in both astrology and vastu. Unlike vastu, my study does not require any structural breakdowns to turn around a person's life. I suggest cures to balance the vibrations in the premises. The energy of the place affects the behaviour as well as the luck of its occupants.

Tell us how you go about advising people about the changes they can make?

I build a proportionate map of the premises

and identify the positive and negative areas. I explain a prophecy of a major event that I believe has happened due to these areas. Then I propose remedies to balance them which are controlled by placing plants, mirrors, utilising colours and water flow. I also suggest names for the premises.

Tell us about a few experiences you've had with clients.

Working with Della Adventure in Lonavala was a challenge because there is no permanent structure. I balanced things out with colours and that has worked well for them. One of my most satisfying experiences was working with a family whose teenage son had to undergo a complex spinal surgery. I advised them not to be afraid and balanced their home accordingly, with a prediction of success. I monitored the changes almost daily and everything worked out fine.

You have two children — how do you manage work and home life?

I enjoy my work and it is refreshing for me. I see work as a personal responsibility and challenge. When I am at home, I am 100% there. What also makes the balance easier in my life is the full support I get from my family.

What are you working on at the moment?

I am currently working with Juniper Hotels, and for all their new projects, including Grand Hyatt Delhi and Chennai. Similarly, I am also involved with JW Marriot in Bangalore, and Four Seasons in Mumbai.