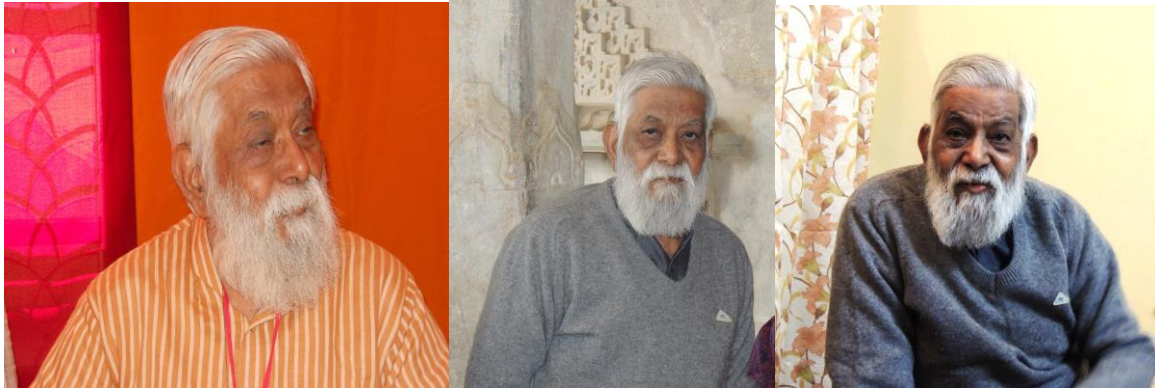


About Mr. K.N. Rao



Mr.K.N. Rao is a legend. He is the brightest star on the astrological horizon for the past thirty years. He is seen as an astrologer's astrologer. This can be checked while scrolling on the internet.

He is the founder of Institute of Astrology, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, established in 1987. At present, he is the advisor of the institute. What impelled Mr.K.N. Rao to pursue astrology is well explained in his horoscope, where the lagna and the tenth lords get combined in the lagna with an exalted Jupiter in the tenth house. All this was foreseen by his Jyotish Guru, Yogi Bhaskarananda of Gujarat, whom Mr.Rao describes as the last of Rishi astrologers in the purest classical mould.

Yogi Bhaskarananda had told Mr. Rao that he would have to visit many foreign countries to give to Hindu astrology the honour, recognition and dignity that it did not have till then. An American, David Frawley, who has written books on Vedic culture and Hindu philosophy and was awarded Padma Shri by Government of India, summed up the impact of the first ever foreign visit of Mr. Rao to U.S.A in 1993 as "Vedic astrology before Rao and after Rao". What different yogis have said about astrology as a Vedanga, which he must not give up, has been quoted in his book *Yogis, Destiny and the Wheel of Time*.

Both his mantra Guru, Swami Parmanand Saraswati, and his Jyotish Guru, Yogi Bhaskarananda, taught him some secrets of spiritual astrology, which are not given usually in any book of astrology. Mr. Rao has revealed some of these secrets in his book *Yogis, Destiny and the Wheel of Time*. Among Mr. Rao's fundamental and most original researches are his two books, "*Predicting through Jaimini Chara Dasha* and *Predicting through Karakamsha and Mandook Dasha*."

It has been possible for him to produce such researches because he was told by his Guru that what was in *parampara* (tradition) was much more than what was contained in the books of astrology, which are translated literally and without illustrations generally. His own mother, who was his first Jyotish Guru, knew many such traditional secrets, parts of which Mr. Rao has

revealed in his three books *Ups and Downs in Careers, Astrology Destiny and the Wheel of Time* and *Planets and Children*.

It was the mantra Guru of Mr. Rao, Swami Parmanand Saraswati, who first asked Mr. Rao not to give up astrology as it had to be an integral part of his *sadhana*. Later, a great yogi, Swami Moorkhanandji, prophesied in 1982 that he would be the architect of a great astrological renaissance. Whether that is fulfilled or not can be gauged from the impressive list of his research and writings.

Time has shown to those pursuing Jaimini astrology that what could not be done perhaps in 3,000 years has been achieved by Mr. Rao in his lifetime. With an academic approach, he has cleared doubts and filled many gaps to make Jaimini astrology the most effective predictive system. He gave to astrology lovers what no one could give- seven Jaimini *karakas*, not eight, the correct calculation of *padas* and many mind-boggling techniques. All this was done by intensive research at the individual level and then collectively after sharing his findings with the world.

Mr. Kotamraju Narayana Rao retired from the Indian Audit and Accounts Service as Director General in November, 1990. He is the second of the four sons of the famous journalist of the pre-independence era, K. Rama Rao, the founder editor of the National Herald, Lucknow, member of Rajya Sabha and Advisor, first five-year plan, Government of India. Mr. K.N. Rao was initiated into astrology by his late mother, Smt. Sarawani Devi at the age of 12, in 1943. He regards her as the best astrologer he has known in two areas; marriage and children and *prashna* (horary). He was a lecturer in English before joining the government service.

More interested in games and sports than in astrology in his youth, he won brilliant prizes in chess competitions and two state championships in bridge. He played many games, which is why in his astrological writings also, there are references to games very often.

During his service career, he was the planner in general, organiser, and planner of three international courses on Audit of Receipts. His interactions with foreigners have been both on professional and astrological levels for more than four decades, which is why he, as an astrologer, has a large international network of friends. He went on doing all his fundamental researches in astrology during his service career because of which he went on collecting horoscopes systematically in thousands.

He has in his possession more than 1,00,000 horoscopes with important events of each individual noted with him. It is perhaps the largest individual collection of horoscopes any astrologer has. The data he holds can be made the most reliable and authentic source of astrological information, much more reliable than Google.

The strain of doing astrology as a mission made him give up astrology many times. But in December 1981, he was forced out of his shell to participate in a three-day seminar on astrology in Delhi. After that ground-breaking speech, there has been a persistent demand for his astrological articles. From then, he has been sharing with his readers his original researches for which he won worldwide praise. Between 1993 and 1995, Mr. K.N. Rao has visited USA on five

lecture tours. He was the chief guest at the Standing Conference of the American Council of Vedic Astrology in 1993. He was requested to be present in the third conference also in 1994 on the opening day because of the crowds that he would draw. His name was advertised till November, 1995 also for the Fourth Conference, though he had made it clear that he would not be available anymore for the American conference. As a result of his academic approach, he has now thousands of students in India and more than 500 in USA, Russia and Japan.

As a discerning academic astrologer, the contribution of Mr.K.N.Rao to astrology is unparalleled. He has greatly redefined astrology. History will surely record in chapters on astrology his writings in sparkling letters. A man with extraordinary missionary zeal, he organised himself to achieve the goal of a dream institution of astrology conceived by his revered Guru. He has achieved much more.

He is firm in his belief that a man out to achieve a noble goal is shown the path by the Almighty and he can cross all obstacles with very little effort. With a mind always restless to dream and implement, Mr. Rao has been found motivating teachers and researchers for a long time.

Mr. Rao is good at spotting, motivating and cultivating talent. He emphasises the need to modernise the syllabus. He feels that only total flexibility will help in accepting modernism with tradition. He has provided a rock-solid foundation for the institution to act and perform. He is a perfect example of an “institution builder” for a management student. Mr. Rao founded the Institute of Astrology, BVB, which is the largest in the world and rated the best, with more than 1,000 regular students, 36 trained teachers, and a plethora of books and articles.

Late Mr. J Veeraraghavan, I.A.A.S former Director, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan and former Secretary (Culture) to Government of India appropriately commented in one of his convocation addresses that, “Though we have demands that keep coming for an astrology course like the one we have in Delhi from different centres of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, over a 100, but none have been as successful as the Delhi one as we have only one Mr. K.N.Rao.”

Mr. Rao is not merely seen as an astrologer. He is seen as a scholar and a value-based thinker, who, in his astrological pursuits, fights against prejudices and the use of astrology for wrong purposes of money making. He has dispelled many myths that were dominating astrology and were being exploited by pseudo astrologers or *ponga pandits* to make money.

Mr. Rao will continue to inspire astrology lovers for centuries. We hope and pray that he continues to be an active advisor of Institute of Astrology, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan for a long long time.