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P. V. K. Punneswara Rao
(14th October 1924 – 23rd October 2010)

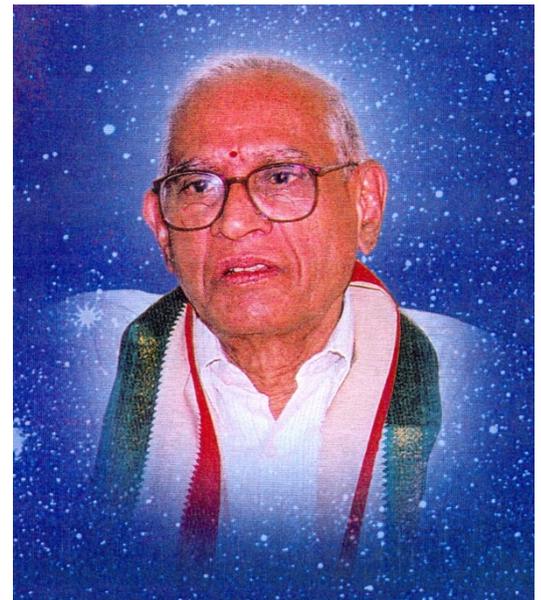


The Maha Guru of Krishnamurthy Paddhati and the Guru of many modern day astrology gurus, *P. V.K. Punneswara Rao* ascended his heavenly abode on 23rd October 2010 in Hyderabad leaving behind bereaved wife Smt. P. Saraswati Devi, four sons, two daughters, two sons-in-law, seven grand sons, two grand daughters and one great grand daughter & one great grand son along with thousands of KP students and few Sishyas whom he initiated with Ucchista Maha Ganapati Mantra.

Guru Rao ji was born on 14-10-1924 in Vijaywada, A.P. in a traditional, cultured Brahmin family and was the eleventh child out of thirteen to his parents. His father, late Putrevu Sriramulu was the Karanam (village officer) of Gudivada village near Tenali and after migrating to Vijaywada, practiced as private Vakil for the rest of his life. His mother Smt. Pullamma, was doting mother.

Guru Rao ji completed his Matriculation in 1941 and his intermediate in Commerce from Bhopal in 1951. He passed his B.Com from Osmania University in 1953 while in service with scholarship as Ex-serviceman. He served in the Defense Department from January 1943 to March 1947 during the Second World War and joined the State Bank of Hyderabad on 10-03-1947 where he served for the next 38 years till his retirement as the Auditor in Inspection department on 31st October 1984. He received several accolades for outstanding service and retired with a clean and unblemished record. His book on examination for promotion to supervisory cadre is still a much revered book and held in high esteem among bank officials of today.

His social contributions were stellar. Guru Rao ji was the Founder President of 'Lions Club of Medak', President of SBH Employees' Housing Building Society, Secretary of 'Association for the Care of Aged', Trust Secretary of 'Senior Citizens Home' at Shivarampalli, Ranga Reddy District. He even donated a cottage constructed by him in memory of his parents. Apart from his active social contributions he was an avid trade union member for banks' trade union activities. He was the founder Joint Secretary of 'Hyderabad State Bank Staff Association' in 1948 and continued as the Secretary, Vice President and as a Central Council Member for more than 15 years. Guru Rao ji founded the 'SHB Officers' Association' and took active part for more than 20 years. He also served as the Central Executive Committee member at all India level for many years. After retirement, he founded the 'SBH Employees Pensioners Association' in 1985 and served as the Founder Joint Secretary for more than seven years.



In the field of Astrology, he was a Colossus, one of the brightest 'Druva Tara', a 'Saptarshi Mandal' by himself. Guru Rao ji's interest in astrology started from the age of 24 and he avidly read, authored books and articles and mentored thousands of students till his last day, making him an astrology savant having more than **six decades of astrology practice**. He books are a treasure for any astrology lover. He was a unique person in modern India who practiced Vedic astrology for 40 years and KP astrology for over 25 years and had unparalleled prowess in both the fields.



His first Guru in astrology was Sri Machiraju Venkateswarlu of Narsapur (East Godavari district), second Guru was Sri Karavadi Hari Hara Rao of Hyderabad, and his third Guru was Sri V. B. N. Sarma garu of Warangal, who initiated him into 'Uchchista Maha Ganapati Mantra'. Sarma garu was the direct disciple of K. S. Krishnamurty, who stayed in Krishnamurty ji's house in Chennai and learnt KP technique. Sarma garu received the Uchchista Maha Ganapati mantra directly from *Sothida Mannan, Jothish Marthand K.S. Krishnamurti* (who received this mantra from H.H. Jagatguru Shankarachariyar Swamigal Avargal of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham). Sarma garu initiated this mantra over to P. V. K. Punneswara Rao ji. Out of thousands of astrology students of Guru Rao ji, **only a few selected students of his were handed down the Uchchista Maha Ganapati Mantra in Guru Sishya Parampara by him and they were blessed with Divine Blessings.** Guru Rao ji's spiritual Guru was Sri Koduru Venkata Ratnam, who was a disciple of Sri Ramana Maharshi of Thiruvannamalai. His fifth and Yoga Guru was Sri Anjanananda Yogi of Kakani, Guntur. Anyone who has met Guru Rao ji will easily testify that being in his presence always gave a sense of fulfillment, happiness and divine pleasure. Being blessed and infused with spirituality by so many Maha Yogis, Guru Rao ji was not only an astrologer but also a spiritual guide and master to hundreds and thousands of people. (The b/w photo beside shows Guru ji during his graduation in 1953)

P. V. K. Punneswara Rao ji founded the 'UNIVERSAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF ASTRO AND OCCULT SCIENCES' in 1986 in Chikkadapally, Hyderabad to propagate astrology, astro seminars and conferences. Today he has thousands of students spread across the globe who are not only well established in their own fields but are also practicing astrology and KP techniques with complete mastery. He also conducted special programmes of astrology in Malaysia, Ahmedabad and Jaipur. He received innumerable astrology titles from various other institutes and bodies. Some of them are 'Jyothisha Vachaspati' (Kerala), 'Jyothisha Vidya Bhaskara' (Tirupati), 'K.P. Siddhanta Shiromani' (Tirupati), 'Daivagna Shiromani' (Orissa and Hyderabad), 'Abhinava Jyothisha Vidya Parangatha (Malaysia) among many other titles. He also founded the UNIVERSAL COLLEGE OF ASTROLOGY TRUST IN 1992 and UNIVERSAL ASTROLOGICAL BOOK TRUST in 1996.

For more than two decades, regular courses in Astrology are being conducted and the successful students are awarded the Titles "Jyotisha Praveena – K.P", "Jyotisha Visarada – K.P", "Jyotisha Siromani" after completion of their course periods. Under the able guidance, assistance, help and direction of the Guruji Late P.V.K.Punneswara Rao ji, the Institute which started with 14 students, had grown in leaps and bounds and went on to have about 600 Life Members including Patrons. Guru Rao ji always took pride that the College has got experienced faculties to teach Astrology and gives practical coaching to students. Guruji's youngest son, Sri. P.S. Chiranjeevi, was also Guruji's Astrological student in 1998 and since two years, has been one of the Faculty in Universal College of Astrology and hence carrying the baton handed over by his beloved father.

Guru Rao ji's sad demise has created tremendous void in the world of astrology and KP in particular which will perhaps never be filled by any other mortal. The loss suffered by the world of astrology will remain ever irreparable by his demise.

We all wish that may his soul rest in eternal peace in the greatest of all Loka---the Vishnu Loka.

Om Shanti, Om Shanti, Om Shantihh.

Photograph courtesy and tribute by Dr Andrew Dutta (Sri Indrajit) who was personally trained in KP astrology by P.V.K. Punneswar Rao ji himself at his own residence in Chikkadapally, Hyderabad on a one-on-one basis.