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## IT WORKERS SEEK SOLACE IN ASTROLOGY

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**"Bangalore- South India:** If a person provides the name and date of birth they can discover their future in terms of money, prosperity and future life. Every horoscope is divided in to 12 squares called houses to create profiles.



The person in the picture is Mr. Velayudhan, 68 years old and has been providing astrological services for the past 20 years. He even advised me to be careful with my expenses as I have the tendency to be a spendthrift.

People in India are very superstitious and believe in astrology. There are several hundred astrologers in the area. But Velayudhan has the reputation of being most accurate. Many of his clients are IT employees. He predicts the future for at least three to four clients a day. But the number is doubled on week ends.

One of his clients Mr. Kumar 39, also in the picture, works for a large business firm as a programmer immensely benefited by switching job on the advice of Mr. Velayudhan. He prescribed some gem stones to propitiate weak planets in his chart. Velayudhan taught the client to cleanse and energize the gem stone by chanting mantras before actually wearing them. Sapphires and Rubies which cost approximately Rupees 10,000 are willingly bought by clients seeking success in life.

Experts in mathematics and scientists are unable to foresee the future unless they know astrology.”