

ACVA Faculty Announcement



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ACVA is pleased to announce the appointment of **Venkatesh Narasiah** is our newest member of the tutorial team. Venkatesh (Venky) received his Jyotish Prabhakara (JP) on 9 June 2023 after passing his examinations with distinction.



Venkatesh Narasiah

Remarks from Dean of Students Lynn Bootes:

It was an auspicious day during the last in-person Sedona Vedic Astrology Conference in 2022 that Venky contacted me by e-mail and registered for his first course. He was the first student I admitted in my new role as Dean of Students, and with a little mentoring he was qualified to enter at Course 105 thanks to previous dedicated studies on his own. As a result of his passion for Jyotish, he promptly progressed from dedicated amateur to an advanced level of professional practice.

As an Indian living in Singapore, employed in business and accounting, he has applied his sharp intellect and Ganesha-like determination to overcome all obstacles to advance his studies. As is often the case with the JP students, he helped instructors learn from his unique perspective, and encouraged the faculty to improve our curriculum. Throughout, he's demonstrated a high level of ethics and professionalism, and is qualified to represent Jyotish at the highest level, and pass this learning on to the next generation of students.

Remarks from Venkatesh:

Although none of the astrologers I met in my youth had predicted that I'd one day become an astrologer too, here I am, fulfilling a journey that started in 2017. After having read several books without making any headway, I finally gained some clarity with Ronnie Dreyer's book which led me in turn to *Light on Life* by Hart de Fouw & Robert Svoboda. With that turning point, I felt the need to take this up in a professional capacity, which led me in due course to ACVA.

After a conversation with Lynn Bootes, I enrolled in the Jyotisha Prabhakara program. Thereafter I followed a fruitful 18-month journey at my own pace, wherein my enthusiasm found traction in this invaluable study. In the process, it's helped me navigate my own life, my relationships with family, and with acquaintances who consulted with me. ACVA is a very benign organization in which their not-for-profit credo and engaged tutors are key differentiators compared to other choices. My tutors have answered my questions, resolved any doubts, and guided me with candid feedback. Because of them, I've learned so much! I give thanks to my tutors – Lynn, Gary, and Karina – and feel blessed to have them as my gurus.