### MEET RIDHI BAHL, AN ASTROLOGER WITH A ROYAL LINEAGE

Ridhi Bahl, felicitated by the president of India in 2018, doesn't recommend remedies based on elaborate rituals and expensive gemstones

idhi Bahl is a qualified astrologer and has done her schooling from the prestigious Maharani Gayatri Devi Girls School in Jaipur, followed by her MBA from Symbiosis, Pune. For the last 17 years, she was a part of Astrology and Vastu research while holding a PHD in Astrology, which was recognised and awarded in 2018 by President Ramnath Kovind. This accolade, in particular, apart from others, reposed the faith and trust that she has garnered over the years.

Bahl's interest in astrology is backed by her connection with the royal family. Her great grandfather, Pt. Madhu Sudan Ojha, was an astrologer to Raja Madho Singhji, the king of Jaipur, and was awarded the highest title in astrology called the Vidya Vachaspati. He has written 200 books in his lifetime on astrology and astronomy, which are now part of university syllabi across the world. Excerpts from an interview:

# Tell us a little about your royal lineage and how has that helped you to stand out in field of astrology.

Being the great granddaughter of Pt. Madhu Sudan Ojha, I feel that royal lineage coupled with my strong educational qualifications has helped a great deal in my strong footing in the field.

### As a woman excelling in the field, how proud do you feel?

I have very scientific and logical approach which is different from the usual elaborate rituals or expensive gemstones. Most women in this field opt for tarot reading, reiki or numerology rather than astrology as it requires in depth precision and calculation, so I decided to opt for the latter. My intensive research of over 17 years and PhD in Astrology has been recognised.

## Can you brief us on mundane astrology as it's not a well-known path?

Mundane astrology is the branch of astrology that predicts natural calamities, happenings and political events. Not many women astrologers venture into it. I have expertise in this branch as well. I also excel in industrial Vastu apart from residential and

in Delhi. I was invited to speak on the scientific aspect of astrology at these events. My esteemed clientele to name a few include are JSW, Tata Steel, Tech Mahindra & Reliance Jio.

#### What are you looking forward to in 2022?

2022 will certainly be better than last two years. About the virus, however, I would say things are not completely over, so we still need to be careful and take precautions. This year will be great for the film industry and those people related to glamour, beauty, clothes and jewellery.

From the economic and political points of view, things can be seen in a positive direction from the second half of the year. The stock market will stabilize after May. There will be lots of ups and downs, volatility and political drama, which will settle down post May.

The most important thing about this year is that it's ruled by the planet

