

Retrograde: A Conversation with the Founders Behind India's AI Vedic Astrology Platform



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RetroGrade AI Launches the Future of Astrology

Where Ancient Wisdom
Meets Artificial Intelligence



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OUR MISSION

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ASK ANYTHING

Get answers to your life questions in natural conversation.



BIRTH CHART INSIGHTS

Detailed analysis of your Kundli, planets, yogas & dashas.



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Career path, success timing, job changes & wealth indicators.



REMEDIES

Personalized Vedic remedies for challenges and growth.



ABOUT RETROGRADE AI

RetroGrade AI blends the timeless wisdom of Vedic Astrology with advanced AI technology to deliver accurate, insightful and easy-to-understand astrological guidance.

Whether it's love, career, health, finance or life purpose, RetroGrade AI is your trusted cosmic companion.



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Bengaluru, Karnataka Jul 19, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - *Retrograde is an AI-driven Vedic astrology platform, built on the astrology engine at Jothishi.com, that gives people personalized answers on career, relationships, marriage, health, wealth, business, moving abroad, and the other decisions that shape a life — through a web app, and on iPhone and Android. It was built by Pranav, a 16-year-old in the 12th grade at National Public School, Bangalore, working alongside Anand Vadakepat, founder of Jothishi.com. We sat down with both of them to talk about how Retrograde came together, what the name means, and why they think this is the right moment for it to exist.*

Q: Let's start simple. What is Retrograde?

Anand: At its core, Retrograde (www.retrograde.co.in) is a way to ask a real question and get a real, personalized answer — grounded in your actual birth chart, not a generic template. You share your birth details once, then ask whatever's on your mind in plain language: "Should I take this job?" "When's a good time to get married?" "Is this the right city for me?" Retrograde reads your chart the way a trained astrologer would and answers in seconds.

Q: Pranav, you're still finishing high school. How did you end up co-building an astrology platform?

Pranav: I kept noticing the same pattern — people wanting a second opinion on a big decision, but the astrologers who could actually give a thoughtful, chart-based answer were booked out for weeks. Meanwhile I had access to the same tools every developer has right now: AI, large language models, a laptop. I started talking to Anand, who'd already spent years building the classical engine behind Jothishi, and it became obvious we could put that depth of analysis in front of anyone instantly instead of a lucky few.

Q: Why the name "Retrograde"?

Pranav: It's deliberate. Normally, from Earth, planets appear to move steadily in one direction — what astronomers call direct motion. Every so often a planet appears to slow down, stop, and drift backward, which is really just an optical effect of relative orbital speeds. Vedic astrology has a word for that: Vakri gati, retrograde motion. Ketu, the lunar south node, is treated as permanently moving opposite every other planet in the sky.

Anand: We named the platform Retrograde because that backward pause is exactly the moment we're built for — when someone stops, turns inward, and reconsiders before deciding which way to move. Not indecision. Reflection.

Q: How is this different from the horoscope apps that already exist?

Anand: Most of them give you the same twelve answers based on your sun sign, repeated across millions of different people. That's entertainment, not astrology. Retrograde's engine applies the classical framework of the Brihat Parashara Hora Shastra, the BPHS, along with Jaimini's sutras — a person's actual Nakshatra placements, every divisional chart from D1 through D60, whichever dasha timing system applies to them, Ashtakvarga strength scoring, and Panchanga. It's the same depth of

method a serious astrologer would use, applied to your specific chart and your specific question.

Q: What kinds of questions can someone actually bring to Retrograde?

Pranav: Career decisions, marriage timing, relationships, health, money, whether to move abroad — basically anything someone would want a second, informed opinion on. That's the whole point: those are exactly the decisions people find hardest to get real guidance on quickly.

Q: You've both mentioned this is "the age of the one-person company." What do you mean by that?

Pranav: A few years ago, building something like Retrograde would have needed a full team of engineers. Now, with AI and large language models doing so much of the heavy lifting, one founder and one collaborator can build and ship a genuinely complete product. The fact that I could do this while still in the 12th grade is kind of the proof of that shift.

Q: What's the philosophy behind Retrograde — why does this matter beyond the product itself?

Anand: We believe clearer decisions, made with less anxiety, lead to happier lives. Career changes, marriages, health choices, big financial bets — these are the moments people most want a wiser second opinion on, and most struggle to get one for. If we can make that kind of guidance available instantly, privately, from home, we think that's genuinely a form of wellbeing, not just a product feature.

Q: What's next for Retrograde?

Anand: Deepening the astrological coverage, and continuing to build out both the web and mobile experience.

Pranav: And honestly, just keeping the answers honest — grounded in real methodology, not shortcuts. That's the thing we don't want to compromise on as we grow.

Retrograde is available now on web, iPhone, and Android at www.retrograde.co.in.

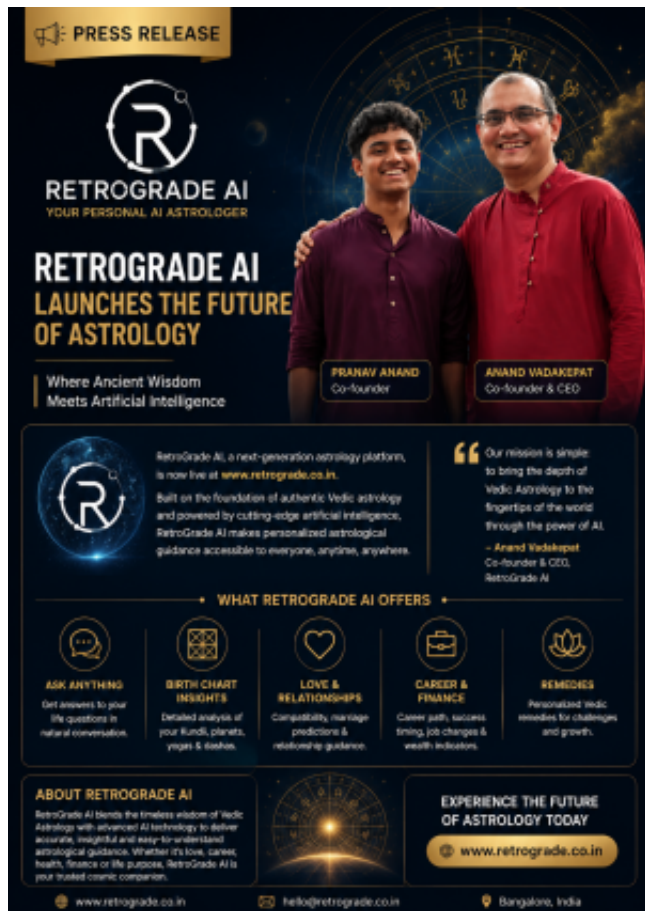
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