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## Karana and its Karakam

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### Abstract

A Panchang Karana is based on the Lunar day of Tithi. There are 30 days in a lunar month, so it gives rise to 60 Karanas in a month. So, technically a Karana is half of a Tithi and is considered as complete only when the difference between the location of Sun and Moon crosses a multiple of 6-degrees.

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### Introduction

There are 11 Karanas in total namely: Bhav, Balav, Kaulav, Gar, Tailtil, Vanij and Vishti, Shakuni, Chatushpad, Nag, and Kimstugna

### The Karanas are categorized into two groups

- Moveable Karanas (Char)
- Fixed Karanas (Sthira)

Out of these 11 Karanas, 7 are moveable Karanas, while the rest 4 fall in the category of Sthira Karana. The underlying difference between the two is that moveable karanas occur at different times during the Moon cycle, while the 4 fixed karanas are always in the same place in the cycle.

### Moveable Karanas (Char)

#### 1. Bava

Also known as 'Simha Karanam' (Lion) - means testicles, sperm, flush, creativity and so on. This Karana is good for all Chara deeds (such as journey, daily duties, business etc.) and also for Sthira deeds such as sowing seeds, sexual intercourse, for putting foundation stone, worship, temple creation and so on.

According to astrology, the natives born in Bav Karana are spiritually inclined. They are interested in the work of dharma-karma. In any work, the natives of Bavkarana try to make 100 per cent effort. The lion is considered to be the symbol of Karana. The properties of the Bav Karana are homogeneous and its state is childhood.

Individuals born in the Bava Karana of astrology are liberal, rich and happy. They are spiritual by nature and give their 100% commitment to all tasks assigned to them. Ruled by Vishnu (the preserver), the individuals in this Karana are fit for all kinds of work irrespective if it's a temporary job or a permanent, stable one.

#### 2. Balava

Also known as 'PuliKaranam' (Leopard). - means Brahmin lady, female horse (mare), slave girl, prostitute and so on. The major meaning considered here is 'Brahmin lady'. That is why this Karana is good for Yajna, Homa (fire worship), study of Veda, for reading epic and Puranas etc. It is good for all kinds of Santi Karma.

Balav Karana is also spiritually nature. People born in this Karana are very much into worship and spend their time visiting pilgrimage places. Balav Karana is also variable like Bav Karana. Its symbol is Cheetah. Balav Karana is considered to be youth and is considered to be sitting in the state.

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Balava Karana folks are similar to Bava Karana because they are highly spiritual. Ruled by Brahma (the God of creation), people born in the Balava Karana have the understanding of auspicious Sanskaras of the Brahmanas. Their inclination towards spirituality allows them to go on more pilgrimage tours and spend time in religious activities. The people in this Karana are bold, fortunate, and playful by nature.

### 3. Kaulava

Also known as 'Panni Karanam' (Pig/Swine) - Kudava is a kind of measurement vessel (also known as Nazhi in South India); means traditional family. Kaula can refer to anyone who follows a traditional path, or traditional job. Kulala is the one who creates mud vessels, and Kaulalam is mud vessel. Thus essentially Kaulava Karana is related to family, tradition and anything worldly; good for all Sthira Karma (such as friendship, compromise, agreement or anything which we want to stay for long).

Kaulava Karana, human beings are sociable. They easily make friends with anyone. The natives of Kaulava Karana have a love for others and are also adept at caring for others. Kaulava is also a variable Karana. It is considered to be a bristle symbol. Kaulava Karana is considered to be the higher level of Karna giving the best results

Ruled by Chandra (the Moon), these people are suited for all types of work (stable and freelance both) and are usually great for friendships. They are very secretive and fickle-minded. People born in the Kaulava Karana are great at amusing others, but their indulgence in unrighteous deeds might keep them bereft of happiness. Other than being friendly, they are also known for their loving and caring nature.

### 4. Taitila

Also known as 'Kazhuta Karanam' (Donkey) –means getting awards, rewards or respect; patience. Taitila Karana is good for all activities related to king, authority, ornamentation, ornamenting the idols and revered ones and so on; for pledge taking, receiving position, charge taking etc. usually Taitila Karana is preferred.

If you are born in Taitila Karana, you are considered lucky. A man with a Taitila Karna does not lack wealth. They spend a wealthy life and also own a lot of wealth. Love plays an important role in the lives of such people. Taitila is also variable. Its symbol is a donkey. It is considered to be a Karana of ominous fruitful dormant state.

People in this Karana are ruled by Indra (the Lord of Heaven) and are the best fit for government jobs. They are also lucky, live a wealthy lifestyle and become a possessor of buildings and properties. Love plays an important role in their life, they are firm and fierce in their attitude, and are also adventurous and heroic.

### 5. Gara

Also known as 'Gaja Karanam' (Elephant) –meaning hard, difficult, demanding more effort and so on. In ancient past the jobs that were considered difficult are cattle / horse / elephant breeding, agriculture and rural business of grains, vehicle related and so on. Hriha is a word that points to any type of house. The jobs that comes under the category of difficult jobs and the word 'Gara' points to is cattle shed, horse shed, elephant shed and so on. For example Aswa-Gara (horse shed). 'Garage' as per English language. Gara Karana is very auspicious for

The human beings of Gar Karana are very punctual. They like to have a disciplined life. Gar Karana natives always have a

destiny that favours them. In fulfilling any work that they are determined to do, the natives of Gar Karana work hard to accomplish it. It's also variable. Its symbol is considered to be an elephant. It is considered to be mature and is also considered to be sitting in its state.

People born in the Gara Karana are experts in the science of mantras, might be physically weak, and achieve their goals through hard work and efforts. Their ruling deity is Vasudeva and they are the best fit for animal husbandry jobs, dairy/fodder trade, and/or in the construction of houses, buildings, etc.

### 6. Vanij Karana

The human beings of the Vanij are intelligent and smart. They are interested in business. They use their intelligence in the field of making money. It's also variable. Its symbol is considered to be a cow. The stage of the Vanij is also considered to be sitting.

It's ruling deity is Manibhadra (the chief of Yakshas) and people who're born in the Vanija Karana are usually smart, bright and good at trading. They have extensive knowledge in business activities, are best suited for sale transactions and the ability helps them attain prosperity.

### 7. Vishti or Bhadra Karana

It is not considered to be fortunate. Human beings born in this Karana indulge in bad deeds and their image also remains negative because of this. The Karana is considered to be ominous and is avoided in any auspicious work. It's also variable. Its symbol is a hen. It brings medium results. The state of the Karna is considered to be sitting.

Vishti Karana is also known as "Bhadra" and is usually avoided by everyone during auspicious activities. If someone has Vishti Karana in their kundli, it's believed that they have a distrustful character and might get involved in immoral deeds. Their negative influence makes them appropriate for destructive activities like attacking an enemy, kidnapping, etc. Ruled by Mrityu, people born in the Vishti Karana are known to be cruel, adventurous, and fierce by nature, and will likely excel in all their undertakings.

## Fixed Karanas (Sthira)

### 1. Shakuni

The human beings born in Shakuni Karana are law-abiding and jurist. They are most interested in solving any problems. The natives of Shakuni Karana easily dispose of any quarrel with their own cleverness. This is fixed, Karna. Its symbol is considered to be a bird. Its state is higher but is considered to be an ordinary result-giving Karana.

These people are inclined towards law and justice and are great at resolving conflicts. Their cleverness makes them the perfect mediator and capable of terminating a quarrel. The Shakuni Karana in astrology category of individuals are ruled by Garuda (eagle) and thus are proactive at work, patient in disposition, are born intelligent and have specialization in the study of omens

### 2. Chaturshpad

Chaturshpad Karana transmits spirituality among family and relatives. They respect the learned saints/educated people. They are also at the forefront in helping animals. These natives are animal-loving and that is why people born in this Karana become successful animal veterinarians. This is also a fixed Karana. It is symbolized as a four-legged animal. Its

result is normal. The state of this Karana is considered dormant.

People born in this Karana are active and mighty. They know how to respect educated people and show immense love for animals. With the power of their love, they can even diagnose animals with diseases, prescribe medicines allowing them to become successful animal doctors.

Being ruled by deity Vrishabha (Bull), the Chatushpada Karana falls on Amavasya (New Moon) and is fit for vanquishing enemies through Tantric methods. Professionally, people who're involved in business related to cattle or Tarpanam (the act of offering made to divine entities) may get more successful.

### 3. Nag

The human beings born in Nag Karana have extraordinary knowledge in a particular field. These people are likely to be faced with unpleasant events. With hard work and determination, they can achieve success in everything they do. This karana also has a fixed status. Its symbol is considered to be a snake or a serpent. Its fruit is normal. Its state is considered dormant.

These individuals possess great knowledge of minerals, metals, and are attached to their work. Their life may seem full of struggles and problems and only their hard work and determination can help them climb the ladder of success. Their ruling deity is Naga (a deified form of serpents) and hence they love protecting (or breeding) snakes. It's also said that natives born in the Naga Karana may get easily irritated.

### 4. Kistughan

The human beings of Kistughan Karana are very fortunate. They are interested in the work of charity-virtue. People born in this Karana receive all kinds of satisfaction in their lives. They have a good education and lead a good, rich life. This is a fixed Karana. Its symbols are considered to be insect-moths. It bears normal fruits. The state of this Karana is upward facing.

People born in this Karana are known to be lucky, and lead a wealthy lifestyle. They love doing charitable work that gives them every type of contentment in life. Ruled by Kubera (the God of Wealth), the Kimstugna Karana falls on the Shukla Paksha Pratipada (1st Waxing Moon Phase) and results in Vaisvadeva yoga, which is known to be the best Karana for doing any task. The individual of this Karana might be bereft of pleasures and live in loneliness.

### Observation

It is observed that Chara and Sthira plays vital role in human life and most of the times this Karanas having an upper hand on characters of the human.

### Discussion

While casting the horoscope the karana to be properly examined and on delivering predictions and suggesting parakara this Karana will help to solve Karmic effect.

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