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A study on COVID-19 in India with special reference to retrograde planets using Rashtriya Panchang 2020

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Abstract

This research study is focused on a pandemic event which shook the world with COVID-19. The study is to compare the World Health Organization Data on Covid-19 with retrograde planetary positions occurred in 2020 using Rashtriya Panchang 2020. The Natal Birth - chart of our country on Independence Day of India, 15.08.1947 and the First Day of Covid-19 case announcements in our country is taken as a base for Vedic Astrology Research under Medical Vedic Astrology study. The study focuses on health of Indian population with specific houses in Vedic Astrology. The houses analyzed for the research study is 6th house, predicted for bad or ill health or diseases, 8th house is predicted for longevity or long bed rest, and Badhaka house as per multiple combination of Lagna (12 [zodiac] X 12 [Lagna] = 144 Combinations). The data collected from WHO India, would be compared in terms of increase or decrease with cumulative numbers on everyday Covid-19 cases in relationship with Retrogression of Planetary Positions published by Ministry of Earth Science – Positional Astronomy Center, Kolkata, West Bengal, India.

Keywords: Medical astrology, COVID-19, Rashtriya Panchang 2020

Introduction

There is very fewer evidence of material that when and where the growth of knowledge is from. We have no arguments about the east/west or day/night. The collection of thoughts are been put together to understand our ancestors message for our well being. You think as an individual on the face of the planet. Let me march with the available data excavated from our mother planet. Through the ages many have chosen to explain heavenly events through astrology. From the dawn of history, man has stood on earth, for years starring at the stars and planets in the dark sky. The rising sun with its warmth and light, have made us to think on our daily life style. But our ancestors had lived a real life with a message for us through Veda.

Veda, the Aryan scriptures are regarded as the oldest literary works of human civilization. Vedas are no ordinary books but a vast stream of knowledge and light. In India, they are not considered as mere religious works but an epitome of philosophy of life. Vedas are not merely a collection of volumes on the principles of rites and rituals. The scholars in the interest of the entire mankind propagated the vast knowledge incorporated in the Vedas.

Research Method

In this research work the data analysis with retrogression position is taken from Rashtriya Panchang 2020. This research work is mainly dependent on Panchang and the data collections of covid-19 cases are taken from World Health Organization. In this data collection the data is collected from day 1 of infection of Covid-19 in our country.

In this research work, the relevant planetary positions and combinations are studied on daily basis from Rashtriya Panchang 2020. All the planetary positions and combinations were taken from ancient books. All these planetary combinations mentioned in these books applicable to society at those times. Here the research work assumes that those planetary combinations mentioned for ancient time period are relevant for the modern society also.

What is retrogression?

Retrogression is not an actual occurrence in the sky. It is just an apparent phenomenon as observed from the earth. Never do two planets take the same amount of time to complete one revolution of the zodiac.

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The moments of the heavenly bodies present a continuous change in the zodiac due to their differing motions one overtaking the other, sometimes slowing down, sometimes stopping abruptly and then receding backward and after some days getting still and then going forward as earlier. The apparent motionless state is known as stationary. The apparent backward motion is known as Retrogression while forward motion is known as direct motion. These appearances are the combined results of the motions of the earth, other planets and their heliocentric positions.

21-23. Motions of Grahas (Mangal to Śani). Eight kinds of motions are attributed to Grahas. These are Vakra (retrogression), Anuvakra (entering the previous Rāśi in retrograde motion), Vikal (devoid of motion), Mand (somewhat slower motion than usual), Mandatar (slower than the previous), Sama (somewhat increasing in motion), Char (faster than Sama) and Atichar (entering next Rāśi in accelerated motion). The strengths, allotted due to such 8 motions are 60, 30, 15, 30, 15, 7.5, 45 and 30. Sun and moon are always in direct motion while Rahu and Ketu are always Retrograde, they are outside the purview of this book.

1. Saturn is retrograde for 141 days and stationary for about five days before and after retrogression. 2. Jupiter is retrograde for 120 days and stationary for about five days before and after retrogression. 3. Mars is retrograde for 80 days and stationary for about two or three days before and after retrogression. 4. Venus is retrograde for 42 days and stationary for about two days before and after retrogression. 5. Mercury is retrograde for 24 days stationary one day before and after retrogression.

Opposite of Retrogression is Acceleration when planet seems to be moving forward too fast is in acceleration motion. While attempts have been made to understand the effects of retrograde planets melody has cared to understand the effects of planets in accelerated motion. As we know by experience that a vehicle in accelerated motion is more dangerous than a vehicle in packager moving slowly. In our view a retrograde planet may delay and result and test your patience but never destroy you. An accelerated (too fast) planet on the other hand may invite collision if motions matter really.

Findings and Conclusions

1. Discussing about journey for trade purposes, Varaha says prashna lagna is occupied by any of Sun or Saturn or Venus or Jupiter or Mercury in any movable sign (Aries, Cancer, Libra or Capricorn) the questioner may soon proceed on journey but in lagna is retrograde the questioner may not go on travel for some reason or others so long as Vakri Graha does not become direct.
2. Ushnamukh Mangala -If Mars gets retrograde in 7th or 8th or 9th Nakshatra of its rising Nakshatra, it is known as Ushnamukh Mangala. Natives dependent on fire-works may suffer so long as such Mars will remain retrograde.
3. Ashrumukha Mangala -If Mars gets retrograde in 10th or 11th or 12th Nakshatra from its rising Nakshatra it is known as Ashrumukha Mangala, such Mars may damage juicy fruits – flowers and other things. It may give droughts and diseases.
4. Vialamukha Mangala- If Mars gets retrograde in 13th or 14th Nakshatra from previous setting Nakshatra it is known as Vialamukha Mangala such Mars may give plenty of crops but it may give troubles to canines, boars, snakes, deers etc.
5. Rudhiranu Mangala -If Mars gets retrograde in 15th or 16th Nakshatra from its previous setting Nakshatra, it is

known as Rudhiranu Mangala, Such Mars may also give plentiful crops but it may also give fears and diseases of mouth on a large scale.

6. Asimusala Mangala- If Mars gets retrograde in 17th or 18th Nakshatra from its previous setting Nakshatra, it is known as Rudhiranu Mangala, Such Mars may give drought, fear from thieves and weapons. If Mars risen in Puvā Falguni or Uttara Falguni gets retrograde in Uttarashadha an thereafter, it goes combust in Rohini, such Mars may cause devastation on a large scale. If Mars risen in Sravna Nakshatra goes retrograde in Pushya Nakshatra such Mars may cause sufferance to rulers and people. Sloka 39 Chapter 5 Kalyan Varma meant here natural benefices [Mercury, Jupiter and Venus] and natural malefic [Mars and Saturn] This view is confirmed in sloka 2.3 of chapter 60 wherein it is stated; if benefits in 6th/8th house be aspected by retrograde malefic [Mars or Saturn] and there be no other benefic aspect on the concerned 6th or 8th house the newly born child may die in a week.”
7. In chapter 41 of Saravali it is so said that retrograde malefic in their Dasa may confer bewilderment, sorrows, misfortunes, enmities, hurdles oppositions while retrograde benefices in their Dasa may not give such results. Vide.
8. In chapter 13 of Bhavartha Ratnakara author says that malefic [Mars and Saturn] in retrograde motion may give auspicious results vide What Kalyan Varma intends to say here is that Dasa of Malefics in retrograde motion may be troublesome while Dasa of benefices in retrogradation as a rule will not be so. Rather, Dasa of Retrograde benefices in signs other than exalted one may give good results. In its exalted sign a retrograde benefic may not be able to give the desired results; it may delay such results but it will not give good adverse results like retrograde malefic Mars and Saturn.
9. Kalian Varma in sloka 2 chapter 4 of Saravali deals about Karakatwa of planets. According to him Sun in Karaka of Atma (Soul or will power). Moon is Karaka on mind, Mars is Karaka of valour and physical strength, Mercury is Karaka of power of speech, Jupiter is Karaka of knowledge, Venus is Karaka of pleasures or comforts, Rahu is Karak of pride and Vanity, Saturn is Karaka of miseries or sorrows. If aforesaid grahas be strong in birth-chart they may enhance their Karaka power but if they are weak, they may decrease their power. As Saturn is Karaka of sorrows misfortunes and poverty, it is desirable that Saturn must be weak in birth-chart. We consider that Saturn must be weak if it is a functional malefic too. A weak Saturn is not good for longevity.
10. Retrograde Mars may specially give the results of the 4th house from it retrograde-Jupiter may similarly give the results of the 5th house from it retrograde Mercury too like retrograde Mars will be giving the results of the 4th house from it. Retrograde Venus may similarly give the results of the house 7th from it Retrograde. Saturn may give the results of the house 9th from it.

The Dasa of a Retrograde planet is generally different from that of the one in direct order but not specific clue is given in this respect.

- a. Venus retrograde denotes sexual deficiency.
- b. Retrograde Saturn gives increased life-Span.

The Rashtriya Panchang shows the retrograde planets due to which mass population had issues which came in the form of Covid-19 and resulted changes in our life. It also resulted in closing up of business houses and many changes which our generation never had any prior experiences on mass problem solving strategies. Many had to experience the retrograde effects of planets as listed below and due to which one by the changes occurred in our life and kept on changing the environment.

1. The findings in this project is totally based on the retrograde of planets as per Rashtriya Panchang 2020 and the results are provided.
2. The retrograde planet gives the opposite results as given in sloka in traditional astrology and the formation of Kal Sharpa Yoga is also to be considered in this particular time period as Rahu and Ketu are always in Retrograde position.
3. Retrograde planets posited between the Rahu and Ketu during the kal sharpa yog has resulted in negative prediction which was written in slokas in Vedic Literatures.
4. Our country was under the shadow of pandemic which is more likely to occur when planets in kal sharpa yog goes retrograde motion.
5. The planetary positions indicates the growth and down fall of the economy under such rare positions as given below;

The Rashtriya Panchang 2020 showed that 6 planets got retrograde including Rahu and Ketu and the details of planets are given below;

| Sl. No | Planets | Starting date | Ending date | Prediction |
|--------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Saturn | 11-05-2020 | 30-09-2020 | Increase in hospitalisation |
| 2 | Venus | 14-05-2020 | 25-06-2020 | Lack of medicines |
| 3 | Jupiter | 15-05-2020 | 13-09-2020 | Increase in health issues |
| 4 | Mercury | 19-06-2020 | 12-07-2020 | Lack of food and money |
| 5 | Rahu | in retrograde Position always | in retrograde Position always | Hospitalization |
| 6 | Ketu | In retrograde position always | In retrograde position always | Surgery |
| 7 | Moon (Amavasya) | 22-05-2020 | 24-05-2020 | Lack of understanding the surroundings |
| 8 | Moon (Amavasya) | 21-06-2020 | 22-06-2020 | Lack of understanding the surroundings |
| 9 | Mercury | 14-10-2020 | 03-11-2020 | Lack of food and money |
| 10 | Mercury | 30-01-2021 | 21-02-2021 | Lack of food and money |

Note: Those who have retrograde planets in personal horoscopes will have less negative effects

7. We all had experienced the lockdown in our country due to retrograde of planets which resulted in a very big change in our daily living.
8. Such a combination occurs very rarely and it's most important for professional astrologers to have the data of planetary positions for at least upcoming 5 to 10 years (5 to 10 years of Panchang). Such multiple years of Panchang shall be great enough to have a better and fine tuned prediction for the society.
9. It could be beneficial in long run for academic study and doing the research on various topics with the set of predictions written in sloka in Vedic Literature.

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The planetary positions indicates the growth and down fall of the economy under such rare positions as given below;

| Planets Effects | Indication of Body Parts |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Sun | Bones, Pitta and Mind |
| Moon | Blood |
| Mars | Flesh |
| Mercury | Skin |
| Jupiter | Fats and Phelgm |
| Venus | Sperms / Ovary |
| Saturn | Nervous System |
| Rahu | Rheumatic Phlegm/ mucus |
| Ketu | Rheumatic phlegm / mucus |

| Planet | Ill Health on Body Parts |
|---------|---|
| Sun | Head, face |
| Moon | Chest, throat |
| Mars | Back, stomach |
| Mercury | Hands, Legs |
| Jupiter | Waist, legs |
| Venus | Sexual organs, Urinary bladder, Reproductive organs |
| Saturn | Knees, thighs |

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