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## Precise exaltation position of planet Jupiter (Guru) in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart

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### Abstract

Sage Valmiki in Ramayana did not mention the precise exaltation position of Jupiter (Guru), even though it was stated that five planets were in exaltation in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart. We have analysed 'Hansa (Hansa) Yoga' mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra, Sage Valmiki's description of position of planets in Lord Rama's birth chart, and compared it with Lord Rama's characteristics mentioned in Ramayana to conclude precise exaltation position of planet Jupiter (Guru) in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart.

**Keywords:** Astrology, Rama, Jupiter, Hansa (Hansa) Yoga, Panchamahapurushas

### Introduction

Sage Valmiki in his Sri Ramayana explained planetary positions in the birth chart of Lord Sri Rama. Many in the past have explored the possibilities of the position of planet Jupiter in the birth chart of Lord Sri Rama in different ways. Sureshwara <sup>[1]</sup> reported that, Jupiter was exalted in Cancer at 5° but was not backed up by any calculations and also mentioned that Jupiter was in conjunction with Moon and further, ill-effects of Jupiter weren't discussed. Another astrologer <sup>[2]</sup> had discussed that Jupiter and Moon were in ascendant in Cancer but didn't explain the precise position at which Jupiter was exalted. Kshitij Sharma <sup>[3]</sup> had placed Jupiter and Moon in Cancer with no further explanation. An article <sup>[4]</sup> mentioned that, Jupiter, Moon, Saturn, Mars and Venus were exalted in the quadrants and trines of Lord Rama's birth chart and no further details on Jupiter's precise position was mentioned. Also the author did not mention how Moon in Lord Rama's birth chart was exalted? Ramana Rao <sup>[5]</sup>, mentioned that Jupiter is exalted in birth-lagna (Kendra and kona) but didn't given any further details on precise position at which Jupiter was exalted in Cancer. Pomari Subramanian <sup>[6]</sup>, has discussed Lord Sri Rama's birth chart but hasn't outlined further details on precise position at which Jupiter was placed in 1<sup>st</sup> house. Jwala Narasimha Rao <sup>[7]</sup>, has referred to Pushkar Bhatnagar's works on Lord Rama and opines that Jupiter and the moon were in Cancer, yet again no analysis was made on precise position at which Jupiter was placed in Cancer. Prof. Desikam <sup>[8]</sup> referred to Thunchath Ezhuthachan's Ramayana and thinks Jupiter and Moon in Karkidakom (Cancer), but didn't give any further details on precise position of Jupiter. AstroIsha <sup>[9]</sup> reported that Lord Rama had kind Jupiter and caring Moon in first house but didn't provide further details on precise position at which Jupiter was exalted in first house. Padmini Tamirisa <sup>[10]</sup> reported that Moon and Jupiter are in the lagna (Moon is in its own house and Jupiter is exalted), but didn't explain the precise position at which Jupiter was placed in lagna. Stephen Knapp <sup>[11]</sup> also refers to Pushkar Bhatnagar's book Dating the Era of Lord Rama and thinks lagna was Cancer and Jupiter & Moon were shining together, where no further details found about Jupiter's precise position in Cancer were given. Raghavendra Sai Akkinapragada et al <sup>[12]</sup> reported Sun's precise position in Lord Rama's birth chart based on tithi and angle between Sun and Moon in Chaitra month (from Padyami tithi start to Asthami tithi end) and further mentioned position of Jupiter in Cancer based on Sage Valmiki's Ramayana. Nandita Pandey <sup>[13]</sup> reported, Jupiter, Saturn, Mars, Sun, Venus, Rahu and Ketu all in their exalted state along with Mercury. But Mercury if present can neither in exalted state nor in its own sign. Also the author reported that, Jupiter, Moon are placed in ascendant but Jupiter's precise position in Cancer wasn't mentioned. Sanjay <sup>[14]</sup> also reported that Jupiter and

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Moon are in the ascendant but couldn't find any conclusive evidence based on which Jupiter's precise position in Cancer. Mesheeka Das <sup>[15]</sup> reported that at the time of Lord Rama's birth, the Jupiter and the Moon were in lagna, Rahu in the 3rd house, Saturn in the fourth house, and Mars in the seventh house, Ketu with the true zodiac motion, Venus is in the 9th house and tried to compare Lord Rama's birth chart with Ravana's, it is not clear about the authenticity of Ravana's birth chart and also there was no specific mention of precise position of Jupiter. Renay Oshop <sup>[16]</sup>, who is an astrologer herself, tried to compare Sita's horoscope with Lord Rama's but it was not clear about the source of Sita's horoscope. Sadrish <sup>[17]</sup> has mentioned that planet Jupiter, was in conjunction with the Moon in lagna but didn't give precise position of Jupiter. Raghavendra et al <sup>[18]</sup> gave a detailed explanation about Mercury's absence in Lord Rama's birth chart which further enhances the mysteries surrounding Lord Sri Rama's birth chart.

**Based on above references and their conclusions, below questions were drawn**

1. What could be the precise position of planet Jupiter in Cancer of Lord Rama's birth chart?

2. Are there any ill-aspects of other planets on Jupiter that could help positioning Jupiter?

In this research paper, we will explore various aspects to find an answer to the above questions.

### Method and Materials

Now the question is, what Sage Valmiki mentioned about the placement of Jupiter (Guru) in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart? We find that, in the birth chart of Lord Sri Rama, Jupiter (Guru) was meant to be in exaltation as per Ramayana's <sup>[19]</sup> Bala Kanda but exact degrees at which Jupiter (Guru) was placed was not clear.

With reference to Vālmiki Rāmāyana (Bala Kanda.18/ Sloka 8, 9) <sup>[19]</sup>, five planets were in exaltation in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart. Raghavendra et al <sup>[12]</sup> reported Sun's precise position in its exalted state along with drawing conclusions about the other four planets viz., Venus, Jupiter, Mars and Saturn. Raghavendra et al <sup>[18]</sup> ruled out the existence of planet Mercury (Budha) in Lord Rama's birth chart. This research considers planet Jupiter (Guru) to be in Cancer as per above discussion and proceeds further to ascertain the precise location of the planet Jupiter (Guru) in Cancer in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart.

ततो यज्ञे समाप्ते तु ऋतूनां षट् समत्ययुः ।  
ततश्च द्वादशे मासे चैत्रे नावमिके तिथौ ॥ १-१८-८  
नक्षत्रेऽदितिदैवत्ये स्वोच्चसंस्थेषु पंचसु ।  
ग्रहेषु कर्कटे लग्ने वाक्पताविंदुना सह ॥ १-१८-९

Fig 1: Excerpts from Ramayana, written by Sage Valmiki - Bala Kanda <sup>[19]</sup>

As per this sloka, Lord Rama was born on 9<sup>th</sup> tithi of Chaitra month, in Karkata (Cancer) lagna, where Moon was in its own house along with Jupiter and the nakshatra's lord being Adithi. Since the lord for Punarvasu is Adithi, we conclude that Moon is placed in the 4<sup>th</sup> pada of Punarvasu within 3.3<sup>0</sup> of Cancer. Moving forward, let us examine the 1<sup>st</sup> line of second sloka in Fig-1.

“स्वोच्चसंस्थेषु पंचसु” (excerpt from Fig-1) स्व+उच्च+संस्थेषु, स्व =

Own, self, individual, उच्च = exalted or highest, संस्थेषु = contained in their positions, पंचसु = collection of five, refers to 5 planets are in their own exaltation positions.

As per Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra <sup>[20]</sup>, chapter 75, “Characteristic Features of Panchamahapurushas”, slokas 1-2, mentions “which yogas are applicable and when certain conditions are met”.

अथ वक्ष्याम्यहं पञ्च-महापुरुषलक्षणम् ।  
स्वभोच्चगतकेन्द्रस्थैर्बलिभिश्च कुजादिभिः ॥१॥  
क्रमशो रुचको भद्रो हंसो मालव्य एव च ।  
शशश्चैते बुधैः सर्वैर्महान्तः पुरुषाः स्मृताः ॥२॥

Fig 2: Sage Parasara's, Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra<sup>[20]</sup>, chapter 75, slokas 1-2

If Jupiter (Guru) be placed in its own sign or exaltation, be in kendra to ascendant, then this gives raise to Hamsa Yoga. According to slokas 13-16<sup>[20]</sup>, “The Hamsa native has voice like a hamsa (swan), has a handsome appearance and well developed nose. He is a king with phlegmatic temperament, honey like tawny coloured eyes, red coloured nails, sharp intelligence, sturdy cheeks, round forehead and beautiful feet. He has marks of matsya (fish), ankush (the iron hook with which elephants are driven), dhanus. (bow), sankh (conch), Kamal (lotus) in his hands and feet. He is very passionate and

his lust remains unfulfilled. He is 96 anguls in height. He is fond of swimming and playing games in watery places. He enjoys life fully and as ruler of a land situated between the Ganga and Yamuna, dies after attaining the age of 100 years”.

Now let us verify Lord Sri Rama's description by Sage Vālmiki's Rāmāyana and compare with Hamsa yoga characteristics as described by Sage Parasara and then ascertain the location of Jupiter (Guru) in the Lord Rama's birth chart.

**Table 1:** Parasara Hora Sastra Hamsa Yoga compared to Valmiki's description of Sri Rama

Num	Parasara Hora Sastra - Hamsa Yoga reference	Vālmiki Rāmāyana references about Lord Sri Rama
1	voice like a hamsa (swan)	No match found
2	Has a handsome appearance and well developed nose	Sundara Kanda [22] sarga 35, sloka 20
3	King with phlegmatic temperament	Sundara Kanda [22] sarga 35, sloka 20
4	Honey like tawny coloured eyes	Bala Kanda [19] sarga 18, sloka 10, 11 Sundara Kanda [22] sarga 35, sloka 15
5	Red coloured nails	Sundara Kanda [22] sarga 35, sloka 17
6	Sharp intelligence	Sundara Kanda [22] sarga 35, sloka 9
7	Sturdy cheeks	Sundara Kanda [22] sarga 35, sloka 18
8	Round forehead and beautiful feet	Sundara Kanda [22] sarga 35, sloka 19
9	Has marks of matsya (fish), ankush (the iron hook with which elephants are driven), dhanus. (bow), sankh (conch), Kamal (lotus) in his hands and feet	No match found
10	Very passionate	No match found
11	His lust remains unfulfilled	No match found
12	He is 96 anguls in height	Sundara Kanda [22] sarga 35, sloka 18
13	Fond of swimming and playing games in watery places	No match found
14	Enjoys life fully	No match found
15	Ruler of a land situated between the Ganga and Yamuna	Ayodhya is located between Ganga and Yamuna rivers
16	Dies after attaining the age of 100 years	No match found

### Results and Discussions

1. Hamsa Yoga is formed because of exalted Jupiter [20]. Also, as Jupiter is in lagna (Cancer), it represents the personality of the person.
2. With reference to table-1, Lord Sri Rama has 9 out of 16 qualities described by Sage Parasara's Hora Sastra's Hamsa Yoga [20], (one of Panchamahapurusha Yoga) when compared with Vālmiki Rāmāyana. Hamsa yoga is only applicable for persons having Jupiter (Guru) exalted in their birth chart.
3. It is a widely known factor that Jupiter is deeply exalted in Cancer [23] at 5° (see Fig-3).

#### Exaltation

Each planet is held to be exalted when it is in a particular sign. The power to do good when in exaltation is greater than when in its own sign. The Sun, the Moon, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus, Saturn, Rahu and Ketu are said to be in deep exaltation in Aries 10°, Taurus 3°, Capricorn 28°, Virgo 15°, Cancer 5°, Pisces 27°, Libra 20°, Taurus 20° and Scorpio 20° respectively. Throughout the sign ascribed, the planet is exalted but in a particular degree its exaltation is at the maximum level.

Fig-3: B.V. Raman's book on Astrology [23], Page 39

Based on above 3 points, we can determine the exact degrees at which Jupiter should have been present in Cancer of Lord Rama's birth chart. It is evident that, from table-1, 9 out of 16 points in Hamsa Yoga of Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [20] are an exact match with Lord Sri Rama's characteristics as described by Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana [19][22]. Therefore, the probability of Jupiter being present at 5° in Cancer is only about 56.25% (9/16). Hence the degrees at which Jupiter (Guru) is present in Cancer of Lord Rama's birth chart must be around 2.8125° based on the calculation as given:

Precise Position of Jupiter = 5° \* (9 points / 16 points) = 2.8125°..... (Equation-1)

4. Are there any ill-aspects of other planets on Jupiter that could help positioning Jupiter? As per Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [24], chapter 34, "Yoga Karakas", slokas 27-28, mentions "for Cancer ascendant: Venus and Mercury are malefics, Mars, Jupiter and the Moon are auspicious. Mars is capable of conferring a full-fledged yoga and giving auspicious effects. Saturn and the Sun are killers and give effects according to association".

भार्गवेन्दुसुतो पापी भूसुतेज्येन्दवः शुभाः ।  
पूर्णयोगकरः साक्षान्मंगलो मंगलप्रदः ॥२७॥  
निहन्ताऽकंसुतोऽकस्तु साहचर्यात् फलप्रदः ।  
कर्कलग्नोद्भवस्यैवं फलं प्रोक्तं मनीषिभिः ॥२८॥

Fig 4: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [24], chapter 34, Slokas 27-28

As Lord Sri Rama is Cancer ascendant, Mars, Jupiter and Moon are auspicious according to Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [24]. Mars is capable to conferring a full-fledged yoga and gives auspicious effects. As Jupiter (Guru) is exalted in Cancer and has 10<sup>th</sup> aspect on Pisces and Pisces being Jupiter (Guru)'s own house, it doesn't negatively affect it but in turn enhances it in a positive manner, Saturn even though exalted has less effect on Jupiter as it is not in direct aspect with Jupiter. Even though, Saturn and Sun are killers for Cancer ascendant, as Mars is in exaltation and as Sun has occupied Aries (Mars's own house) and as Mars is conferring full-fledged yoga, the negative effects of Saturn and Sun are nullified due to Mars's full-fledged yoga.

### Conclusion

Based on above given methods and materials, results and discussions:

1. Jupiter, Moon and Mars are auspicious for Cancer ascendants, and no other planets ill-effects can be seen according to Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [24] for Cancer ascendants. Hence, in Lord Rama's birth chart, we see that, Jupiter is exalted and the precise position is based only on 'Hamsa (Hansa) Yoga' as no other malefic effects can be counted.

2. We can safely conclude that planet Jupiter (Guru) was exalted in Cancer of Lord Sri Rama’s birth chart at around 2.8125<sup>o</sup> (see Equation-1, Fig-5).

<b>PISCES</b> <b>VENUS</b> (around 17.3 <sup>o</sup> )	<b>ARIES</b> <b>SUN</b> (around 7.3 <sup>o</sup> )		
	Sage Valmiki’s Lord Rama’s birth chart as per Bala Kanda (Sarga 18, versus 8,9)	<b>ASC, CANCER</b>	<b>JUPITER</b> (around 2.8125 <sup>o</sup> )
<b>CAPRICORN</b> <b>MARS</b>			<b>MOON</b>
		<b>LIBRA</b>	
		<b>SATURN</b>	

**Fig 5:** South Indian chart type

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