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Precise exaltation position of planet Mars (Kuja) in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart

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Abstract

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

Keywords: Astrology, Rama, Mars, Kuja, Ruchaka 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 Mars in the birth chart of Lord Sri Rama in different ways. Sureshwara^[1] reported that, Mars was exalted in Capricorn at 28° but was not backed up by any calculations and also mentioned that Jupiter was in conjunction with Moon and further, ill-effects of Mars weren't discussed. Another astrologer^[2] had discussed that Mars was in Capricorn but didn't explain the precise position at which Mars was exalted. Kshitij Sharma^[3] had Mars in Capricorn with no further explanation. An article^[4] 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 Mars's precise position was mentioned. Akkinapragada *et al.*^[5] reported precise position of Venus by Malavya yoga features with Lord Rama's characteristics as detailed by Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana. Ramana Rao^[6], mentioned that Jupiter is in Cancer, Mars was in Makara (Capricorn) and exalted, lord of 10th house is in 7th house which is Kendra from Jupiter which is in lagna. But did not provide any further details on precise position at which Mars was exalted in Capricorn. Ponmari Subramanian^[7], has discussed Lord Sri Rama's birth chart but hasn't outlined further details on precise position at which Mars was placed in 7th house. Jwala Narasimha Rao^[8], has referred to Pushkar Bhatnagar's works on Lord Rama and opines that Mars was in Capricorn, yet again no analysis was made on precise position at which Mars was placed in Capricorn. Prof. Desikam^[9] referred to Thunchath Ezhuthachan's Ramayana and thinks Mars was in Makaram (Capricorn), but didn't give any further details on precise position of Mars. AstroIsha^[10] reported that Lord Rama had Mars in 7th house and tried to compare Lord Rama's birth chart with Ravana's but the source of Ravana's birth chart was unknown, further, precise position of Mars was not mentioned. Padmini Tamirisa^[11] reported that Jupiter was in 1st house and Mars was present in Capricorn which happens to be 7th house in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart and mentioned that Mars is aspected by Jupiter from 1st house, but details about precise position of Mars in Capricorn was not mentioned. Akkinapragada *et al.*^[12] reported precise position of Jupiter by comparing Hamsa (Hansa) yoga's features with Lord Rama's as detailed by Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana. Stephen Knapp^[13] also refers to Pushkar Bhatnagar's book Dating the Era of Lord Rama and thinks lagna was Cancer and Mars was in Capricorn, where no further details found about Mars's precise position in Capricorn were given. Akkinapragada *et al.*^[14] 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.

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Nandita Pandey [15] 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 Mars's precise position in Capricorn wasn't mentioned. Sanjay [16] also reported that Mars was placed in Capricorn but couldn't find any conclusive evidence based on which Mars's precise position in Capricorn. Akkinapragada *et al.* [17] reported precise position of Saturn by comparing Sasa yoga's features with Lord Rama's as detailed by Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana. Mesheeka Das [18] 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 Mars. Renay Oshop [19], 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 [20] has mentioned that Sun, Mars, Saturn, Jupiter, and Venus, were exalted in their own houses in Karkata Lagna. It is not clear how these planets can be exalted in their own houses and further no details have been given on precise position of Mars. Akkinapragada *et al.* [21] 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 Mars in Capricorn of Lord Rama's birth chart?
2. Are there any ill-aspects of other planets on Mars that could help positioning Mars?

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 Mars in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart? We find that, in the birth chart of Lord Sri Rama, Mars was meant to be in exaltation as per Ramayana's [22] Bala Kanda but exact degrees at which Mars was placed was not clear.

With reference to Vālmiki Rāmāyana (Bala Kanda.18/ Sloka 8, 9) [22], five planets were in exaltation in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart. Akkinapragada *et al.* [14] reported Sun's precise position along with drawing conclusions that other four planets must be Venus, Jupiter, Mars and Saturn. Akkinapragada *et al.* [21] ruled out the existence of planet Mercury (Budha) in Lord Rama's birth chart. This research considers planet Mars to be in Capricorn as per above discussion and proceeds further to ascertain the precise location of the planet Mars in Capricorn of 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 [22]

As per this sloka, Lord Rama was born on 9th tithi of Chaitra month, in Karkata lagna, where Moon was in its own house (Cancer) along with Jupiter and the nakshatra's lord is Adithi. Since the lord for Punarvasu is Adithi, we conclude that Moon is placed in the 4th pada of Punarvasu within 3.3⁰ of Cancer. Moving forward, let us examine the 1st 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 [23], chapter 75, “Characteristic Features of Panchamahapurushas”, slokas 1-2, mentions “which yogas are applicable and when certain conditions are met”.

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क्रमशो रुचको भद्रो हंसो मालव्य एव च ।
शशरचंते बुधैः सर्वैर्महान्तः पुरुषाः स्मृताः ॥२॥

Fig 2: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra, chapter 75 [23], slokas 1-2

If Mars be placed in its own sign or exaltation, be in Kendra to ascendant, then this gives raise to ‘Ruchaka Yoga’. According to Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra, chapter 75 [23], slokas 3-7, “The Ruchaka native possesses a long face, he is very enthusiastic, has spotless lustre, is powerful, has attractive brows, black hair and is fond of all things. He loves to fight wars, is of dark red complexion is victorious over enemies, is discriminative, is protector of thieves and has cruel temperament and slender thighs. He is a devotee of Brahmins, has marks of veena, varga, dhanus, pasha and vrasha signs in his hands along with chakra rekha. He is well versed in occult sciences. He, is 100 anguls in height, his waist has the circumference equal to the length of his face and is 1000 Karshas (कर्ष) in weight. He as ruler of Sahyachala and Vindhya Pradesh dies after attaining the age of 70 by fire or weapons”.

Now let us verify Lord Sri Rama's description by Sage Vālmiki's Rāmāyana and compare with ‘Ruchaka Yoga’ characteristics as described by Sage Parasara and then ascertain the location of Mars in the Lord Rama's birth chart.

Table 1: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra - Ruchaka Yoga compared to Valmiki's description of Sri Rama

Num	Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra - Ruchaka Yoga reference	Vālmiki Rāmāyana references about Lord Sri Rama
1	native possesses a long face	Sundara Kanda ^[25] sarga 35, sloka 19 Partially matched
2	very enthusiastic	Kishkindha Kanda ^[24] , sarga 3, sloka 9,10
3	has spotless lustre	Sundara Kanda ^[25] sarga 35, sloka 19
4	is powerful	Yuddha Kanda ^[26] , sarga 22, sloka 5
5	has attractive brows, black hair	Kishkindha Kanda ^[24] , sarga 3, sloka 30 Sundara Kanda ^[25] sarga 35, sloka 17, 19 Partially matched
6	is fond of all things	No match found
7	loves to fight wars	No match found
8	is of dark red complexion	Sundara Kanda ^[25] sarga 35, sloka 16
9	is victorious over enemies	Ayodhya Kanda ^[28] sarga 19, sloka 1
10	is discriminative	Sundara Kanda ^[25] sarga 35, sloka 9
11	is protector of thieves	No match found
12	has cruel temperament	No match found
13	slender thighs	Sundara Kanda ^[25] sarga 35, sloka 19 Partially matched
14	devotee of Brahmins	Sundara Kanda ^[25] sarga 35, sloka 13
15	has marks of veena, varga, dhanus, pasha and vrasha signs in his hands along with chakra rekha	No match found
16	is well versed in occult sciences	No match found
17	is 100 anguls in height	Sundara Kanda ^[25] sarga 35, sloka 18
18	his waist has the circumference equal to the length of his face	No match found
19	is 1000 Karshas (कर्ष) in weight	No match found
20	ruler of Sahyachala and Vindhya Pradesh	Ruled all over Earth
21	dies after attaining the age of 70 by fire or weapons	No match found

Results and Discussions

- As per Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra, chapter 75^[23], slokas 3-7, Ruchaka Yoga is formed because of exalted Mars.
- With reference to table-1, Lord Sri Rama has 10 (8 exactly matched + 4 partially matched [which equals to 2 fully matched]) out of 21 qualities described by Sage Parasara's Hora Sastra's Ruchaka Yoga (one of Panchamahapurusha Yoga) when compared with Vālmiki Rāmāyana. Ruchaka yoga is only applicable for persons having Mars exalted in their birth chart.

It is a widely known factor that Mars is deeply exalted (see Fig-3) in Capricorn at 28°.

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Fig 3: B.V. Raman's book on Astrology ^[27], Page 39

Based on above 3 points, we can determine the exact degrees at which Mars should have been present in Capricorn of Lord Rama's birth chart. It is evident that, from table-1, 10 out of 21 points in Ruchaka Yoga mentioned in slokas 3-7 of Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra, chapter 75 ^[23] are an exact match with Lord Sri Rama's characteristics as described by Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana ^[24, 25, 27, 28].

Therefore, the probability of Mars being present at 28° in Capricorn is only about 47.62%. Hence the degrees at which Mars is present in Capricorn of Lord Rama's birth chart must be around 13.33° based on this calculation as given below:

Precise Position of Mars = 28° * (10 points / 21 points) = 13.33° (Equation-1)

- 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".

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Fig 4: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra ^[29], chapter 34, slokas 27-28

With respect to Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra ^[29], chapter 34, slokas 27-28, as Lord Sri Rama is Cancer ascendant, Mars, Jupiter and Moon are auspicious. Mars is capable of conferring a full-fledged yoga and gives auspicious effects. As Jupiter (Guru) is exalted in Cancer and has 7th aspect on Pisces where Mars's is exalted and Pisces being Jupiter (Guru)'s own house, it doesn't negatively affect it but in turn enhances it in a positive manner. Saturn doesn't have aspect on Pisces where Mars's is exalted. Even though, Saturn and Sun are killers for Cancer ascendant, as Mars has occupied Saturn's Capricorn and as Sun has occupied Mar's Aries and as Mars is conferring full-fledged yoga, the negative effects of Saturn and Sun are nullified due to Mars's full-fledged yoga. As there are 4 partial matches (refer to table-1) which are

non-negative features and as per above discussion on Mars conferring fledged yoga, it can be safely determined that there is a $13.33^\circ \pm 2^\circ$ variation to the precise position determined above (refer to Equation-1).

Hence, the revised precise position of Mars in Capricorn can be determined as $13.33^\circ \pm 2^\circ$.

PISCES VENUS (around 17.3°)	ARIES SUN (around 7.3°)		
	Sage Valmiki's Lord Rama's birth chart as per Bala Kanda (Sarga 18, versus 8,9)		ASC, CANCER JUPITER (around 2.8125°) MOON
CAPRICORN MARS ($13.33^\circ \pm 2^\circ$)			
		LIBRA SATURN (around 10°)	

Fig 5: South Indian chart type

Conclusion

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

1. It is evident that Mars doesn't have any ill-effects in the birth chart of Lord Sri Rama as he is cancer ascendant and Mars confers full-fledged yoga. Effects of other planets for Cancer ascendant was also discussed above and proven beyond doubt that, none of the planets in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart are conferring any ill-effects including Mars.
2. We can safely conclude that planet Mars was exalted in Capricorn of Lord Sri Rama's birth chart at around $13.33^\circ \pm 2^\circ$. (See Fig-5).

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