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Possibilities of Lord Sri Rama encountering daemon Viraadha and meeting several erudite sages in dandakaranya as revealed from his transit chart

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Abstract

In this research paper, we have calculated the astro transit planetary placements when Lord Sri Rama met noble and highly erudite sages like Sage Atri & Anasuya Devi, Sage Sharabhanga, and Sage Suteekshana. We have also found out the reasons why daemon Viraadha proved to be a difficult opponent to fight with and how gallant Lord Sri Rama won over him. With the help of Brihat Parashara Hora Shastra and Sage Valmiki's Ramayana, we have drawn several conclusions regarding these events.

Keywords: Lord Sri Rama, Exile, Sage Atri, Sage Sharabhanga, Sage Suteekshana, Viraadha

Introduction

Akkinapragada *et al* ^[1, 2] reported Sun's precise position in Lord Shri Ram'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 corroborated it with Dasa 'Varga Classifications' and Descriptions.

Akkinapragada *et al* ^[3, 4] reported precise position of Moon in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart, by comparing Effects of first house from Brihat Samhita Hora Sastra slokas with Lord Shri Ram's characteristics as detailed in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana and further corroborated it with Dasa 'Varga Classifications' and Descriptions.

Akkinapragada *et al* ^[5, 6] reported precise position of Mars by comparing Ruchaka yoga's features mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra with Lord Shri Ram's characteristics as detailed in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana and further corroborated it with Dasa 'Varga Classifications' and Descriptions.

Akkinapragada *et al* ^[7, 8] reported precise position of Jupiter by comparing Hamsa (Hansa) yoga's features mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra with Lord Shri Ram's characteristics as detailed by Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana and further corroborated it with Dasa 'Varga Classifications' and Descriptions.

Akkinapragada *et al* ^[9, 10] reported precise position of Venus by comparing Malavya yoga features mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra with Lord Shri Ram's characteristics as detailed by Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana and further corroborated it with Dasa 'Varga Classifications' and Descriptions.

Akkinapragada *et al* ^[11, 12] reported precise position of Saturn by comparing Sasa yoga's features mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra with Lord Shri Ram's characteristics as detailed by Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana and further corroborated it with Dasa 'Varga Classifications' and Descriptions.

Akkinapragada *et al* ^[13] reported precise birth time of Lord Shri Ram based on Prakasavastha mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra.

Akkinapragada *et al* ^[14, 15] gave a detailed explanation about Mercury's absence in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart.

Akkinapragada *et al* ^[16] gave a detailed explanation about placement of Rahu and Ketu in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart.

Akkinapragada *et al* ^[17] has discussed about effects of Jupiter mahadasa on Lord Sri Rama.

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Akkinapragada *et al* ^[18] has discussed about effects of Saturn, Ketu, Venus antardasas in Saturn mahadasa on Lord Sri Rama and also explored unknown facts of Lord Sri Rama's childhood.

Akkinapragada *et al* ^[19] has discussed about effects of Sun's antardasa in Saturn mahadasa on Lord Sri Rama and also explored various facts of Lord Sri Rama's childhood.

Akkinapragada *et al* ^[20] has discussed about effects of Moon's pratyantardasa in Moon's antardasa in Saturn mahadasa of Lord Sri Rama and also explored planetary combinations that have led to Lord Sri Rama breaking the bow and his wedding with Sita Devi.

Akkinapragada *et al* ^[21] has discussed the deadly planetary combination which led to Lord Sri Rama's encounter with Bhaargava Rama.

Akkinapragada *et al* ^[22] has discussed whether exalted Mars and Jupiter in Lord Sri Rama's planetary transit influenced King Dasaratha to coronate him as prince of Ayodhya.

Akkinapragada *et al* ^[23] has discussed about dreadful planetary placements paired with Sade Sati which forced Lord Sri Rama to go into exile.

Akkinapragada *et al* ^[24] has discussed about planetary

combinations that led to King Dasaratha's death based on Lord Sri Rama's astro transit chart.

Akkinapragada *et al* ^[25] has discussed about maraka planets that were responsible for King Dasaratha's death based on his four sons astro transit charts.

Akkinapragada *et al* ^[26] has discussed Bharatha's time of birth and lagna degrees, astro transit chart for his wedding and transfer of power from Lord Sri Rama.

Akkinapragada *et al* ^[27] has discussed Lakshmana's time of birth and reason for going into exile with Lord Sri Rama, based on his birth and astro transit charts.

Akkinapragada *et al* ^[28] has discussed planetary placements that made Shatrughna to remain close of comforts in Ayodhya instead of going into exile or sharing hermitage with Bharatha in Nandigramam.

Akkinapragada *et al* ^[29] has discussed about astro influence behind Bharatha's argument and agreement with Lord Sri Rama on Chitrakuta mountain.

In this research paper, we would like to explore astro transit planetary placements for Lord Sri Rama which made him meet noble and erudite sages like Sage Atri & Anasuya Devi, Sage Sharabhanga, Sage Suteekshana and further how Lord Sri Rama has won over daemon Viraadha in dandakaranya.

Methods and Materials

Pisces Venus 17.3 ⁰ Ketu	Aries Sun 7.3 ⁰	Taurus	Gemini
Aquarius	Lord Sri Rama's birth chart		Cancer Asc 2.8125 ⁰ Jupiter 2.8125 ⁰ Moon 2.8125 ⁰
Capricorn Mars 13.33 ⁰ ± 2 ⁰			Leo
Sagittarius	Scorpio	Libra Saturn 10 ⁰	Virgo Rahu

Fig 1: Lord Sri Rama's birth chart (ref to Akkinapragada *et al* ^[23])

Pisces	Aries	Taurus Sun 5.194 ⁰	Gemini
Aquarius Mars 0.936 ⁰ Venus 8.7764 ⁰	Planetary positions on the planned coronation of Lord Sri Rama as planned by King Dasaratha, which happens to be *Vaisakha Shukla paksha Panchami* (this is also the exile day from Ayodhya)		Cancer Rahu Moon 3.337 ⁰ Jupiter 5.138 ⁰ Saturn 28.9277 ⁰
Capricorn Ketu			Leo
Sagittarius	Scorpio	Libra	Virgo

Fig 2: Planetary position on Lord Sri Rama's exile day (ref to Akkinapragada *et al* ^[23])

From Table-3 from Akkinapragada *et al* [24], we know that King Dasaratha died after 8.54 days from Lord Sri Rama's exile day (which happens to be Vaisakha Shukla Paksha Panchami). From Table-1 from Akkinapragada *et al* [29], we know that Bharatha met Lord Sri Rama on Chitrakuta mountain on 44th day from his exile from Ayodhya. Based on

these and further timeline mentioned in Valmiki Ramayana [30] Ayodhya Kanda, Sarga 116- Aranya Kanda Sarga 7, below sequence of events were put together to understand Lord Sri Rama's meeting with sages like Sage Atri, Sage Sharabhanga, Sage Suteekshana and encounter with daemon Viraadha in dandakaranya. Details are given in below Table-1.

Table 1: Outlines the sequence of events after Bharatha leaves Chitrakuta mountain and Lord Sri Rama meeting various sages and killing daemon Viraadha after abandoning his dwelling on Chitrakuta mountain

Sage Valmiki's Ramayana [30]	Event	Time line counted from Lord Sri Rama's exile day
Ayodhya Kanda, Sarga 116	Rama notices anxiety among the sages who live in the vicinity	44 th day
Ayodhya Kanda, Sarga 117	Rama, after due reflection, decides to leave Chitrakuta mountain because of many handicaps. Setting out his journey from Chitrakuta mountain, he reaches the hermitage of Sage Atri and offers his salutation to him. Introducing his wife Anansuya as a great female ascetic to Rama, Atri urges Rama to send his consort Seetha to Anasuya. Anasuya receives Seetha, who greeted her and gives her instructions on the role and responsibilities of a devoted wife.	46 th day, we estimate that it could have taken about 2 days for Lord Sri Rama to decide to move away from Chitrakuta mountain, abandon his dwelling and to reach Sage Atri's hermitage.
Aranya Kanda, Sarga 1	Rama, Seetha, and Lakshmana enter the great forest called Dandaka Forest and adore the eminent sages, who are in penance and hermitages in that forest.	48 th or 49 th day
Aranya Kanda, Sarga 2	Viraadha the demon confronts Rama and other and tries to abduct Seetha, and then Rama. The killing of this Viraadha is the first act of Rama in eliminating negative forces in his empire to establish Rama Rajya. This killing is also a gift to Sage Sharabhanga, whom he meets later.	48 th or 49 th day
Aranya Kanda, Sarga 3	Rama and Lakshmana enter into a dialogue with Viraadha, the demon and shower arrows on him. Later, Viraadha, the demon carries Rama and Lakshmana away from Seetha.	48 th or 49 th day
Aranya Kanda, Sarga 4	Rama and Lakshmana come to know about the curse of Viraadha. Viraadha desires to die in the hands of Rama according to the amendment given by the cursing authority, and thus he will be killed and relieved of his curse by Rama, and his elimination of negative forces starts with the elimination of Viraadha. At the time of release from his curse, Viraadha advises Rama to go to Sage Sharabhanga, who can advise Rama properly.	48 th or 49 th day
Aranya Kanda, Sarga 5	Rama after killing demon Viraadha enters the hermitage of Sage Sharabhanga, as advised by the dying demon Viraadha in the previous episode. Sage Sharabhanga refuses the invitation of Indra to come to heaven, but awaits the arrival of Rama to see him with his own eyes. After seeing Rama, Seetha and Lakshmana, and also showing next course of their journey, that Sage enters the yogic fire and ascends to Brahma's abode.	48 th or 49 th day
Aranya Kanda, Sarga 6	After the heavenward journey of Sage Sharabhanga, Rama is approached by others sages and hermits. They inform him about the atrocities of demons around that place. They all ask Rama to eradicate the menace and Rama avows to do so, in order to keep up the tranquillity of those hermitages, and also to obliterate the menace of demons from earth.	48 th or 49 th day
Aranya Kanda, Sarga 7	Rama arrives at the hermitage of Sage Suteekshana, as directed by Sage Sharabhanga in the previous chapter and asks the sage to show a place to dwell. Suteekshana asks Rama to stay at his own hermitage, which has no other problems than the wild animals that come in herds and make blaring noises. Rama wishes to kill those animals that hamper the tranquillity of hermits living therein, but having observed the kindness of Suteekshana towards those wild animals, however disturbing they may be, Rama refrains to kill them, and would like to go to any other place than this. They spend that night there.	48 th or 49 th day

With reference to Table-1, we understand that it took 46 days to 49 days for Lord Sri Rama from start of his exile (Vaisakha Shukla Paksha Panchami) to meet sages like Sage Atri, Sage

Sharabhanga, Sage Suteekshana and encounter with daemon Viraadha in dandakaranya. Based on this, we now find possible transit planetary positions at these situations.

Table 2: Calculating transit planetary positions when Lord Sri Rama met Sage Atri and Anasuya Devi

Planets	Lord Sri Rama meeting with several sages and killing daemon Viraadha after 47.122 days into exile
Sun	Sun moves 1 ^o in a day. So in 47.122 days, Sun moves 47.122 ^o + 5.194 ^o in Taurus (Fig-2) and is placed in Gemini at 22.316 ^o .
Moon	Moon on an average moves 14 ^o in a day. So in 47.122 days, Moon moves 658 ^o = 1 cycle and 298 ^o + 3.337 ^o (Fig-2) from Cancer and is placed in Taurus at 3.045 ^o .
Mars	Mars on an average moves 37.5' per day. So in 47.122 days, Mars moves 29.375 ^o + 0.936 ^o (Fig-2) and is placed in Pisces at 0.39 ^o .
Rahu	Rahu on an average moves 3' in a day. So in 47.122 days, Rahu moves by 2.3561 ^o . This means, Rahu remains in Cancer or might move into Gemini.
Jupiter	Jupiter moves 30 ^o in 360 days. In 47.122 days, Jupiter moves 3.93 ^o + 5.138 ^o (Fig-2) and remains in Cancer at 9.068 ^o .
Saturn	Saturn moves 2' (minutes) each day. In 47.122 days, Saturn moves 1.57 ^o + 28.9277 ^o (Fig-2) and moves to Leo at 0.5 ^o .
Ketu	Ketu on an average moves 3' in a day. So in 47.122 days, Ketu moves by 2.3561 ^o . This means, Ketu remains in Capricorn or might move into Sagittarius.
Venus	Venus on an average moves 72' in a day. In 47.122 days, Venus moves 56.55 ^o + 8.7764 ^o (Fig-2) and moves to Aries at 5.33 ^o .

Pisces Mars 0.39 ⁰	Aries Venus 5.33 ⁰	Taurus Moon 3.045 ⁰	Gemini Sun 22.316 ⁰
Aquarius	Planetary positions on 47.122 days into Rama's exile when he met Sage Atri and Anasuya Devi		Cancer Rahu Jupiter 9.068 ⁰
Capricorn Ketu			Leo Saturn 0.5 ⁰
Sagittarius	Scorpio	Libra	Virgo

Fig 3: Based on calculations shown in Table-2

Table 3: Calculating transit planetary positions when Lord Sri Rama killed daemon Viraadha and also met Sage Sharabhanga and Sage Suteekshana

Planets	Lord Sri Rama killed daemon Viraadha and also met Sage Sharabhanga and Sage Suteekshana after 48.622 days into exile (or after 1.5 days from meeting Sage Atri)
Sun	Sun moves 1 ⁰ in a day. So in 48.622 days, Sun moves 48.622 ⁰ + 5.194 ⁰ in Taurus (Fig-2) and is placed in Gemini at 23.816 ⁰ .
Moon	Moon on an average moves 14 ⁰ in a day. So in 48.622 days, Moon moves 680.708 ⁰ = 1 cycle and 320.708 ⁰ + 3.337 ⁰ (Fig-2) from Cancer and is placed in Taurus at 24.045 ⁰ .
Mars	Mars on an average moves 37.5' per day. So in 48.622 days, Mars moves 30.39 ⁰ + 0.936 ⁰ (Fig-2) and is placed in Pisces at 1.326 ⁰ .
Rahu	Rahu on an average moves 3' in a day. So in 48.622 days, Rahu moves by 2.4311 ⁰ . This means, Rahu remains in Cancer or might move into Gemini.
Jupiter	Jupiter moves 30 ⁰ in 360 days. In 48.622 days, Jupiter moves 4.05 ⁰ + 5.138 ⁰ (Fig-2) and remains in Cancer at 9.188 ⁰ .
Saturn	Saturn moves 2' (minutes) each day. In 48.622 days, Saturn moves 1.62 ⁰ + 28.9277 ⁰ (Fig-2) and moves to Leo at 0.55 ⁰ .
Ketu	Ketu on an average moves 3' in a day. So in 48.622 days, Ketu moves by 2.4311 ⁰ . This means, Ketu remains in Capricorn or might move into Sagittarius.
Venus	Venus on an average moves 72' in a day. In 48.622 days, Venus moves 58.35 ⁰ + 8.7764 ⁰ (Fig-2) and moves to Aries at 7.13 ⁰ .

Pisces Mars 1.326 ⁰	Aries Venus 7.13 ⁰	Taurus Moon 24.045 ⁰	Gemini Sun 23.816 ⁰
Aquarius	Planetary positions on 48.622 days into Rama's exile when he killed daemon Viraadha and met Sage Sharabhanga and Sage Suteekshana		Cancer Rahu Jupiter 9.188 ⁰
Capricorn Ketu			Leo Saturn 0.55 ⁰
Sagittarius	Scorpio	Libra	Virgo

Fig 4: Based on calculations shown in Table-3

In Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra ^[31], Chapter 8 "Aspects of the Signs" on Page 105, the following slokas 1-3 are given (see Fig-5):

अथ भेषादिराशानां चरादीनां पृथक् पृथक् ।
दृष्टिभेदं प्रवक्ष्यामि भृशु त्वं द्विजसत्तम ॥१॥
राशयोऽभिमुखं विप्र ! तथा पश्यन्ति पादर्वभे ।
यथा चरः स्थिरानेवं स्थिरः पश्यति वै चरान् ॥२॥
द्विस्वभावो विनाऽऽत्मानं द्विस्वभावान् प्रपश्यति ।
समीपस्थं परित्यज्य खेटास्तत्र गतास्तथा ॥३॥

Fig 5: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra ^[31], Chapter 8, Page 105, Slokas 1-3

The meaning of slokas in Fig-5 is as follows: "Every movable sign aspects the 3 fixed signs leaving the fixed sign adjacent to it. Every fixed sign lends aspect to the 3 movable signs barring the adjacent movable sign. And a common sign aspects the other three common signs. The planet in a sign lends the same aspect as the sign (in which the planet is) does".

Table 4: This represents the aspects detailed in Fig-5

Sign/occupant aspecting	Sign/occupant aspected
Aries	Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius
Taurus	Cancer, Libra and Capricorn
Gemini	Virgo, Sagittarius and Pisces
Cancer	Scorpio, Aquarius and Taurus
Leo	Libra, Capricorn and Aries
Virgo	Sagittarius, Pisces and Gemini
Libra	Aquarius, Taurus and Leo
Scorpio	Capricorn, Aries and Cancer
Sagittarius	Pisces, Gemini and Virgo
Capricorn	Taurus, Leo and Scorpio
Aquarius	Aries, Cancer and Libra
Pisces	Gemini, Virgo and Sagittarius

In Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra ^[31], Chapter 8 "Aspects of the Signs" on Page 107, the following slokas 4-5 are given (see Fig-6):

चरेषु संस्थिताः खेटाः पश्यन्ति स्थिरसङ्गतान् ।
स्थिरेषु संस्थिता एव पश्यन्ति चरसंस्थितान् ॥४॥
उभयस्थास्तु सूर्याद्या पश्यन्त्युभयसंस्थितान् ।
निकटस्थं विना खेटाः पश्यन्तीत्ययमागमः ॥५॥

Fig 6: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra ^[31], Chapter 8, Page 107, Slokas 4-5

The meaning of slokas in Fig-6 is as follows: “A planet in a movable sign aspects the other 3 fixed signs leaving the fixed sign next to it. A planet in a fixed sign does not aspect the next movable sign but the remaining 3 movable signs’ The one in a common sign throws aspect over the remaining 3 common signs. simultaneously a planet in the aspected sign is also subjected to the aspect concerned”.

In Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra^[31], Chapter 34 “Yoga Karakas” on Page 350, the following slokas 27-28 are given (see Fig-7):

भार्गवेन्दुमुतो पापी भूसुतेज्येन्दवः शुभाः ।
पूर्णयोगकरः साक्षान्मंगलो मंगलप्रवः ॥२७॥
निहन्ताऽर्कसुतोऽर्कस्तु साहचर्यात् फलप्रदः ।
कर्कलग्नोद्भवस्यैवं फलं प्रोक्तं मनीषिभिः ॥२८॥

Fig 7: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra^[31], Chapter 8, Page 350, Slokas 27-28

The meaning of slokas in Fig-7 is as follows: “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. These are Cancer ascendants effects”.

Table 5: Cancer Ascendant specific auspicious, malefic and killers as detailed in Fig-7

Ascendant	Auspicious Planets	Malefic Planets	Killer Planets	Observations
Cancer	Mars, Jupiter, Moon	Venus	Saturn, Sun	Mars is capable for conferring full-fledged yoga and giving auspicious effects. Saturn and Sun are killers and give effects according to the association. Both houses of Saturn are inauspicious.

Results and Discussions

Table 6: Below results can be drawn from Figures 1 to 7 and Tables 3 to 5

Astro transit Planetary positions and Aspects	Results and Discussions
Venus in Aries aspects Saturn in Leo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturn and Sun are killers for Cancer ascendant. As Saturn (killer) is in Leo (another killer Sun’s house) in transit this could create lot of trouble for the native and the native could face death like situations.
Moon in Taurus aspects Jupiter, Rahu in Cancer and Ketu in Capricorn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per astro transit chart Fig-3, Moon is in Taurus which is her exalted sign. Moon is auspicious for Cancer ascendant. Jupiter is auspicious for Cancer ascendant. Auspicious Moon (exalted) is aspecting auspicious planet Jupiter (exalted) in Cancer, meaning native’s mind is desiring to seek knowledge from sage for the mind to win over the body. There is a high chance of native meeting noble and highly knowledgeable people during this period like Sage Atri, Sage Sharabhanga, Sage Suteekshana. As per Rigveda mantra (10-156-5): “अग्ने । केतुः । विशाम् । असि । प्रेषः । श्रेष्ठः । उपस्थऽसत् । बोधं । स्तोत्रे । वयः । दधत् ॥”, Ketu represents ‘knowledge giver’ and Ketu in Capricorn helps stimulate deep spiritual thoughts. Auspicious and exalted Moon in Taurus is aspecting Ketu in Capricorn means that, Lord Sri Rama got enlightened with deep spiritual thoughts.
Sun in Gemini aspects Mars in Pisces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sun is a killer planet and is in Gemini, which is lorded by Moon (as planet Mercury^[14, 15] didn’t existed during Ramayana time period, lordship of Gemini was with Moon). Killer Sun is in Gemini, means that killer nature got negated by the auspicious and exalted Moon’s placement in Taurus. Planet Mars is an auspicious planet for Cancer ascendant. Killer Sun is aspecting auspicious Mars, the native engages in a death like situation. This along with the encounter day being a new moon day (Amavasya) is the reason why Lord Sri Rama had encountered daemon Viraadha during this transit period.
Jupiter in Cancer aspects Moon in Taurus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auspicious Jupiter (exalted) is aspecting auspicious planet Moon (exalted), meaning native is blessed with abundance of knowledge, and mind wins over body because of which several bestowed special attention to Lord Sri Rama and reminded him about his duties as a royal scion.
Rahu in Cancer aspects Moon in Taurus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rahu in Cancer brings emotional turbulence. Rahu is aspecting auspicious Moon exalted in Taurus means that, Moon is not overpowered by Rahu as Moon has greater strength being in exalted state, hence Lord Sri Rama should have easily defeated these emotional turbulences and have balanced himself with help of exalted Moon strengthening his mind.
Saturn in Leo aspects Ketu in Capricorn and Venus in Aries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Killer Saturn is aspecting Ketu in Capricorn, because of which Lord Sri Rama acquired lots of wisdom from several sages during this transit period by surrendering to them. Killer Saturn is aspecting malefic Venus in Aries, because of which Lord Sri Rama was devoid of good times with his wife Sita Devi due to constant dangers from daemons.
Ketu in Capricorn aspects Moon in Taurus and Saturn in Leo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ketu is aspecting auspicious and exalted Moon in Taurus, because of which knowledge must have dominated the wavering mind of Lord Sri Rama. Ketu is aspecting killer Saturn placed in Leo, because of which the knowledge of Lord Sri Rama helped him to dominate the hardships.
Mars in Pisces aspects Sun in Gemini	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auspicious Mars is aspecting killer Sun in Gemini, because of which the leadership qualities of Sri Rama dominated over the death threats from daemons like Viraadha.

Conclusion

1. Based on Table-6, we can infer that Lord Sri Rama had dominance of auspicious planets like Moon, Jupiter and Moon over malefic planet Venus and killer planets Saturn and Sun.
2. Because of the astro transit planetary placements, Lord Sri Rama had met erudite sages like Sage Atri and his wife Anasuya Devi, Sage Sharabhanga, Sage Suteekshna who all have given him wisdom advised on his duty to eradicate daemons in dandakaranya forest.
3. Further, due to best placed and aspected planets in the astro transit chart, Lord Sri Rama won over daemon Viraadha in dandakaranya.

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