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An approach to establish an association between occult sciences and forensics

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Abstract

This study explores the intersection of forensic science and Vedic astrology through a unique analysis of astrological indications associated with sudden deaths, based on five postmortem cases. One hundred palm print samples were obtained from deceased people brought to the Department of Forensic Medicine, Institute of Medical Sciences. In addition to palm prints, essential biographical information such as date, time, and location of birth was documented using a standard questionnaire completed by family members. Owing to data incompleteness in multiple cases, only five individuals with complete and verified birth information were chosen for comprehensive astrological analysis.

Astrological charts were produced utilizing latest version of Parashara's Light 9.0, covering both the D1 (Lagna) and D9 (Navamsha) charts. The research utilized old Vedic literature, writings by K.N. Rao, and perspectives from modern astrologers to ascertain planetary placements and Dasha sequences associated with death-related phenomena. Essential parameters evaluated covered Shadbala strength, the functional features of planets, their positioning in dusthanas refers to (6th, 8th, 12th houses) often called as "house of sufferings", malefic afflictions, and the timing of Mahadasha, Antardasha, and Pratyantar Dasha.

Keywords: Astrology, horoscope, palmistry, Vedas, planets, lagna (ascendant), parashar light 9.0

Introduction

Indian astronomy and astrology developed together. The earliest treatise on Jyotisha, the Bhṛigu Samhita, was compiled by the sage of Bhṛigu during the Vedic era. The sage Bhṛigu is also called the Father of Hindu Astrology, and is one of the venerated Saptarishi or seven Vedic sages. The Saptarishis are also symbolized by the seven main stars in the Ursa major constellation^[1]. The documented history of Jyotisha in the subsequent newer sense of modern Horoscopic Astrology is associated with the interaction of Indian and Hellenistic cultures through the Greco-Bactrian and Indo-Greek kingdoms. The oldest astrological treatise in Sanskrit is the Yavanajataka ("Sayings of the Greeks"), composed around the 2nd century CE^[1]. It marks the fusion of Hellenistic astrology with Indian traditions and laid the foundation for later classical Indian astrological texts, profoundly influencing the development of Jyotisha (Indian astrology). Jyotisha or Jyotishya (from jyot - "light, heavenly body" and ish - from Ishvara or God) is the traditional Hindu system of astrology, also known as Hindu Astrology, Indian astrology and more recently Vedic astrology.^[3,4] Astrology's roots can be traced back to the dawn of civilization, with evidence of its practice dating to around 5000 BCE or earlier. Ancient Roman and Egyptian civilizations demonstrated a sophisticated understanding of astrology, utilizing its principles for societal and environmental development. Despite its long history, astrology faces mounting skepticism from those who prioritize scientific methodologies. Critics argue that astrology lacks scientific merit and should be discontinued as a field of study and practice. They contend that astrological predictions are unreliable and offer no tangible benefits to humanity or nature. These critics question its ability to accurately forecast events or provide insights into an individual's past and future. They argue that resources allocated to astrological studies could be better utilized in other fields. Proponents of astrology, however, maintain that its holistic approach to understanding human experiences and natural phenomena offers unique perspectives not captured by conventional scientific methods. They argue that astrology's enduring popularity across cultures and millennia suggests its continued relevance to human society. The ongoing debate raises important questions about the nature of knowledge, the criteria for scientific validity, and the role of traditional practices in modern society.

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As this discussion evolves, it challenges both critics and supporters to critically examine their positions and the debate surrounding astrology's scientific validity has intensified in recent times.

Material and Methods

For this study, a total of 100 postmortem palm print samples were collected from individuals brought to the Department of Forensic Medicine, Institute of Medical Sciences. The palm prints were obtained using standard ink and roller techniques to ensure clarity and uniformity. Alongside the collection of physical evidence, personal background information was gathered using a specially designed proforma, filled in consultation with the relatives or guardians of the deceased.

The proforma was structured to collect essential details, particularly the date of birth, which is a critical input for astrological analysis. However, due to incomplete or unavailable information from several families, a large number of cases had to be excluded from the final study.

After applying exclusion criteria, only five cases were selected for detailed astrological analysis these were the samples where complete personal details were successfully obtained from the family members.

Astrological tool and references sources

For the observational and analytical part of the study, the

latest version of the astrology software "Parashara's Light 9.0" was used. This is one of the most reliable and widely recommended tools in the field of Vedic astrology for generating accurate birth charts and Dasha predictions. In addition to software analysis, insights and interpretations were drawn from authoritative sources, including:

Books authored by Shri K. N. Rao, a leading authority in Vedic astrology, Peer-reviewed online journals focused on astro-forensics, Paid astrology courses conducted by Astro Shushil Kumar Singh, Online learning platforms such as Udemy, offering structured modules on predictive astrology and forensic applications.

This combination of traditional palmistry, verified astrological data, and reliable software assisted interpretations forms the basis of the study.

Horoscopes and predictions of selected samples

2. Astrological Case Profile: Laxmi Kumari (Sample - 94)

Name: Laxmi Kumari

Date of Birth: 10 January 2007

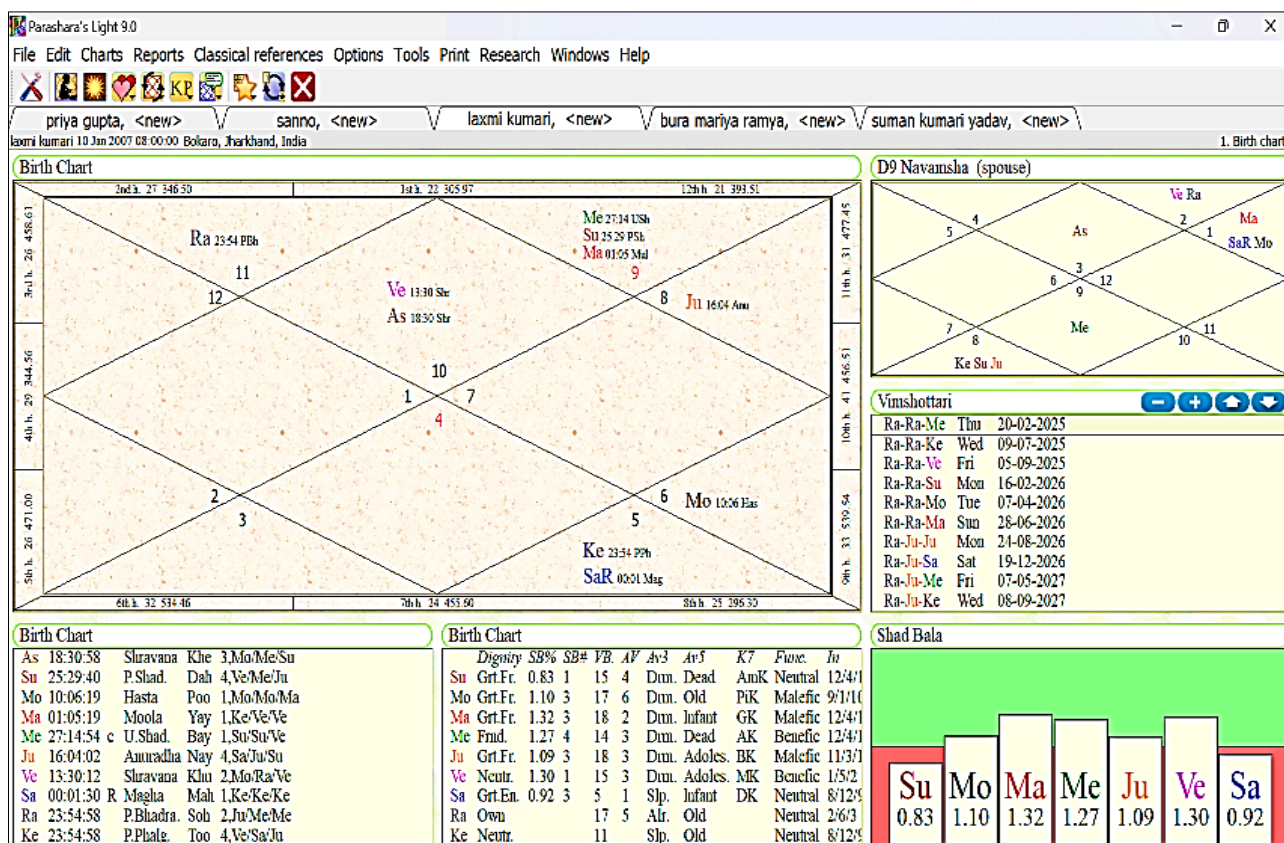
Time of Birth: 08:00:00 AM (IST)

Place of Birth: Bokaro, Jharkhand, India

Software Used: *Parashara's Light 9.0*

Lagna (Ascendant): Capricorn (Makara Lagna)

Nakshatra: Shravana



Shadbala Strength (SB%) Summary

Planets	Shadbala Score	Strength Category
Sun	0.83	Weak
Moon	1.01	Moderate
Mars	1.32	Strong
Mercury	1.27	Strong
Jupiter	1.09	Moderate
Venus	1.30	Strong
Saturn	0.92	Borderline weak

Observations Made from D1+D9

- Lagna Lord (Saturn) is retrograde and placed in the 7th house (Maraka) - a key death-inflicting placement.
- Moon in the 8th house with Ketu: Indicates mental sensitivity, emotional trauma, and karmic vulnerability to sudden or mysterious events.
- Mars + Sun + Mercury in 12th house:
- 12th house indicates loss, isolation, hospitalization, or even foreign death.

- Strong fiery influence in house of exit - could indicate surgical, traumatic, or mental health-related endings.
- Rahu in 2nd house (Maraka sthana): Malefic presence here activates maraka outcomes during dasha.
- Jupiter in 11th - although technically benefic, aspects 3rd, 5th, 7th and could support karma fulfilment.
- Ketu in 8th house - strong indication of past-life karmic debts or sudden/early death, especially during Rahu-Ketu dasha cycle.

Dasha Influence at Time of Death (2025-2026)

- Mahadasha: Venus (12th house - house of loss, endings, and detachment)
 - Antardasha: Ketu (1st house - self/body, in moksha karaka sign)
 - Pratyantar Dasha: Saturn / Sun / Mars / Rahu
- These sub-periods correspond with malefic planets or lords of 8th/12th/maraka houses, which commonly activate critical life transitions or demise.

Cause of Death (Astrological Insight)

Based on the dasha sequence and house-lord dynamics, Laxmi Kumari's chart reveals that death was likely due to a sudden, non-natural cause, possibly involving:

- Long-term illness culminating in system failure (due to 12th house Saturn)
- Karmic or psychological disconnection from the body (Ketu in 1st)

- Possible poisoning, infection, or violent shock (Rahu in 7th + Mars aspect)

According to the actual case history: According to the information provided by the police authorities who brought the body for medicolegal autopsy to the Department of Forensic Medicine, and confirmed by the confessions of the deceased's family members, Laxmi Kumari died due to a road traffic accident. The occurrence occurred when she collided with a moving truck, resulting in fatal injuries that caused her immediate death.

Rahu positioned in the 2nd house (Maraka Sthana) indicates a strong maraka (death-inflicting) effect, especially when triggered during its dasha or in conjunction with other malefic planets.

Ketu in the 8th house, a classical indicator of sudden, unexpected, or karmic deaths, amplifies the probability of abrupt tragic occurrences, particularly during Rahu-Ketu or Ketu-Rahu dasha cycles.

2. Astrological Case Profile: Priya Gupta (Sample - 55)

Name - Priya Gupta

DOB - 02 July 2003

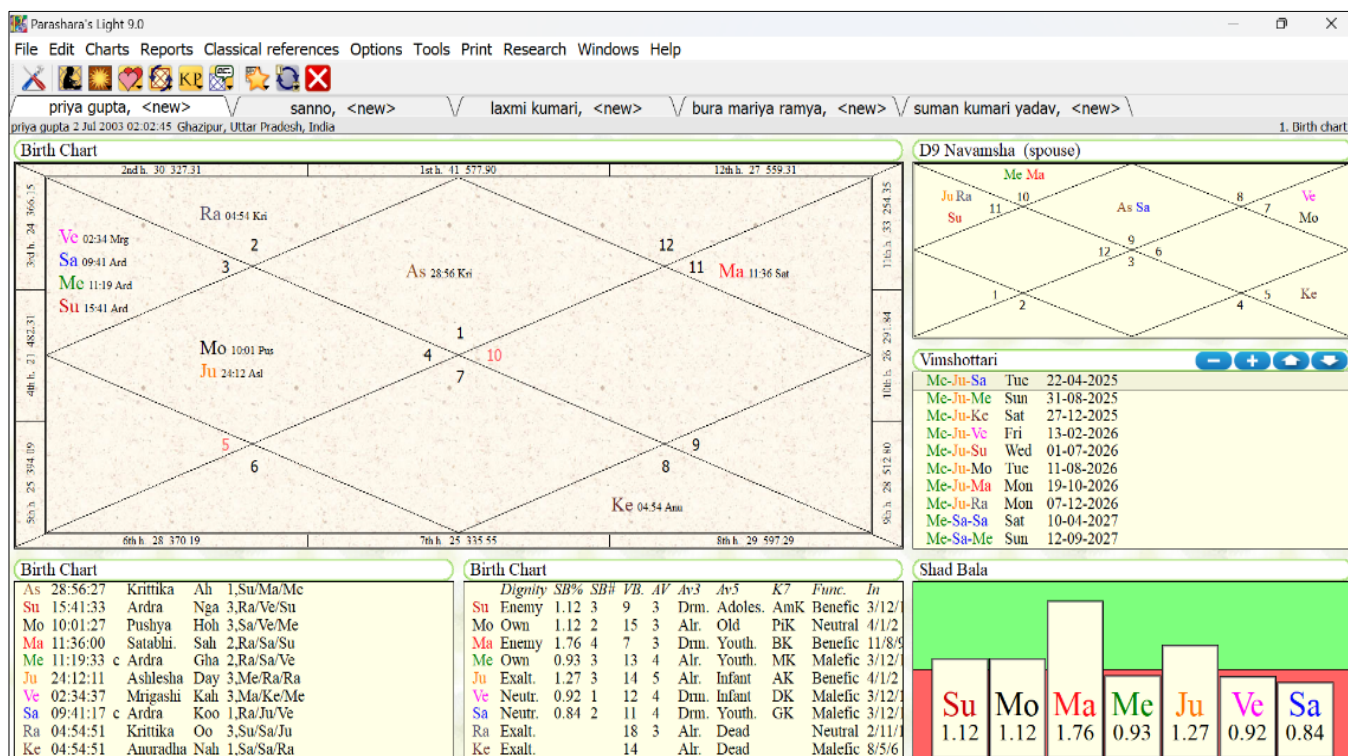
TOB - 02.02 AM(IST)

POB - Mohammadabad, Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh, India

Lagna - Aries (Mesha Lagna) Kritikka Nakshatra

Software used - Parashara's light 9.0

Date and time of death - 30 April 2025 and 11.32 PM



Shadbala Strength (SB%) Summary

Planets	Shadbala Score	Strength Category
Sun	1.12	Strong
Moon	1.12	Strong
Mars	1.76	Very strong
Mercury	0.93	Borderline Moderate
Jupiter	1.27	Strong
Venus	0.92	Weak
Saturn	0.84	Weak

Observations Made from D1+D9

- **Ascendant:** Aries - ruled by Mars (very strong in Shadbala at 1.76), showing aggressive energy, youthfulness, strong vitality.
- **Moon in 4th house (Cancer - Own sign):** Emotional intensity, deep attachment to mother/home; generally protective, but also vulnerable.
- **Ketu in 8th house (Scorpio - Exalted):** Indicates karmic debt, potential sudden death or accidents; mystic or secretive death causes.

- **Rahu in 2nd house (Exalted):** Malefic influence in a maraka house; risk of unnatural death or poisoning, eating-related disorders.
- **Saturn and Mercury in 3rd house (Gemini):** Mental strain, nervous system problems, communication barriers; Saturn malefic.
- **Venus and Rahu in 2nd house (Taurus):** Financial complications; karmic implications in family/mouth/speech area.
- **Jupiter exalted in 4th (Cancer):** Benevolent but infant stage (AK), may not provide full protection.
- **Current Dasha:** Mercury Mahadasha with Jupiter Antardasha, moving into Ketu periods - raises concern regarding spiritual disturbances or sudden/unexpected events.

Dasha Influence at Time of Death (2025-2026)

At the time of her death, Priya Gupta was undergoing the Mercury-Ketu-Saturn dasha sequence. This is a critical and sensitive planetary combination involving disconnection from the physical body, karmic burdens, and possible structural or mental breakdown.

- **Mercury (Mahadasha):** If placed in a maraka house or afflicted by malefics, Mercury can lead to nervous system failure, decision instability, or communication-related distress.
- **Ketu (Antardasha):** A planet of detachment and karmic isolation, Ketu often causes sudden collapse, invisible internal damage, or loss of will to live—especially when associated with the 8th or 12th house.
- **Saturn (Pratyantar):** A natural malefic indicating long-term suffering, depression, or karmic closure. If Saturn aspects the Moon or Lagna, it can indicate severe emotional withdrawal or fatal delay in recovery.

Cause of Death (Astrological Insight)

The Mercury-Ketu-Saturn period suggests a death influenced by internal shutdown, possibly involving neurological suppression, depression, or self-inflicted injury, especially if the 8th house and its lord were under affliction. The presence of Ketu in a critical house and Saturn's pratyantar role strongly point toward a non-violent, spiritually detached or suicidal death, possibly from substance overdose, hanging, or ingestion of toxins.

According to the actual case history - According to information from the police and the deceased's family, Priya Gupta died from injuries incurred in a road traffic accident. The incident caused significant head injury, which eventually caused the death. Despite medical intervention, the severity of her injuries resulted in her eventual death.

The astrological analysis of Priya Gupta's chart shows significant planetary alignments linked to psychological and neurological vulnerability. The afflicted Moon representing the mind coupled with Rahu in the 4th house, signifies emotional instability and internal turmoil. The alignment of Ketu, Sun, Mars, and Saturn in the 9th house indicates karmic pressure in addition to neurological suppression.

These and other characteristics, along with malefic planetary influence indicate an increased risk of neurological trauma, consistent with fatalities resulting from head injuries. Ketu's impact suggests a profound spiritual detachment, aligned with abrupt and destined exits.

3. Astrological Case Profile: Sanno (Sample - 49)

Name - Sanno

DOB - 07 June 2008

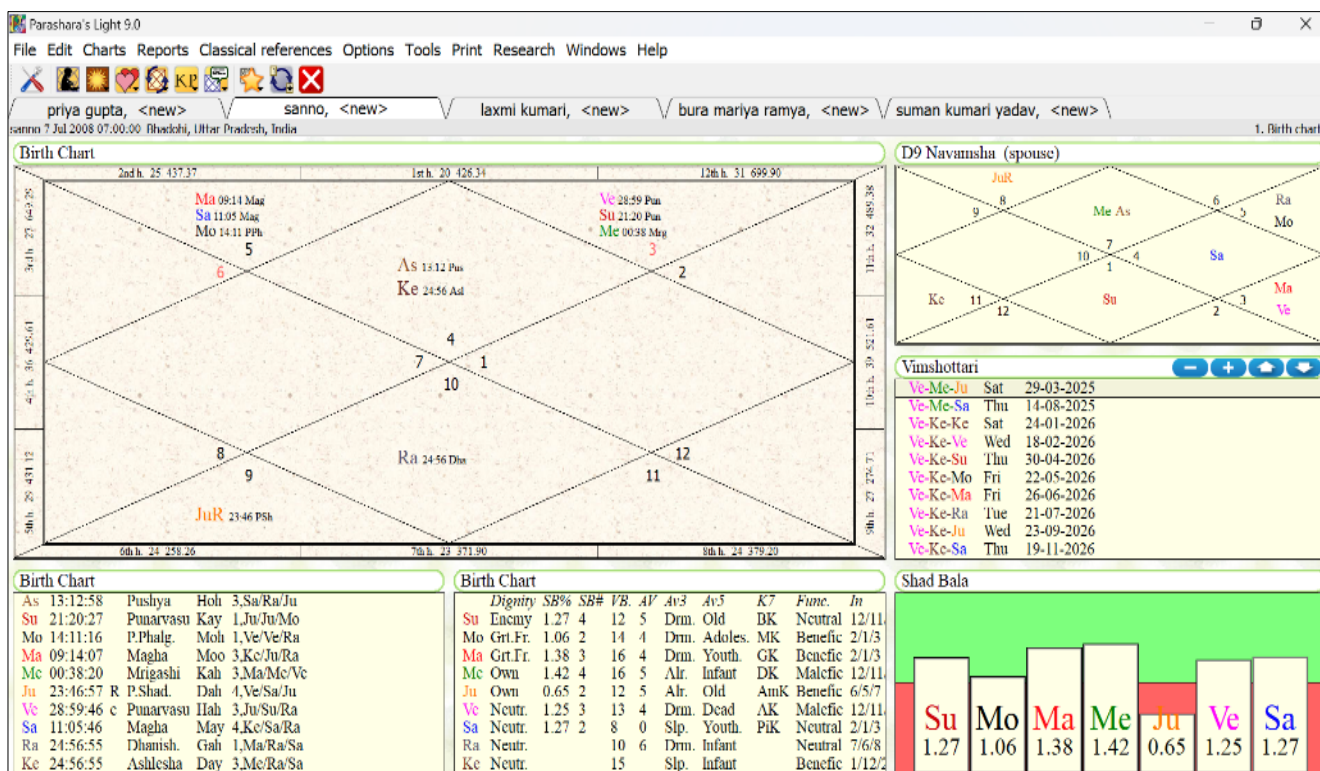
TOB - 07.00 AM(IST)

POB - Bhadohi, Uttar Pradesh, India

Lagna - Cancer (Pushya Nakshatra)

Software used - Parashara's Light 9.0

Date and time of death - 25 April 2025 and 11.35 PM



Shadbala Strength (SB %) Summary

Planets	Shadbala Score	Strength Category
Sun	1.27	Strong
Moon	1.06	Moderate
Mars	1.38	Strong
Mercury	1.42	Very strong
Jupiter	0.65	Week
Venus	1.25	Strong
Saturn	1.27	Strong

Observations made from D1 + D9

- Moon (Lagna lord) + Saturn (8th Lord) + Mars (malefic) = extreme dosha.
- Represents trauma, bleeding, neurological issues, or sudden death.
- All three planets here show loss of vitality, aggravated karma, and vulnerability to fatal external/internal factors.
- Ketu is Karka of Moksha which - Signifies disconnection from physical body, past life karma closure, and spiritual exit. Also, Ketu signifies this will be the last birth of this person. Ketu in 1st house with Moon in 8th is classic for karmic detachment by unnatural death.
- Rahu in 7th House (Maraka Sthana) - The 7th house is one of the death-inflicting houses. Rahu indicates suddenness, poisoning, infection, trauma, or death during unconsciousness.

Dasha Influence at Time of Death (2025-2026)

At the time of death, Sanno was undergoing the Moon-Rahu-Saturn/Mars dasha sequence. This combination is classically associated with emotional instability, sudden psychological disturbances, and unnatural or traumatic exits from life.

- **Moon (Mahadasha):** Afflicted and emotionally vulnerable, indicating disturbed mental state.
- **Rahu (Antardasha):** Positioned in a maraka house, suggesting karmic triggers and possible unnatural death (e.g., poisoning, suicide, suffocation).
- **Saturn/Mars (Pratyantar):** Activation of natural malefics points toward either chronic suffering, injury, or self-harm.

Cause of Death (Astrological Insight)

A sudden karmic exit triggered by afflictions to 8th house (Moon-Saturn-Mars), coupled with Ketu in Lagna, Rahu in Maraka, and 12th house energy depletion. The strong planetary yogas indicate moksha-oriented death likely caused by

- Trauma
- Unconscious collapse
- Poisoning or infection
- Death during hospitalization or sleep

According to the actual case history: As reported from family members and authorities, the deceased, Sanno, purportedly swallowed Aluminium phosphide (commonly known as Celphos) on 24th April 2025, between 9:00 and 10:00 AM, in a self-harm act. She was immediately admitted to the hospital and received medical treatment. However, despite continued efforts, her condition worsened, and she ultimately succumbed on April 25, 2025, at 11:35 PM. And as per the detailed astrological study and planetary combinations examined above indicate a major tendency for self-harm, mostly influenced by malefic planets affecting the Lagna and 8th house, alongside the presence of Rahu-Ketu, which are typically linked to poisoning and deception. The occurrence of ailments during significant dashas and planetary alignments suggest the association with hospitalization and unnatural death strengthens the assertion that the cause of death corresponds with both medical evidence and astrological signs of suicide by poisoning during hospitalization.

4. Astrological Case Profile: Suman Kumari (sample - 18)

Name - Suman Kumari

DOB - 21 February 2010

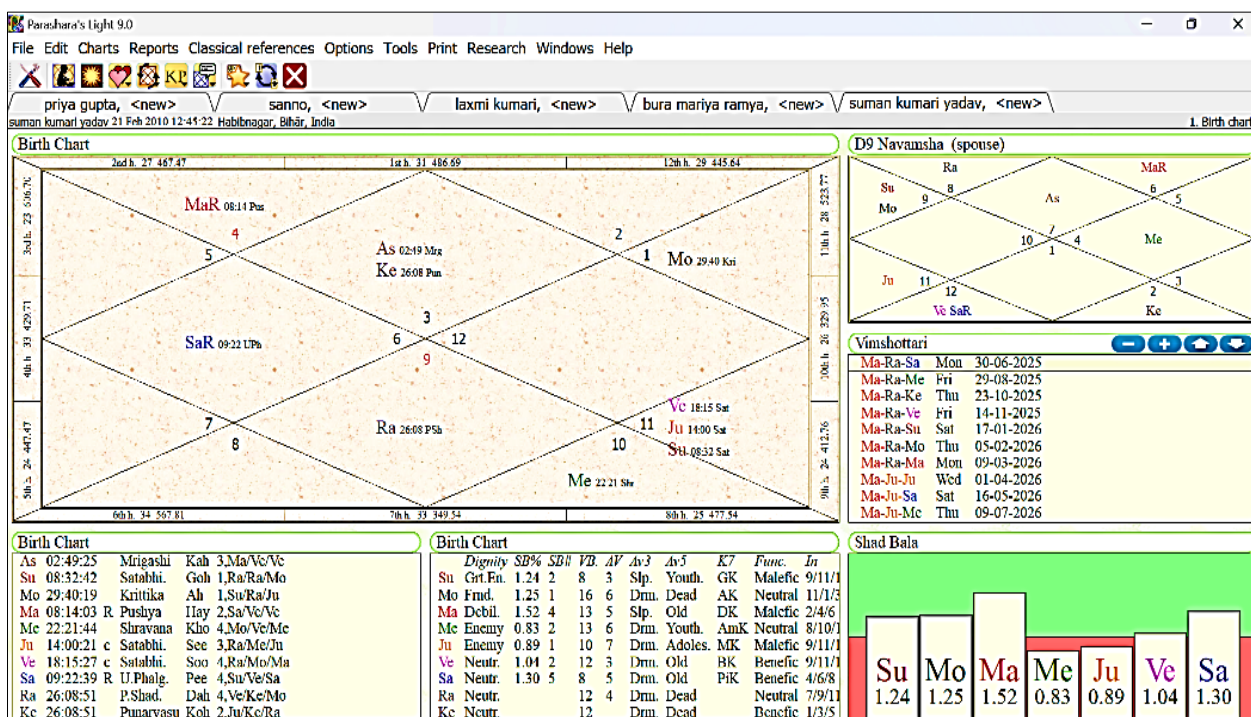
TOB - 12:45 AM (IST)

POB - Habib Nagar (Siwan), Uttar Pradesh, India

Lagna - Gemini (Mithun)

Software used - Parashara's Light 9.0

Date and time of death - 24 march 2025 and 11.30 AM



Shadbala Strength (SB%) Summary

Planets	Shadbala Score	Strength Category
Sun	1.24	Weak
Moon	1.25	Average
Mars	1.52	Strong
Mercury	0.83	Very weak
Jupiter	0.89	Weak
Venus	1.04	Weak
Saturn	1.30	Moderately strong

Observations made from D1 + D9

- Mars is in the 2nd house - a maraka position, impacting throat, face, or food pipe (possibly poisoning, suffocation, or blow to face/head).
- 8th house is crowded with Venus, Sun, and Jupiter - death house activation.
- Mercury is extremely weak - mental instability or nervous system involvement suspected.
- Moon is in the 11th house but aspected by Saturn - emotional burden, isolation, disturbed social connection.
- Saturn retrograde in the 5th house - disruption in intellect, memory, and potential for karmic suffering.
- Rahu in 7th - classic signature for unnatural, external, or karmic deaths.

Dasha Influence at Time of Death (2025-2026)

- **Mars (Mahadasha):** In 2nd house (maraka), debilitated - suggests physical vulnerability and aggression
- **Rahu (Antardasha):** Occupying 7th house (maraka again), shows karmic turbulence, loss of control
- **Saturn (Pratyantar):** Retrograde in 5th house - obstructs mental peace, creates delay or denial in help

The Mars-Rahu-Saturn combination forms a fatal triangle of natural and functional malefic influencing maraka houses,

signalling sudden, violent, or tragic death, possibly involving head injury, asphyxia, or external trauma.

Cause of Death (Astrological Insight)

The Mars-Rahu-Saturn period during death is intensely malefic. The death likely occurred due to:

- Sudden trauma, head injury, or aggressive force (Mars debilitated in maraka)
- Unnatural cause: poisoning, hanging, drowning, or violent conflict (Rahu in 7th + 8th house involvement)

According to the actual case history: Family statements and official police/autopsy findings indicate that Suman Kumari succumbed to injuries sustained in a road traffic accident, with a serious head injury identified as the primary cause of death. This discovery is in great concordance with the astrological indicators present in her birth chart. Mars, debilitated and positioned in a maraka (death-inflicting) house, indicates the likelihood of sudden, violent trauma, especially with head and blood injuries. The placement of Mars in a maraka position frequently indicates unintentional or violent death. The correlation between these planetary positions and actual conditions confirms the astrological suggestion of trauma-induced unnatural death, accurately reflecting the autopsy-verified cerebral injuries resulting from a vehicular collision.

5. Astrological Case Profile: Bura Mariya Ramya (Sample - 32)

Name - Bura Mariya Ramya

DOB - 05 April 1996

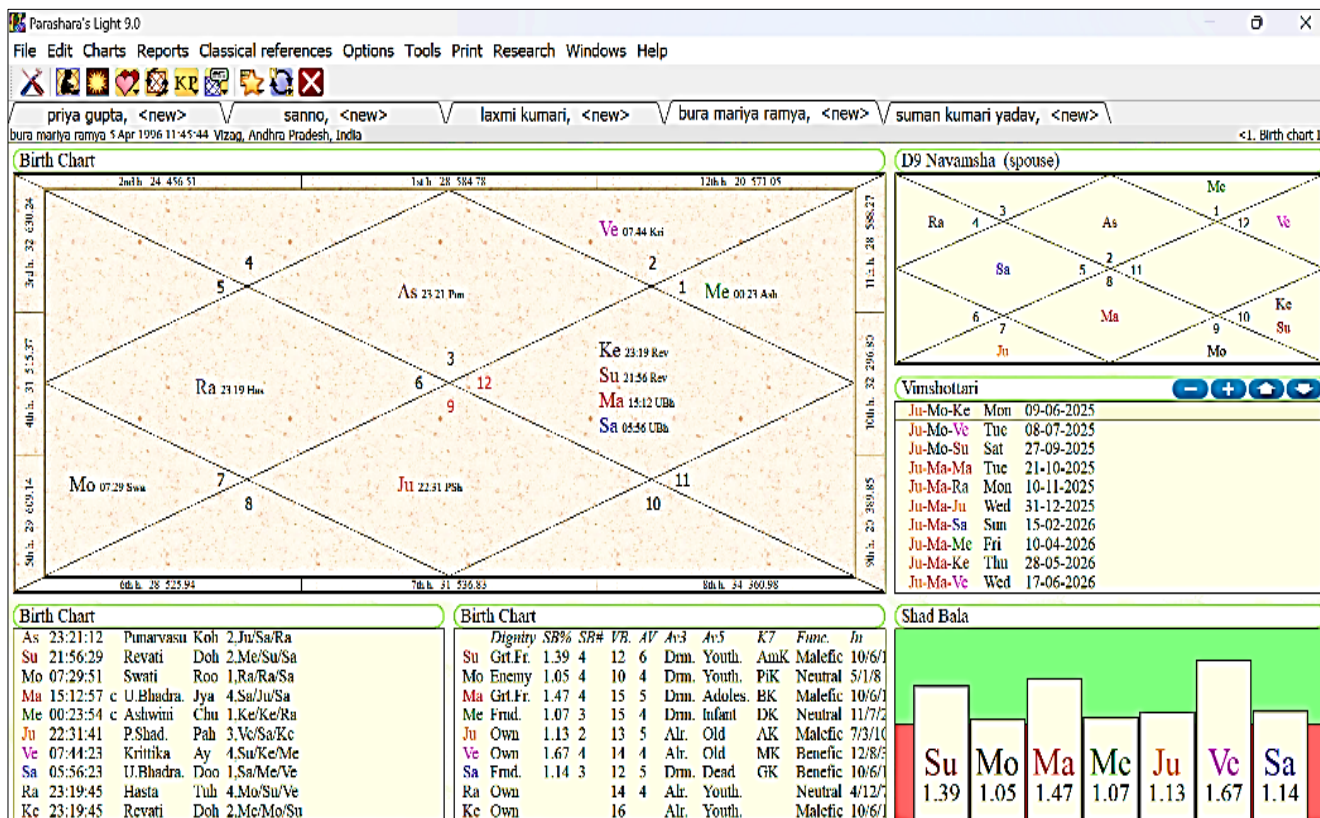
TOB - 11:45 AM (IST)

POB - Vizag, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India

Lagna - Gemini (Mithuna) Punarvasu Nakshatra

Software used - Parashara's Light 9.0

Date and time of death - 17 April 2025 and 04.46 PM



Shadbala Strength (SB%) Summar

Planets	Shadbala Score	Strength Category
Sun	1.39	Strong
Moon	1.05	Weak
Mars	1.47	Strong
Mercury	1.07	Weak
Jupiter	1.13	Strong
Venus	1.67	Strong
Saturn	1.14	Strong

Observations made from D1 + D9

- Sun, Mars, Ketu, and Saturn are placed in 8th house a highly sensitive and maraka (death-inflicting) house. This is a powerful Yog for sudden or violent death (Mars and Ketu both indicate sharp violence; Saturn brings suffering).
- Mars (lord of 6th and 11th houses) in 8th house indicates violence, attack, or enemy related death.
- Ketu with Sun in the 8th house also indicates sudden disconnection from life, often seen in unnatural or homicidal cases.
- Moon is in the 5th house and is alone which indicates Emotional vulnerability.
- Venus (significator of spouse) is in 9th house, ruled by the Sun (again placed in 8th), showing husband-related affliction.

Cause of Death (Astrological Insight)

- The presence of multiple malefics in the 8th house (Mars, Ketu, Saturn, Sun) suggests violent, sudden, unnatural death — most likely homicide.
- Mars and Ketu both are cutting, stabbing, violent indicators.
- The connection of Venus (spouse) to afflicted houses ruled by malefics (Sun) hints toward spouse involvement in violence.
- The afflicted 7th house and its significator (Venus) shows disharmony and potential for abuse or fatal conflict in marriage.

Dasha Influence at Time of Death (2025-2026)

- Jupiter (Mahadasha) placed in 6th house (hidden enemies, conflicts, injuries), shows harm from known individuals.
- **Antar Dasha:** Moon - placed in 5th house, emotionally unstable.
- **Pratyantar Dasha:** Ketu / Sun - Both are conjunct in 10th house, Sun represents identity, father/husband, Ketu causes loss, sudden karmic events.

According to the actual case history

According to information obtained from the investigating police authorities, the deceased's family, and the husband (currently in police custody), it was revealed that the husband fatally assaulted his wife by striking her on the back of the head with a rod during a domestic altercation. Following the assault, she was admitted to the hospital in critical condition, where she remained under treatment for two days. Despite medical intervention, she ultimately succumbed to her injuries.

In alignment with this tragic chain of events, the astrological analysis of her charts, offers significant validation of a violent

and unnatural death, likely at the hands of a close partner. The 8th house is severely afflicted by four malefic planets - Mars, Ketu, Saturn, and Sun all classic indicators of sudden, violent death, especially homicide.

Mars and Ketu, both associated with weapons and injuries, suggest fatal head trauma. The Sun and Saturn in the 8th contribute to life suppression and prolonged suffering. Venus, representing the spouse, is under subtle malefic influence, indicating marital discord. The active Vimshottari dasha (Jupiter-Moon-Ketu) at the time of death emphasizes sudden, fated events and separation from life.

Conclusion

After a thorough investigation of the astrological charts of five reported cases of sudden and unnatural deaths reveals a noticeable association between specific planetary positions malefic influences, dashas combinations, and fatal results. The persistent occurrence of afflicted lagnas, activations of the sixth, eighth, and twelfth houses, alongside malefic planetary conjunctions and transits throughout critical intervals, was frequently evident in the charts.

Notably, in two cases (Sample 49) and (Sample 94), the role of Ketu, the planet associated with detachment and spiritual liberation (moksha), was strongly highlighted. Its placement, along with relevant dasha periods, indicated not just a karmic detachment from the physical realm but also a probable influence toward a destined exit pointing toward deeper occult significations of moksha-karaka Ketu in this death.

The astrological configurations analyzed through the D1 (Lagna) and D9 (Navamsha) charts suggest the potential of Jyotish Shastra, a branch of occult sciences, as an auxiliary analytical instrument in

forensic profiling and comprehending the underlying cosmic influences in cases of sudden death. The association noted in these five instances strengthens the assertion that astrological indicators may yield significant insights into life-threatening occurrences when analyzed with precision and impartiality.

This work advances an interdisciplinary method that merges traditional occult knowledge with contemporary forensic investigation, facilitating further exploration and confirmation of astrological parameters in medico-legal contexts.

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