

Birth Nakshatra is part of The Panchang

S.P. Gaur, Gurgaon

In astrology five parameters of Panchang are applied to assess the auspiciousness or otherwise of any event. This is extensively used in forecasting of Muhurta time for any important event of life. The birth of a person is the most important happening of his life. The configuration of planets at birth time from the horoscope from which we can decipher the quality of one's entire life, the good and bad periods of life, health, longevity, educational and professional field, financial position, family relations etc. In fact astrology enables us to reply to any query raised by the native about any aspect of life. The birth time horoscope is equivalent to the seed of a plant which contains all the information about the sprouting of the seed, the size and colours of its branches, leaves, flowers, fruits, the blooming time, its utilities as a gift of nature. The five parameters of Panchang are :

1. Tithi, 2. Vaar, 3. nakshatra, 4. Yoga, 5. Karan

Thus birth nakshatra is one of the five constituents of Panchang. It is the nakshatra of the Moon at the time of birth. Every component of the Panchang is important. There are good Tithis and bad tithis. Apart from rikta tithis, chaturdashi and amavasyas are considered inauspicious in krishna paksha. Among the vaars, Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday are not auspicious. There are ten yogas, out of 27, which are supposed to be inauspicious. Among the Karans, Vishti Karan or Bhadra is highly inauspicious while sthir karans such as Shakuni, Chatuspada, Naag and Kinstughna are also not so auspicious. Three of these viz. Ashwini, Magha and Mool belong to Ketu and another three viz. Ashlesha, Jyeshtha and Revati belong to planet Mercury. These six nakshatras are referred to as Ganda Mool nakshatras.

In our opinion, Birth Nakshatra is the most important constituent of the birth time panchang. Moon in astrology is as important as the ascendant. Moon's rashi is called the birth or Janma rashi of the native. Moon's nakshatra is the basis for repairing the dasha cycle of the native because the first vimshotari dasha belongs to the lord of the Moon's nakshatra. In muhurta calculations the Moon's rashi of the person is taken into consideration. Again for studying the

impact of transiting planets, Moon's rashi is taken as the lagna and accordingly the auspicious houses of the planets are decided. In view of the foregoing Moon's nakshatra is highly important factor to influence the life of the native.

Gandanta time is inauspicious

'Ganda' in Sanskrit language is the 'Sandhi' time or the knot tied between two important parameters of time for connecting one to the other. As a knot, to tie two pieces of thread, is a weak spot, similarly Gandanta time is a weak link between two astrologically important factors.

Brihat parashar Horashashtra has mentioned three types of Gandanta in chapter 94 under "Gandanta Lakshan."

तिथि-नक्षत्र-लग्नानां गण्डान्तं त्रिविधिं स्मृतम् ।
जन्म-यात्रा-विवाहहादौ भवेत्त्रिधनप्रदम् ॥1॥

Thus according to sage Parashar, Tithi, Nakshatra and lagna are three types of Gandanta which are inauspicious, like death at the time of birth, travel or marriage like ceremonies.

नक्षत्र गण्डान्त

रेवतीदास्त्रयोः सार्पमध्योः शाक्रमूलयोः ।
सन्धौ नक्षत्रगण्डान्तमेवं नाडीचतुष्टयम् ॥3॥

The two ghatis of end of Revati and beginning of Ashwini, Ashlesha end and beginning of Magha, Jyeshtha end and Mool's beginning, thus Nakshatra Gandanta is of 4 ghatis between three pairs of Ganda Mool nakshatras.

लग्न गण्डान्त

मीनाजयोः कर्तिहर्योर्लग्नयोरलिचापयोः ।
सन्धौ च लग्नगण्डान्तमध ऊर्ध्वं घटीमितम् ॥4॥

Half a ghata each of Meena-Mesh, Karka-Singh, Vrishchika-Dhanu, thus one ghata of these three pairs of lagnas form Lagna Gandanta.

We can find from the above that lagna Gandantas also specify the same nakshatra pair as contained in

Nakshatra-Gandanta. The ghati represents 24 minutes of time.

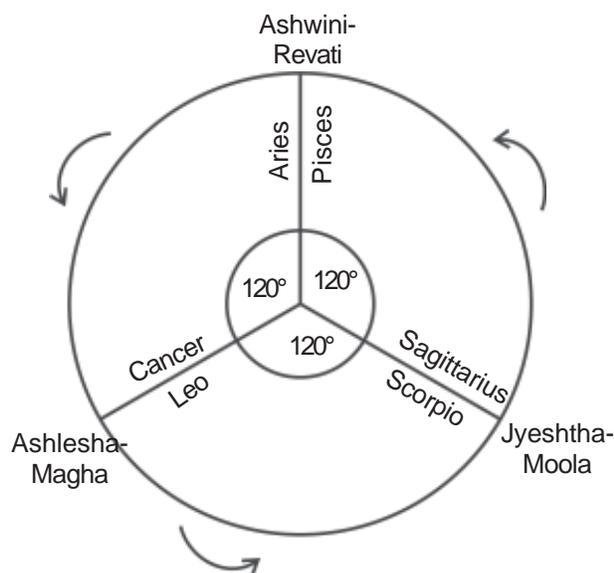
We also find that all kinds of Sandhi kaal or transitional periods are considered troublesome, confusing and destructive. The concept of Gandanta is extended to Sun's sankranti (ingress into next rashi), Bhava-Sandhi, Dasha-Sandhi, Sandhya time in early morning and Sun's setting time in evening. These are supposed to be delicate and sensitive times. Any event happening at transition time can cause havoc in the life of the concerned person. We all know when one Ritu or season ends and the other begins e.g. summer-rainy, autumn-winter, winter-spring etc. The immune system is weak and is challenged by seasonal change.

Ganda Mool Nakshatras

The names of the six Ganda Mool nakshatras with their serial numbers are :

1 Ashwini, 27 Revati, 10 Magha, 9 Ashlesha, 19 Mool, 18 Jyeshtha

While Ashwini, Magha and Mool belong to Ketu and fall at the beginning of Mesh, Singh and Dhanu rashis (all Agni tatwa rashis), Revati, Ashlesha and Jyeshtha belong to Mercury and fall at the end of Meena, Karka and Vrishchika rashis (all Jal tattwa rashis). Thus we note that the sandhi or joining point of these three pairs of nakshatras also happens to be the joining point of two mutually contradictory elements of fire and water. The nakshatra lords Ketu and Mercury are Tamoguni and Rajoguni planets respectively.



Three Pairs of Ganda Mool Nakshatras

First pair	s	°	'		s	°	'	°	'
27. Revati	11 ^s	16°	40'	to	0 ^s	0°	0'	=	13° 20'
1. Ashwini	0 ^s	0°	0'	to	0 ^s	13°	20'	=	13° 20'
									<u>26° 40'</u>

Second Pair									
9. Ashlesha	3 ^s	16°	40'	to	4 ^s	0°	0'	=	13° 20'
10. Magha	4 ^s	0°	0'	to	4 ^s	13°	20'	=	13° 20'
									<u>26° 40'</u>

Third Pair									
18. Jyeshtha	7 ^s	16°	40'	to	8 ^s	0°	0'	=	13° 20'
10. Mool	8 ^s	0°	0'	to	8 ^s	13°	20'	=	13° 20'
									<u>26° 40'</u>

According to one classification Mool, Jyeshtha and Ashlesha are said to be superior or Bade Mool. The other three i.e. Ashwini, Revati and Magha are inferior or chhote Mool or we can say less harmful.

Impact of Ganda Mool Nakshatras & Abhukt Mool

According to Saravali

जातो न जीवति मरो मातुर पश्यो भवेत्स्वुकलहन्ता ।
यदि जीवति गण्डान्ते बहुगजतुरगो भवेद् भूयः ॥

The birth of a child in Gandanta Mool nakshatra is very critical, either the child does not survive or if it survives then achieves special name and fame in its life but still it is very troublesome for the parents.

According to Brihat Parashar Horashashtra

एषु चाभुक्तमूलाख्यं महाविघ्नप्रदं स्मृतम् ।
इन्द्रराक्षसयोः सन्धौ पंचाष्टघटिकाः क्रमात् ॥

The shloka highlights the Abhukt mool category of Gandanta nakshatras which is formed by last 5 ghati of Jyeshtha and first 5 ghati of Mool nakshatra which is highly destructive and inauspicious for natives life.

There are variations in views between various scholars about Abhukt Mool calculation. Sage vashishta treats last one ghati of Jyeshtha and first two ghatis of Mool, that is total 72 minutes as Abhukt Mool. Sage Brihaspati is in favour of last ½ ghati of Jyeshtha and first ½ ghati of mool nakshatra, that is 24 minutes time, as Abhukt Mool. Sage Narad would treat last 4 ghati of Jyeshtha and first 4 ghati of Mool, that is 3 hour 12 minutes, as Abhukt Mool.

Nakshatra Charan wise Results

1. Revati

पौष्पादि पादे नृपति द्वितीये सचिवस्तथा ।
तृतीये सुख साधन सम्पन्नश्चतुर्थे बहुकष्टभाक् ॥

- Charan (i) : Child would be king like Wealthy
 (ii) : Like a minister, powerful and wealthy
 (iii) : Enjoys all comforts
 (iv) : will undergo many serious problems

2. Ashwini

अश्विन्याः प्रथमे पादे निश्चिं बाध्यते पिता ।
 द्वितीये अपत्यय सम्पत्तिस्तृतीये सचिवो भवेत् ।
 चतुर्थे नृपतिं विद्यादिति सद्गुरु भाषितम् ॥

- Charan (i) : Problems to father, loss of wealth
 (ii) : Wastful expenditure, losses
 (iii) : Sudden travelling for father
 (iv) : Serious physical problems for self

3. Ashlesha

सर्पांशे प्रथमे राज्यं, द्वितीये तु धनक्षयः ।
 तृतीये जननी नाशश्चतुर्थे अरिष्टं पितुः ॥

- Charan (i) : King like means of comforts
 (ii) : Loss of wealth
 (iii) : Serious problems to mother and her parents
 (iv) : Death like troubles to father

4. Magha

आद्यपादे मधायाः स्यात् मातृपक्ष विनाशनम् ।
 द्वितीये पितृनाशः स्यात् तृतीयेसम्पदः ।
 चतुर्थे द्रविणं विद्यादिति शंकर भाषितम् ॥

- Charan (i) : Loss to mother or maternal relations
 (ii) : Serious problems for father
 (iii) : All comforts luxury cars, wealth
 (iv) : Wealth, assets and well educated.

5. Jyeshtha

ज्येष्ठाद्यपादेऽग्रजं हन्ति, ज्येष्ठायां द्वितीयेऽनुजं ।
 तृतीये मातरं हन्ति, स्वात्मनं च तुरीयके ॥

- Charan (i) : Detrimental to elder brother
 (ii) : Detrimental to younger brother
 (iii) : Detrimental to mother and maternal relations
 (iv) : Detrimental to self / father

Some scholars would divide the Jyeshtha nakshatra into 10 equal divisions of 6 ghati each and predict inauspicious time to relation indicated by each part namely to Nani, Nana, Mama, Mata, self, Gotra, Family, Elder brother, Father in law and finally to all concerned.

6. Mool

मूलाद्यचरणे तातो द्वितीये जननी तथा ।
 तृतीये तु धनं नाशयेत् चतुर्थोऽपि शुभावतहः ॥

- Charan (i) : Trouble to father
 (ii) : Trouble to mother

- (iii) : Loss of parental property
 (iv) : Gain of wealth

Again some scholars have recommended Mool nakshatra's results in different manners e.g. dividing the 60 ghati period in 8 unequal parts ranging from 4 to 11 ghati denoting different parts of a tree, some have given results monthwise and some have used Tithis and vaars for Mool nakshatra's good or bad results.

Some scholars would prefer to categorise birth in Jyeshtha or Mool nakshatra as Abhukta Mool, as these two are supposed to be more deadly and fearsome. Father is advised not to see the face of the child till proper 'shanti' or propitiation of the nakshatra has been done on the 27th day after birth or when the day nakshatra is same.

It may not be out of place to mention here about "Mansagri" granth which has been used extensively by astrologers to write the life long predictions of horoscope. To our knowledge this is the only classical book which gives results of the birth in a Panchang/Avkahada specific manner citing yug, Sambvatsar, Ayana, Ritu, Goal, Maas, Paksha, Tithi, Vaar, Nakshatra, Yog, Karan, Gana, Yoni etc. The treatise gives highly positive results of all Ganda Mool nakshatras except Ashlesha.

General Perception aboutt Ganda Mool Nakshatras

People are scared to learn that their child has been borne in Ganda Mool. They feel some kind of calamity would befall, on the family in near future if shanti pooja is not done on 27th day of the birth. Therefore those who consult an astrologer for birth horoscope would invariably go for 'shanti'. In the past when parents were not so particular aboutt horoscope of the newly born, would obviously not perform Ganda Mool shanti. Astrologers, on their part, would always recommend for 'Mool Shanti' even if the nakshatra charan 'phala' is found to be positive. Even when examining the horoscope of an elder person, Ganda Mool nakshatra comes to the notice of the astrologer, generally the astrologer would blame the Ganda Mool nakshatra for all the problems faced by the native and recommend for Mool shanti. Thus Ganda Mool nakshatra is treated at par with other doshas like kaal sarpa, pitri, 'dhaiyya' or 'sadheshati' of shani, Manglik doshas etc. Ganda Mool Shanti should be performed upto 7 years age of the child, thereafter it is irrelevant.

Purpose of the Research study

- Whether the persons born in Ganda Mool nakshatra have experienced the same good or bad results as mentioned charan wise?

- Whether those who went for Ganda Mool shanti escaped the bad results or their good results faced any hinderance if 'shanti pooja' was not done?

- Wheeether Abhukt Mool cases suffered extra ordinary, probles in life, if they did not perform 'Mool Shanti'?

For this purpose we scanned the horoscopes of nearly 150 known persons and could lay hands on 40 cases of Ganda Mool nakshatras. We prepared a format and ask for their confirmation of the nakshatra charan result (good or bad) and whether their parents had performed Mool shanti.

We also identified 10 celebrities who were bornee in Ganda Mool nakshatras and made a gues about the good or bad results faced by them.

We segregated the cases into Good (auspicious) or

Bad (inauspicious) categories in accordance with the charan wise expected results.

Results unfolded

- Out of 50 cases, 14 cases were to experience good results (28%) while in 36 cases (72%) bad results were feared.

- Good results were experienced in all the 14 cases (100%) out of which 8 were ordinary persons and 6 were celebrities. Out of 8 only in 3 cases 'shanti' had been performed i.e. 37.5%. Though responding 'shanti' no information is available about these 6 cases , one of them is Muslim and another Christian, rest are Hindus.

- Bad results were to be experienced in 36 cases, comprising of 36 ordinary persons and 4 celebrities.

Out of 32, only 5 persons experienced bad results

Analysis of the feed back received		(a) Good Results Cases			
Category wise feed back is as follows :		Ordinary Persons	:	8	
Number of Ganda Mool nakshatra cases studied		Celebrities	:	6	
Ordinary persons	:	Total	:	<u>14</u> (28%)	
Celebrities	:	(b) Bad Results Cases			
Total	:	Ordinary Persons	:	32	
	:	Celebrities	:	4	
	:	Total	:	<u>36</u> (72%)	
(a) Good Results Cases					
		Good Results experienced	Not experienced	Total	Shanti done
Ordinary Persons	:	8 (100%)	-(0%)	8	3 (37.5%)
Celebrities	:	6 (100%)	-(0%)	6	NA
				<u>14</u>	
(b) Bad Results Cases					
		Bad Results experienced	Not experienced	Total	Shanti done
Ordinary Persons	:	5 (15.62%)	27(84.38%)	32	20 (62.5%)
Celebrities	:	Nil (0%)	4 (100%)	4	NA
				<u>36</u>	
(c) Abhukt Mool Cases (Out of 50)					
		Extremely Bad Results experienced	Not experienced	Total	Shanti performed
Ordinary Persons	:	1 (8.33%)	11(91.67%)	12	8 (66.67%)
Celebrities	:	Nil (0%)	4 (100%)	4	NA
				<u>16</u>	



while 27 did not experience any bad results. Out of these 32 ordinary persons 20 (62.5%) had performed Ganda Mool Shanti.

Out of 36, there were 4 celebrities, none of them experienced any bad results. Among them only one was, Hindu, 2 Muslims and one Christian. Therefore 'Shanti' could not have been done at least in 75% cases. All the 4 cases fall under Abhukt Mool category.

Abhukt Mool nakshatras are supposed to give worst results but facts are different. Out of 12 ordinary persons 11 (91.67%) did not experience any bad results. Out of 4 celebrities, all of them or 100% experienced good results only.

Only 8 (66.67%), out of 12 ordinary cases, had performed 'Shanti'. Among the 4 celebrity cases, only one was Hindu as stated above.

Conclusion

From the above analysis of factual cases, it is apparent that in majority of the cases, the result experienced were opposite to expected bad results while good results were experienced in abundance. Abhukt Mool cases showed no different results. Out of 16 such cases, adversity was faced only in one case. Similarly role of Ganda Mool shanti is also suspect. Without shanti good results were experienced and with 'shantti' also bad results were faced.

In nutshell we can say, Ganda Mool Nakshatra criterion, on its own, is not at all a reliable factor to decide the fate of a person. There are many factors much more important and much more reliable for analysing a horoscope.

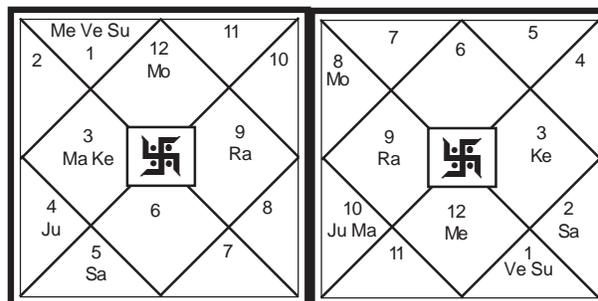
We would also like to appeal to serious students of astrology to go for research with bigger sample size and test the Ganda Mool Nakshatra or similar conservative theories in real life experience so that we can discharge the role of a guide or consultant more effectively for the benefit of the society.

List of Celebrities born in Ganda Mool Nakshatra

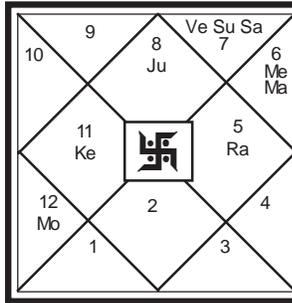
1. **Rabindra Nath Tagore** - Great Poet
7.5.1861, 03:40 hr., Kolkata
Result : Minister like powerful and wealthy
Ganda Mool Nakshatra : Revati - 2
2. **Sachin Tendulkar** - Great Cricketer
21.4.1973, 18:00 hrs., Mumbai
Result : trouble for younger brother
Ganda Mool Nakshatra : Jyeshtha - 2

3. **Bhairon Singh Shekhawat**- Ex-Vice President
Result : King like comforts, luxury
23.10.1923, 9:30 hrs, Sikar (Raj.)
Gand Mool Nakshatra : Revati - 1
4. **Mohd. Azhruddin** - Cricketer, Captain
9.2.1963, 22:25 hrs., Hyderabad
Result : Good comforts, wealthy
Gand Mool Nakshatra : Magha - 3
5. **Jay Lalitha** - Politician, Actress, CM
24.2.1948, 15:00 hrs., Mysore
Result : Good comforts, wealthy
Gand Mool Nakshatra : Magha - 3
6. **Dr. S. Radhakrishnan** - Ex- President
5.9.1888, 13:40 hrs., Tiritari (TN)
Result : Good comforts, wealthy
Gand Mool Nakshatra : Magha - 3
7. **Dr. APJ AbdulKalam**- Ex- President
15.10.1931, 11:55 hrs., Rameshwaram (TN)
Result : Bad for elder brother
Gand Mool Nakshatra : Jyeshtha - 1
8. **Albert Einstein**- Great Scientist
14.3.1879, 11:30 hrs., Ulrichen (Switzerland)
Result : Bad for younger brother
Gand Mool Nakshatra : Jyeshtha - 2
9. **Parvez Musharraf**- Ex- President, Pakistan
11.08.1943, 06:45 hrs., Delhi
Result : Bad for elder brother
Gand Mool Nakshatra : Jyeshtha - 1
10. **Margret H. Thatcher**- Ex- PM, Britain
13.10.1925, 13:06 hrs., London
Result : Good comforts, wealthy
Gand Mool Nakshatra : Magha - 3

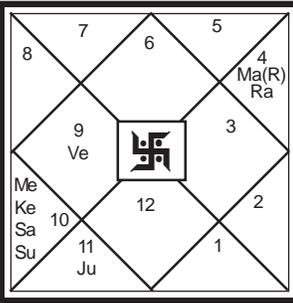
1. Rabindra Nath Tagore
7.5.1861, 03.40, Kolkata
Revati-2
2. Sachin Tendulkar
21.4.1973, 18.00, Mumbai
Jyeshtha-2



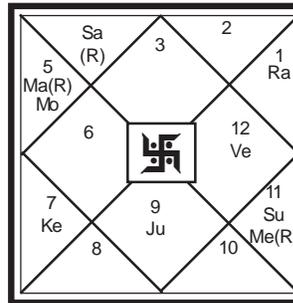
3. Bhairon Singh Shekhawat
23.10.1923, 9.30, Sikar(Raj.)
Revati-1



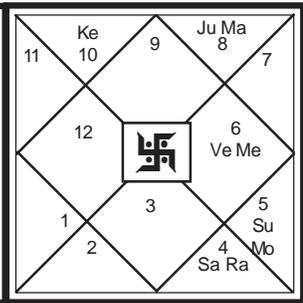
4. Mohd. Azharuddin
9.2.1963, 22.25, Hyderabad
Magha-3



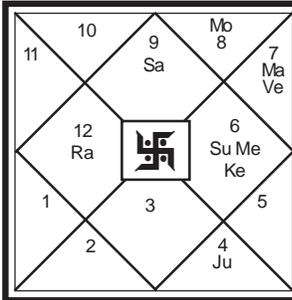
5. Jay Lalitha
24.2.1948, 15.00, Mysore
Magha-3



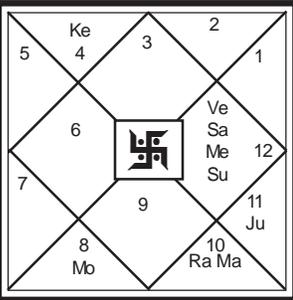
6. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan
5.9.1988, 13.40, Tiritari(TN)
Magha-3



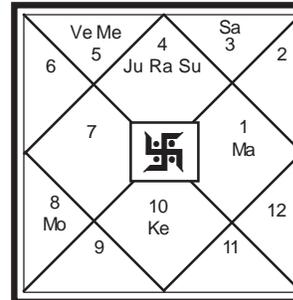
7. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
15.10.1931 11.55, Rameshwaram
Jyeshtha-1



8. Albert Einstein
14.3.1879, 11.30, Ulrichen(SW)
Jyeshtha-2



9. Parvez Musharraf
11.8.1943, 6.45, Delhi
Jyeshtha-1



10. Marget H. Thatcher
13.10.1925, 13.06, London
Magha-3

