



Gana Dosha & Married Life

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Gana Dosha is termed as Mahadosha along with Bhakoot and Nadi Dosha in match making kundlis. In Ashtakoot milan Gana factor carries 6 points out of total 36 points, therefore Gana factor is a crucial factor affecting the decision on marriage compatibility. 27 Nakshatras have been segregated into 3 groups namely - Rakshash, Manushya and Dev Gana. How the Gana chakra is to be interpreted while matching the horoscope of bride and bridegroom is given in this article

Ashtakoot Milan System

There are sixteen sanskars or milestones of life recognised in Hindu culture and marriage is one of the important Sanskars out of them. Husband and wife enter into Grahasthashram after their marriage. The main objective of marriage is vanshvriddhi and marriage enables them to repay Dev Rina, Pitri Rina etc. In traditional or arranged marriage the first step is to assess suitability of the alliance on the basis of caste, culture, Gotra, status, education, physical appearance, personality, monetary position, service or business position, prospects etc. Then comes the role of astrology for matching the horoscopes of the boy and the girl for marital happiness.

Essentially the individuals horoscopes need to be studied thoroughly with respect to the strength of 7th, 8th, 5th, 2nd, 1st and 9th house which to my mind are more important than the remaining six houses. The Dashas of planets are equally important. If a couple of Mahadashas of auspicious planets come, even an ordinary looking horoscope proves to be a lucky one. On the other hand even a very strong horoscope with several exalted planets can give ordinary results if the Dashas of inauspicious planets rule the prime time of the life of the native. But unfortunately this kind of assessment of horoscopes is virtually replaced by a simple system called Ashtakoot milan, which quantifies the matching results in exact number or score.

In my view our seers had devised the kundali milan and Ashtakoot milan in tandem and not independent of each other. But due to simplicity of Ashtakoot milan system, easy availability of Guna Milan table or matching software, a good majority of people

themselves find out the Guna score and take the decision on marriage alliance without realising the need for a competent astrologer's advice under kundali milan, they just find out the manglik factor and believe that a manglik person be married to Manglik only and a non-manglik with a non-manglik only.

Matching of horoscopes on the basis of just Ashtakoot milan is simply erroneous and against the spirit and intention of our wise seers. Only a thorough study of horoscopes coupled with Ashtakoot milan will give desired results.

Study of Gana Dosha

This study paper is in continuation of my previous papers on Manglik Dosha nadi Dosha and Bhakoot Dosha vis-a-vis the married life. The findings of this paper are based upon field survey of 200 married couples. Who had furnished their birth data along with their own assessment of marital life and birth of children, serious disease, accident or any other important information about their marital life.

The objective of the study was to find out or verify the ill effects of the various Doshas in actual life, as enunciated by our seers in their classical works.

Gana Dosha is termed as a Mahadosha along with Bhakoot and Nadi Dosha. In Ashtakoot Milan, Gana factor carries 6 points out of a total of 36 points or Gunas for all the 8 factors. In the Guna Milan table or software, if Gana factor is matched, full 6 points are scored but if Gana Dosha is established, the score is nil. Therefore Gana factor is a crucial factor affecting the decision on marriage compatibility.

How is Gana Dosha formed ?



Gana Chakra

Rakshash	Magha	Ashlesha	Dhanish.	Jyeshtha	Mool	Shatbhi.	Krittika	Chitra	Vishakha
Manushya	P.Phalgu	P.Shadha	P.Bhadra	U.Phalgu	U.Sha.	U.Bhadra	Rohini	Bharani	Ardra
Dev	Anuradha	Punarvasu	Mrigshira	Shravana	Revati	Swati	Ashwani	Hasta	Pushya

रक्षोनरामरगणाः क्रमतो मघाहिर्वास्वन्द्र मूलवरुणानलतक्षराधाः ।
पूर्वोत्तरात्रयविधातृयमेशमानि मैत्रादितीन्दुहरिपौष्णमरुल्लघूति ॥
मुहूर्तचिन्तामणि (विवाह प्रकरणम्) ॥29 ॥

In terms of this shloka, taken from Muhurta Chintamani, the 27 Nakshatras have been segregated into 3 groups, namely Rakshash, Manushya and Dev Gana as per the table given

How the Gana Chakra is to be interpreted while matching the horoscopes of vara and Kanya is given in the following shloka :

निजनिजगणमध्ये प्रीतिरत्युत्तमा
स्यादमरमनुजयोः सा मध्यमा सम्प्रदिष्टा ।
असुरमनुजयोश्च्योत् मृत्युरेव प्रदिष्टो
दनुविबुधयोः स्याद्वैरमेकान्ततोऽत्र ॥

मुहूर्तचिन्तामणि (विवाह प्रकरणम्) ॥30 ॥

In accordance with this shloka, when the bride and the bridegroom have common Gana, it will result in high degree of love and attraction between them, when one has Manushya and another Dev Gana, love and attraction would be medium, when one has Rakshash and another has Manushya Gana, it would result into death, and then one has Rakshash and the other has Dev Gana, it would result into inimical or hostile relations between them.

In other words, Gana Dosha arises when one has Rakshash and the other has Manushya Gana or when one has Dev and another has Rakshash Gana

Guna or points Table for Gana koot

Observing the spirit of the directions given in the above cited shloka, points or Gunas are allotted to the pair. Full 6 points are allotted if both the bride and the bride groom have the same Gana. No points are given if one has Rakshash and the other has Manushya Gana. If husband is Manushya and wife is Dev, 5 points are given but if husband is Dev and wife is manushya full 6 points are allotted. It is because of the general rule prevailing for all the 8 kootas that husband ought to have a better category for well being of the marriage. This is further extended to the Dev and Rakshash category also but in a different manner. If husband is Rakshash and wife is Dev, one point is still allotted by taking a lenient view that wife being more tolerant, marital cord would not be broken. However if husband is Dev and wife be Rakshash, no points are allotted.

For the purpose of the study, I have counted Gana

Dosha irrespective of whether husband is Dev or Rakshash. However I have made it a point to study the impact separately when husband is Dev and when husband is Rakshash. Similarly the impact is separately studied when husband is Dev and wife is Manushya and when reverse is the case. This would clarify the doubt whether a particular combination of gana Dosha is better than the other as is perceived by many scholars.

Bridegroom	Dev	Manushya	Rakshash
Bride			
Dev	6	5	1
Manushya	6	6	0
Rakshash	0	0	6

Cancellation or Gana Dosha Parihar

मैत्र्यां राशिस्वामिनोरंशनाथ द्वन्द्वस्यापि स्याद् गणानां न दोषः ।
खेटारित्वं नाशयेत् सद्भकूटं खेटप्रीतिश्चापि दुष्टं भकूटम् ॥
मुहूर्तचिन्तामणि (विवाह प्रकरणम्) ॥33

When the Rashi or Navmansh lords of the bride and bridegroom are friends, Gana Dosha is nullified, sadbhakoot destroys maleficence of the Rashi lords and mutual friendship of planets cancels Bhakoot Dosha.

ग्रहमैत्री च राशिश्च विद्यते नियतं यदि ।
न गणमाव जनितं दूषणंस्याद विरोधदम् ॥

- Sage Garga

Gana Dosha gets cancelled due to mutual friendship of Rashi lords.

According to 'Peeyushdhara', if Rashi lords are friends and nadi Dosha does not exist, the Gana Dosha is destroyed.

According to 'Muhurta Martand' Gana Dosha is nullified if Tara, Vashya, Yoni, Grahamaitri and Bhakoot are okay.

For the purpose of this study, I have presumed cancellation of Gana Dosha where Rashi lords happen to be mutual friends or where the Rashi lord is common planet. the objective was to find out whether cancellation of Gana Dosha makes any appreciable change in the quality of married life compared to position of cases where Gana Dosha was not cancelled.



III Effect of Gana Dosha

When one person is Dev and the other has Rakshash Gana, they would be inimical towards each other throughout life. Obviously their married life would be full of strifes and conflicts. In mythology also we observe the Devtas and Rakshashas always fought with each other and were never at peace. For the purpose of this study, such couples should have reported their marital life under 'Below Average' or 'Bad' category.

The other Gana Dosha combination pertains to pair where one partner was Rakshash and the other was of Manushya Gana. As we have read in stories, the Rakshash would kill the Manushya and eat him. Similar impact in life would result in death of the manushya Gana partner and if not physical death, his life would be utterly miserable after marrying a Rakshash Gana partner. In these cases also, the feedback about their married life, should be under either below average or 'Bad' category.

Feedback from married couples

As stated earlier, feedback was taken from 200 married couples about the quality of their married life. On the basis of data furnished by them, Ashtakoot milan was prepared, and those cases were segregated where Gana Dosha was found.

93 couples or 46.5% had Gana Dosha. For reporting quality of their married life, 5 options were given viz. Excellent, Good, Average, Below Average and Bad.

Survey results have been compiled and analysed separately for each type of Gana Dosha namely Dev-Rakshash and Rakshash manushya categories directly as well as in reverse order. Further analysis has been done where Gana Dosha was cancelled and where it was not cancelled.

Results of the field study

	No.	Percentage
Total Number of Couples	200	
Couples having Gana Dosha	93	46.5
(A) Couples under Gana Dosha		
(i) Dev - Rakshash (Husband) (Wife)	18	
(ii) Rakshash Dev (Husband) (Wife)	26	
Sub Total	44	47.31
(B) Couples under Gana Dosha		
(i) Manushya Rakshash (Husband) (Wife)	29	

(ii) Rakshash Manushya (Husband) (Wife)	20	
Sub Total	49	52.69

(A) Quality of Married life with Gana Dosha

Quality of Marital life	Gana Dosha type Dev-Raksh.		Gana Dosha type Raksh.-Dev		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Excellent	6	33.33	8	30.77	14	31.82
Good	6	33.33	9	34.62	15	34.09
Average	4	22.22	7	26.92	11	25.00
Below Avg.	1	5.56	-	-	1	2.27
Bad	1	5.56	2	7.69	3	6.82
Total	18	100	26	100	44	100

Quality of Marital life	Gana Dosha Not Cancel Dev-Raksh.		Gana Dosha Not Cancel Raksh.-Dev		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Excellent	9	33.33	5	29.41	14	31.82
Good	10	37.04	5	29.41	15	34.09
Average	7	25.93	4	23.53	11	25.00
Below Avg.	1	3.70	-	-	1	2.27
Bad	-	-	3	17.65	3	6.82
Total	27	100	17	100	44	100

(A) Results of Dev- Rakshash Gana Dosha

- Despite the Gana Dosha a high majority of the couples are leading a happy married life.
- Whether husband is Dev and Wife is of Rakshash Gana or vice versa, there is no appreciable difference in the result. Under Dev- Rakshash category the total of Excellent and Good percentage is 66.66% against 65.39% under Rakshash-Dev category.
- If Average category is also clubbed the total under Dev - Rakshash goes up to 88.88% against 92.31% under Rakshash-Dev classification.
- The percentage under Below Average and Bad quality of marital life is only 11.12% under Dev - Rakshash against 7.69 under Rakshash Dev category.
- Combining the two categories of Dev - Rakshash and Rakshash-Dev, 65.91% couples were leading a satisfactory marital life. If Average category is also clubbed with this 90.91% were having happy marital against only 9.09% of couples who were not happy with their marriage.



- Where Gana Dosha was not cancelled, the percentage under Excellent and Good quality was 70.37% against 58.82% where Gana Dosha got cancelled. If percentage of Average quality is also added, satisfactory marriages under 'not cancelled' category for exceeded the percentage under 'cancelled' category being 96.30% against 82.35%.
- Strangely the percentage, of unsuccessful marriages under 'cancelled' category was high at 17.65% against 3.70% where Gana Dosha was found cancelled.

(B) Quality of Married life with Gana Dosha

Quality of Marital life	Gana Dosha type Manu-Raksh.		Gana Dosha type Raksh.-Manu		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Excellent	7	24.14	7	35.40	14	28.57
Good	13	44.83	8	40.00	21	42.86
Average	4	13.79	2	10.00	6	12.24
Below Avg.	2	6.90	3	15.00	5	10.20
Bad	3	10.34	-	-	3	6.13
Total	29	100	20	100	49	100

Quality of Marital life	Gana Dosha Not Cancel Manu-Raksh.		Gana Dosha Not Cancel Raksh.-Manu		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Excellent	6	23.08	8	34.78	14	28.57
Good	12	46.16	9	39.13	21	42.86
Average	4	15.38	2	8.70	6	12.24
Below Avg.	4	15.38	1	4.35	5	10.20
Bad	-	-	3	13.04	3	6.13
Total	26	100	23	100	49	100

(B) Results of Manushya - Rakshash Gana Dosha

- In this Gana Dosha also, there is a high percentage of couples leading a happy married life, as 71.43% fall under 'Excellent' and 'Good' category. If 'Average' category is included the percentage goes up to 83.67%. Only 16.33% couples had a problematic or unhappy married life.
- Under manushya-Rakshash category 68.97% fall in 'Excellent' and 'Good' quality and with inclusion of 'Average' quality, the percentage goes up to 82.76%.
- Under Rakshash-Manushya category the respective percentages are 75% and 85%. Thus the quality of married life is slightly better under this category but difference is not appreciable

enough for a firm inference.

- 17.24% under manushya-Rakshash and 15% under Rakshash-Manushya category reported unhappy married life falling under 'Below Average' and 'Bad' quality marital life.
- While comparing the figures for cases where Gana Dosha was not cancelled with those where it was not cancelled, it is found that the percentages for happy marriages under both the categories is high at 69.24% (not cancelled) and 73.91% (cancelled) where quality, was reported under 'Excellent' and 'Good' categories.
- By including 'Average' quality to the above, the percentages rise to 84.62% and 86.61% respectively indicating successful marriages.
- The percentage of unsuccessful or unhappy marriages is 15.38% for 'uncancelled' and 17.39% under 'cancelled' Gana dosha categories.
- Here the position under 'cancelled' category is slightly better but the difference is not appreciable enough for a firm conclusion.
- Untimely death of any partner was not reported in any case as mentioned in Muhurta chintamani nor there was prolonged serious ailment reported, under 8 cases falling under 'Below Average' and 'Bad' categories. However in 2 cases non-fatal vehicle accidents were reported for husbands who happen to be 'Manushya' while wife belongs to 'Rakshash' Gana.

Conclusion

- From the analysis of Gana Dosha cases, it is fairly evident that Gana Dosha, as a lone factor, does not affect the good quality of marital life. The repercussion of Gana Dosha mentioned in muhurta Ganthas could not be seen in practical lives of the married couples.
- No perceptible difference is noticed in the quality of married life whether husband is Dev and wife is Rakshash or viceversa. Similarly it does not matter much whether the husband is Manushya and wife is of Rakshash Gana or vice versa.
- Similarly it is immaterial for a very high percentage of successful married life, whether the Gana Dosha is cancelled or not cancelled.

The size of the sample was moderate. I urge upon other research scholars or serious students of astrology to assess the practical utility of astrological principles, enunciated thousand of years ago by our sages, in modern context when revolutionary changes have taken place.

I am inclined to conclude indirectly that for assessing marriage compatibility, thorough analysis of horoscopes of the bride and bridegroom would yield far better results than Ashtakoot Guna Milan system.