Unified Nakshatra Dasa Approach: In Annual & Natal Charts

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Introduction

Maharshi Parasara taught nine conditional nakshatra dasas after teaching Vimsottari dasa. Each dasa has a condition of applicability. For example, Shodasottari dasa applies if birth occurs in Sun's hora in Sukla paksha or in Moon's hora in Krishna paksha, *i.e.* it applies in 50% charts. Dwisaptati sama dasa applies if lagna lord is in 7th house or 7th lord is in lagna, *i.e.* it applies in 16.67% charts. Different conditional nakshatra dasas apply under different conditions and the applicability rate varies from 8.33% to 50%. There are *three* conditional nakshatra dasas that apply in 50% charts. These dasas obviously have an overlap, *i.e.* several dasas may be applicable in the same chart. On top of all these dasas, of course, Vimsottari dasa is considered the most important nakshatra dasa. The obvious question: How can we pick the best dasa in a chart?

Some people use *rarer* conditional dasas when they are applicable, but ignore 3 common conditional dasas with 50% applicability rate. That does not make sense – why did Parasara teach them if they are not useful? One more consideration: If we always prefer a conditional nakshatra dasa to Vimsottari dasa when atleast one of them is applicable, then we will very rarely end up using Vimsottari dasa. That does not make sense either, for Parasara taught that Vimsottari dasa is the most important dasa.

Bottomline is that Parasara did not explicitly teach how to priorotize Vimsottari dasa and conditional nakshatra dasas that may be simultaneously applicable. So the whole methodology of conditional nakshatra dasas is laden with confusions.

A methodology **deduced** from Parasara's teachings, for picking **one** dasa in any chart from among Vimsottari dasa and nine conditional nakshatra dasas, is proposed in this write-up. This methodology seems to work well in natal charts as well as annual Tithi Pravesha charts. In fact, it works better in annual Tithi Pravesha charts.

Pushya-paksha Ayanamsa

A new ayanamsa called "Pushya-paksha ayanamsa" enabled the discovery shared in this article. Please read the write-up titled "Introducing Pushya-paksha Ayanamsa" at http://www.VedicAstrologer.org/articles before reading this write-up. It will explain the definition as well as the rationale behind Pushya-paksha ayanamsa.

Replicating Calculations

You can download "Jagannatha Hora" software from http://www.VedicAstrologer.org/jh and select Pushyapaksha ayanamsa. In addition, you will need to set some divisional chart calculation options to follow this write-up. Some divisional charts are computed incorrectly by people now-a-days.

For example, when computing siddhamsa (D-24) chart used for seeing education, today's astrologers map 24 parts of odd signs to Le \rightarrow Cn and 24 parts of even signs to Cn \rightarrow Ge. This is structurally absurd. For even signs, it should go anti-zodiacally, *i.e.* Cn \rightarrow Le, instead of Cn \rightarrow Ge. Parasara is absolutely clear, but translators misinterpreted him. This author identified such errors in various divisional charts and corrected them after experimentation.

In the main menu of "Jagannatha Hora" software (version 7.65 or higher), you can select "Preferences", "Related to Calculations" and "Set Calculation Options as recommended by author", to set divisional chart calculations as used in this write-up.

Conditional Nakshatra Dasa Methodology

Controlling Planet

As pointed out earlier, we will almost never get to use Vimsottari dasa, if we say that a conditional dasa overrides Vimsottari dasa whenever its condition is satisfied. So we conclude that the conditions given by Parasara are **only** *necessary* **conditions and not** *sufficient* **conditions**. In many charts satisfying the condition of a conditional dasa, Vimsottari dasa may still dominate over the conditional dasa. The conditional dasa may override Vimsottari dasa only in a limited number of charts. The condition taught by Parasara *enables* the applicability of a dasa, but does not *guarantee* it. Some factors *in addition* to the condition are needed to guarantee it. Here is a proposed methodology.

If we understand the subtle meaning of a condition and find its link to the *seed* nakshatra of the dasa, we can associate them to a planet. We can associate 9 conditional nakshatra dasas to 9 planets. We can call them "controlling planets".

This controlling planet has a link to the condition of the dasa and *augments* the condition. It also has a link to the seed nakshatra of the dasa. In addition to the condition being satisfied, the controlling planet should be strong (*i.e.* the principle behind the condition is augmented), for a conditional nakshatra dasa to work better than Vimsottari dasa.

Dasa (years)	Condition of Applicability	Seed nakshatra (deity)	Controlling Planet
Shodasottari dasa (116)	Lagna in Sun's hora in Sukla paksha <i>or</i> Lagna in Moon's hora in Krishna paksha	Pushya (Jupiter)	Jupiter
Dwadasottari dasa (112)	Lagna in Taurus/Libra navamsa	Revati (Pushan)	Ketu
Ashtottari dasa (108)	Rahu in a quadrant/trine from lagna lord, but not in lagna	Ardra (Rudra)	Mars
Panchottari dasa (105)	Lagna in Cancer dwadasamsa ¹	Anuradha (Mitra)	Venus
Satabdika dasa	Lagna in the same sign in rasi & navamsa	Revati	Sun

¹According to some translators of Parasara, lagna should be in Cancer in both rasi and dwadasamsa. But that is an incorrect translation.

Dasa (years)	Condition of Applicability	Seed nakshatra (deity)	Controlling Planet
(100)		(Pushan)	
Chaturaaseeti dasa (84)	The 10 th lord in 10 th	Swati (Vayu)	Saturn
Dwisaptati sama dasa (72)	Lagna lord in 7 th or 7 th lord in lagna	Moola (Nirriti)	Rahu
Shashtisama dasa (60)	Sun in lagna	Aswini (Aswinis)	Moon
Shattrimsa sama dasa (36)	Lagna in Sun's hora in daytime <i>or</i> Lagna in Moon's hora in night time	Sravana (Vishnu)	Mercury

Let us go through the list and see the justification for each controlling planet.

- (1) Shodasottari dasa (116 years): The seed nakshatra is Pushya and its deity is Jupiter, who shows dhishakti (wisdom/intellect). This dasa is applicable if lagna is in deva hora and Sun (soul) is in the visible half from Moon (mind), or if lagna is in pitri hora and Moon (mind) is in the visible half from Sun (soul). The condition shows a wise relationship between mind and soul. Soul is a focus of mind in deva hora and mind is a focus of soul in pitri hora!! This dasa is applicable if such a wise relationship exists between mind and soul. That is augmented if Jupiter showing wisdom affecting the relationship between soul and mind is strong. So Jupiter is the controlling planet. No wonder the seed nakshatra is Jupiter's Pushya.
- (2) Dwadasottari dasa (112 years): The seed nakshatra is Revati and its deity is Pooshan. This dasa is applicable if lagna is in a navamsa owned by Venus. Navamsa shows the inner sense of dharma and lagna shows one's overall personality. Venus stands for the spirit of happiness. Lagna being in a navamsa owned by Venus shows the importance of happiness at a deeper level of personality. As real inner happiness comes with the freedom of detachment, this is augmented by Ketu (detachment and freedom). Pooshan is one of 12 Adityas who gives inner strength. There are two dasas taking his nakshatra as the seed Sataabdika dasa counts nakshatras zodiacally from Revati and Dwadasottari dasa counts nakshatras anti-zodiacally from Revati. The controlling planets are Sun and Ketu the soul giving inherent inner strength and detachment retrieving that inner strength by undoing the bondages. Counting is reverse for Ketu, as he reverses all the conditioning accumulated through various lives ("viparItaM ketoH" as Jaimini says).
- (3) Ashtottari dasa (108 years): The seed nakshatra is Ardra and and its deity is Rudra. This dasa is applicable if Rahu is in a quadrant/trine from lagna lord, but not occupying lagna. Lagna shows the 5 koshas (shells) that define a personality, while lagna lord shows the functioning of Purusha through those koshas. Rahu shows the outcaste/deviant. Rahu's trine/quadrant influence on the functioning of Purusha through koshas shows an inventive, fierce and rule-breaking manner in which cosmic intelligence works through one's personality. Rahu being in lagna itself deprives the personality of vitality. The energy and drive of Mars augments the inventive and rule-breaking manner in which cosmic intelligence functions through one's personality. The fierce Mars can be linked to Rudra, who owns Ardra nakshara. In fact, Mars is born from the sweat of Rudra.
- (4) *Panchottari dasa* (105 years): The seed nakshatra is Anuradha and its deity is Mitra. This dasa is applicable if lagna is in Cancer dwadasamsa. Dwadasamsa shows the source from which one comes and inherits. Cancer is the sign of creation. Lagna being in Cancer in dwadasamsa shows a creative personality that taps into one's creative roots. Venus showing jala tattwa (water element) augments this

- creative connection to the roots. Anuradha (literally, "following Radha") nakshatra is owned by Mitra, a Vedic deity of companionship. One can see a link to Venus.
- (5) Sataabdika dasa (100 years): The seed nakshatra is Revati and and its deity is Pooshan. This dasa is applicable if lagna is in the same sign in rasi and navamsa. Navamsa shows inner sense of dharma and lagna being in the same sign in rasi and navamsa shows that one's personality maintains a synergy between inner sense of dharma and outer expression. This shows a principled and strong person. Strength of Sun (soul) augments this strength of personality. No wonder the seed nakshatra is ruled by Pooshan, one of the 12 Adityas who gives strength.
- (6) *Chaturaaseeti sama dasa* (84 years): The seed nakshatra is Swaati and its deity is Vaayu. This dasa is applicable if the 10th lord is in the 10th house. This shows importance of work in one's life, which is augmented by Saturn showing the work ethic. Saturn represents wind and no wonder Swati ruled by Vayu (wind) is the seed nakshatra.
- (7) *Dwisaptati sama dasa* (72 *years*): The seed nakshatra is Moola and its deity is Nirriti. This dasa is applicable if lagna lord is in 7th or 7th lord is in lagna. That shows predominance of desires (7th house) in one's personality (1st house). That is augmented by Rahu who shows desires. No wonder the seed nakshatra is Moola owned by Nirriti, who is shown by Rahu.
- (8) Shashtisama dasa (60 years): The seed nakshatra is Aswini and its deities are Aswinis. This dasa is applicable if Sun is in lagna. Sun in lagna gives good will power, vitality and well-being. If this is augmented by clarity of mind (Moon), it enhances vitality and well-being. Moon is the planet of nurturing and cure, which is shown by twin deities Aswinis ruling Aswini star. No wonder Aswini is the seed nakshatra.
- (9) Shattrimsa sama dasa (36 years): The seed nakshatra is Sravana and its deity is Vishnu. This dasa is applicable if lagna is in deva hora and Sun (soul) is in the visible half from lagna (self that acts in the world), or if lagna is in pitri hora and lagna (acting self) is in the visible half from Sun (soul). Soul is a focus of acting self in deva hora and acting self is a focus of soul in pitri hora. The condition shows a productive relationship between self that acts in the world and soul, that promotes an understanding of one's existence and meaningful actions. That is augmented if Mercury showing knowledge and understanding is strong. So Mercury is the controlling planet. Mercury shows sustainer Vishnu and no wonder the seed nakshatra is Vishnu's Sravana.

Dasa Selection

The idea is that controlling planet of a conditional dasa has to be strong in a chart in addition to the condition being satisfied, for the dasa to dominate over Vimsottari dasa and other conditional nakshatra dasas. The principle behind the condition needs to be *augmented* by the *strength* of a planet that is important for that principle. That way, we can always pick the most applicable dasa in a chart.

Use the following steps:

- (1) Evaluate the nine conditions and identify which conditional nakshatra dasas apply in the chart.
- (2) Among the *applicable* conditional dasas, compare the strengths of controlling planets in the chart. Select the dasa with the *strongest* controlling planet. Use standard rules for strength.
 - (a) The following is the decreasing order of strength of planets:
 - (i) An exalted planet is the strongest,
 - (ii) Next is a planet in moolatrikona,
 - (iii) Next is a planet in own sign,

- (iv) Next is a planet in an adhimitra rasi (super-friendly sign)
- (v) Next is a planet in a mitra rasi (friendly sign)
- (vi) Planets in sama (neutral), satru (inimical), adhisatru (super-inimical) rasis or in debilitation signs are weak and not to be considered.
- (b) Consider the following exceptions judiciously:
 - (i) If a planet is at the very beginning or end of a sign, it is weak.
 - (ii) If a planet is associated with 9th or 10th lord, it is extra strong.
 - (iii) If a planet is combust or afflicted by enemies or afflicted by the $6^{th}/8^{th}$ lords, it is weak.
 - (iv) Rahu and Ketu become strong when with other planets (any planets).
- (3) If controlling planet of no applicable dasa is particularly strong, no conditional dasa applies. Just use Vimsottari dasa. There will be **many charts** in which Vimsottari dasa works the best.

Dasas in Divisional Charts

When analyzing a specific divisional chart for events related to a specific area of life, we can find nakshatra dasas from Moon in that divisional chart. In order to apply the conditions of conditional dasas in a divisional chart, we need to treat a divisional chart as rasi chart and further divide it into hora, navamsa and dwadasamsa charts. There is a precedent in tradition, in the form of charts such as nava-navamsa (D-81) and navamsa-dwadasamsa (D-108) charts.

We also need to evaluate the conditions of Shodasottari and Shattrimsa sama dasa strictly based on the divisional chart in question. We define Sukla paksha and Krishna paksha as Sun being in the visible half from Moon and Moon being in the visible half from Sun, respectively. We define daytime and night time as Sun being in the visible half from lagna and and lagna being in the visible half from Sun, respectively. In fact, this is how we explained the connection between the conditions, seed nakshatras and controlling planets earlier in this write-up.

Use of Lagna and Sun

Normally we use the nakshatra occupied by Moon in the divisional chart of interest to find dasas. If Moon is particularly weak and lagna is stronger, we can use lagna instead.

If Moon is waning and just below Sun's longitude or badly afflicted by nodes or if *all* quadrants from Moon are empty or if Moon is in his marana karaka sthana (8th house) or if Moon is in deep debilitation or if Moon is in gandanta, then Moon may be considered to be weak and lagna preferred. Note that Sun is strengthened by planets in trines from him, while Moon is strengthened by planets in quadrants from him. Lagna is strengthened by both.

In extremely rare cases where not only is Moon weak but lagna is also weak (i.e. lagna is in deep gandanta or badly afflicted), we may use Sun if he is stronger.

Natal & Annual Charts

These dasas can be used in the same manner in natal charts and annual soli-lunar (Tithi Pravesha or TP) charts. They are computed in annual charts just as they are in natal charts. There is no need to consider the star occupied by Moon in natal chart and/or progress it. Just take the rasi and divisional charts of the annual chart and use them as though it is a natal chart. The dasas are simply compressed to the time period of the chart.

In natal chart, dasa of the best planet to give an event (e.g. marriage, childbirth) may not come at an appropriate age. So we sometimes see that mahadasa at the time of an event makes only some sense while antardasa at the time of an event makes more sense. But, in annual charts, mahadasa at the time of an event should usually make excellent sense. The strongest candidate to give an event should give it in its mahadasa.

Just for completeness, let us define the annual TP chart here. When the lunar month and lunar day (tithi) of birth return every year, we cast a chart at the exact time when the angle between Sun and Moon matches that at birth. This chart is used for making predictions for the one [lunar] year that follows.

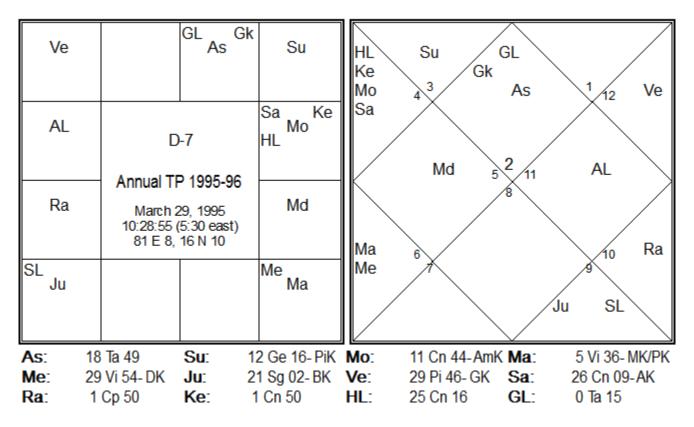
Examples with Annual Soli-lunar (TP) Charts

Example 1: Childbirth

Birthdata: 1970 April 4, 5:50:40 pm (IST), Machilipatnam, India (81e08, 16n10)

Event: He had a child on 1996 February 19.

Consider the annual TP chart of 1995-96. D-7 (saptamsa) chart shows children. D-7 of 1995-96 annual TP chart is shown below.



In this D-7, lagna lord Venus is exalted in 11th house and 5th lord Mercury is exalted in 5th house. Both are in nearly exact samasaptaka (at 29Pi46 and 29Vi55!) and give a powerful raja yoga. No wonder a child was born during the year!

In this chart, let us evaluate the applicability of various conditional dasas:

- (1) Lagna at 18Ta49 (second half of an even sign!) is in Deva hora. Sun is in the 12th house from Moon, i.e. in the visible half. If Sun (soul) is in the visible half from Moon (mind) in Deva hora or Moon is in the visible half from Sun in Pitri hora, then Shodasottari dasa applies. It applies here.
- (2) Lagna is at 18Ta49. It maps to Gemini in D-9 (i.e. D-9 of D-7). So Dwadasottari dasa does not apply. (Note: One can use "Sub-divisional chart for research, (D-mxn, i.e. D-n of D-m)" in the pop-up menu on charts in "Jagannatha Hora" software to find D-9 of D-7.)
- (3) Lagna lord Venus is in Pi. Rahu is in Cp and not in a trine/quadrant from him. So Ashtottari dasa does not apply.
- (4) Lagna is at 18Ta49. It maps to Sagittarius in D-12 (i.e. D-12 of D-7). So Panchottari dasa does not apply. (Note: One can use "Sub-divisional chart for research, (D-mxn, i.e. D-n of D-m)" in the pop-up menu on charts in "Jagannatha Hora" software to find D-12 of D-7.)
- (5) Lagna is in Taurus in D-7 and in Gemini in D-9 of D-7, as seen in (2) above. So Sataabdika dasa does not apply.
- (6) Neither 10th lord occupies 10th. So Chaturaaseeti sama dasa does not apply.
- (7) Neither the lagna lord is in 7th, nor the 7th lord in lagna. So Dwisaptati sama dasa does not apply.
- (8) Sun is not in lagna. So Shashtisama dasa does not apply.
- (9) Lagna is in Deva hora. Lagna is in the visible half from Sun. So Shattrimsa sama dasa does not apply.

Only Shodasottari dasa applies. Its controlling planet is Jupiter. He is in moolatrikona. Hence the dasa applies.

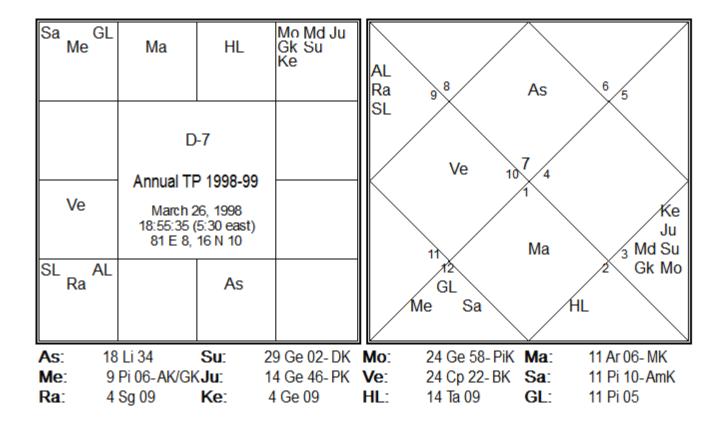
As per compressed Shodasottari dasa from Moon of D-7, Venus mahadasa ran during 1996 Jan 1-Feb 25. Mercury antardasa in Venus mahadasa ran during February 17-25. With lagna and 5th lords Venus and Mercury being both exalted and giving a raja yoga on the 5th house axis, this antardasa is a perfect candidate for a blessing like childbirth.

Example 2: Childbirth

Birthdata: 1970 April 4, 5:50:40 pm (IST), Machilipatnam, India (81e08, 16n10)

Event: He had a child on 1998 August 21.

Consider the annual TP chart of 1998-99. D-7 (saptamsa) chart shows children. D-7 of 1998-99 annual TP chart is shown below.



In this D-7, lagna lord Venus is in a quadrant in an adhimitra rasi. The 5th lord and yogakaraka Saturn joins 9th lord Mercury very closely. There is a raja yoga between them. Being two natural malefics, they are well-placed in the 6th house. The 5th house of children is hemmed between these 3 trine lords!

In this chart, let us evaluate the applicability of various conditional dasas:

- (1) Lagna at 18Li34 (second half of an odd sign!) is in Pitri hora. Moon is in the 12th house from Sun, i.e. in the visible half. If Sun (soul) is in the visible half from Moon (mind) in Deva hora or Moon is in the visible half from Sun in Pitri hora, then Shodasottari dasa applies. It applies here.
- (2) Lagna is at 18Li34. It maps to Pisces in D-9. So Dwadasottari dasa does not apply. (Note: One can use "Sub-divisional chart for research, (D-mxn, i.e. D-n of D-m)" in the pop-up menu on charts in "Jagannatha Hora" software to find D-9 of D-7.)
- (3) Lagna lord Venus is in Capricorn. Rahu is in Sagittarius and not in a trine/quadrant from him. So Ashtottari dasa does not apply.
- (4) Lagna is at 18Li34. It maps to Taurus in D-12. So Panchottari dasa does not apply. (Note: One can use "Sub-divisional chart for research, (D-mxn, i.e. D-n of D-m)" in the pop-up menu on charts in "Jagannatha Hora" software to find D-12 of D-7.)
- (5) Lagna is in Libra in D-7 and in Pisces in D-9 of D-7, as seen in (2) above. So Sataabdika dasa does not apply.
- (6) The 10th lord is not in 10th. So Chaturaaseeti sama dasa does not apply.
- (7) Neither the lagna lord is in 7th, nor the 7th lord in lagna. So Dwisaptati sama dasa does not apply.
- (8) Sun is not in lagna. So Shashtisama dasa does not apply.
- (9) Lagna is in Pitri hora. Sun is in the visible half from lagna. So Shattrimsa sama dasa does not apply.

Only Shodasottari dasa applies. Its controlling planet is Jupiter. He is in a neutral sign afflicted by nodes. He is not strong. Hence the dasa does not apply. We fall back to Vimsottari dasa.

As Moon is hardly 4 degrees before Sun (*i.e.* Amavasya Moon) and afflicted by nodes, he is very weak. So we use lagna instead of Moon.

As per compressed Vimsottari dasa from lagna of D-7, Mercury mahadasa ran during 1998 July 13-Sept 2. Jupiter antardasa in Mercury mahadasa ran during August 17-24. Mercury is the 9th lord joining 5th lord. He is the dispositor of Jupiter and has an exchange with him. Jupiter is the dispositor of the 2 trine lords giving a raja yoga and he aspects the 5th house and lagna.

Example 3: Academic Distinction

Birthdata: 1970 April 4, 5:50:40 pm (IST), Machilipatnam, India (81e08, 16n10)

Event: He stood first in his state in 12th grade exams with a record score on 1987 May 28 and got admission to Indian Institute of Technology after a couple of days.

Consider the annual TP chart of 1987-88. D-24 (siddhamsa) chart shows education. D-24 of 1987-88 annual TP chart is shown below.

With lagna lord Venus in a trine in a friendly sign, with 5^{th} lord Mercury exalted in 5^{th} in close conjunction with yogakaraka (and friend) Saturn and a natural benefic Jupiter (8^{th} lord showing sudden events), academic success and recognition in the year are very well-explained. Jupiter is also the karyesha (i.e. the 4^{th} lord in rasi chart) and strong in the 4^{th} house in rasi chart.

Let us check the conditions of all conditional dasas.

- (1) Lagna at 16Ta30 (second half of an even sign!) is in Deva hora. Moon is in the 6th house from Sun, i.e. in the invisible half. If Sun (soul) is in the visible half from Moon (mind) in Deva hora or Moon is in the visible half from Sun in Pitri hora, then Shodasottari dasa applies. It applies here.
- (2) Lagna is at 16Ta30. It maps to Taurus in D-9. So Dwadasottari dasa applies. (Note: One can use "Subdivisional chart for research, (D-mxn, i.e. D-n of D-m)" in the pop-up menu on charts in "Jagannatha Hora" software to find D-9 of D-7.)
- (3) Lagna lord Venus is in Capricorn. Rahu is in Aries and in a trine/quadrant from him. So Ashtottari dasa applies.
- (4) Lagna is at 16Ta30. It maps to Scorpio in D-12. So Panchottari dasa does not apply. (Note: One can use "Sub-divisional chart for research, (D-mxn, i.e. D-n of D-m)" in the pop-up menu on charts in "Jagannatha Hora" software to find D-12 of D-7.)
- (5) Lagna is in Taurus in D-7 and in D-9 of D-7, as seen in (2) above. So Sataabdika dasa applies.
- (6) Neither 10th lord is in 10th. So Chaturaaseeti sama dasa does not apply.
- (7) Neither the lagna lord is in 7th, nor the 7th lord in lagna. So Dwisaptati sama dasa does not apply.
- (8) Sun is not in lagna. So Shashtisama dasa does not apply.
- (9) Lagna is in Deva hora. Lagna is in the visible half from Sun. So Shattrimsa sama dasa does not apply.

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So Shodasottari dasa, Dwadasottati dasa, Ashtottari dasa and Sataabdika dasa dasa apply.

Controlling planet of Shodasottari dasa is Jupiter. He is not particularly strong in Vi, being in an adhisatru rasi (super-inimical sign), based on compound relationship.

Controlling planet of Dwadasottati dasa is Ketu. He is not particularly strong in Ar, being in a sama rasi (neutral sign), based on compound relationship.

Controlling planet of Ashtottari dasa is Mars. He is not particularly strong in Ge, being in a sama rasi (neutral house), based on compound relationship.

Controlling planet of Sataabdika dasa is Sun. He is in own house and strong!

Sun is the strongest planet among the controlling planets of applicable conditional nakshatra dasas. So we pick Sataabdika dasa.

As per compressed Sataabdika dasa from Moon of D-24, Mercury mahadasa Jupiter antardasa gave the event. Mercury is the 5th lord exalted in the 5th house. Jupiter is strong karyesha in rasi chart and joins Mercury in the 5th house in D-24.

Example 4: Going Abroad

Birthdata: 1970 April 4, 5:50:40 pm (IST), Machilipatnam, India (81e08, 16n10)

Event: He left his motherland on 1994 November 11.

Consider the annual TP chart of 1994-95. D-4 (chaturthamsa) chart shows residence. D-4 of 1994-95 annual TP chart is shown below.

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With 12th co-lord and significator of going abroad, Rahu, occupying a watery sign in the 9th house and with 12th co-lord Saturn aspecting 12th, going abroad during the year makes sense.

If we check the conditions of all conditional dasas, we will see that only Shodasottari dasa and Shattrimsa sama dasa apply. Controlling planet of Shodasottari dasa is Jupiter. Though he is in an adhimitra rasi, he is retrograde and aspected by a strong 8th lord. He is not particularly strong. Controlling planet of Shattrimsa sama dasa is Mercury. He is debilitated and weak.

So we are better off using Vimsottari dasa.

As per compressed Vimsottari dasa from Moon of D-4, Rahu mahadasa Saturn antardasa gave the event. As mentioned earlier, Rahu and Saturn are the 12^{th} lords. Saturn aspects 12^{th} and has $3/4^{th}$ aspect on 9^{th} . Rahu occupies 9^{th} in a watery sign.

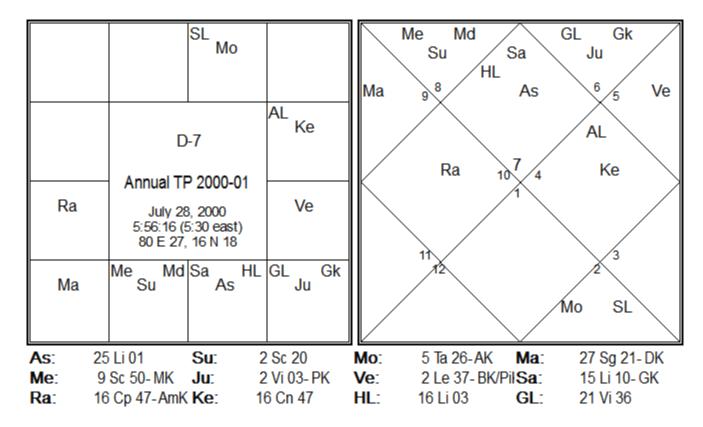
Example 5: Childbirth

Birthdata: 1973 July 26, 9:48:10 pm (IST), Guntur, India (80e27, 16n18)

Event: She had a child on 2000 September 28.

Consider the annual TP chart of 2000-01. D-7 (saptamsa) chart shows children. D-7 of 2000-01 annual TP chart is shown below.

In this D-7, lagna lord Venus is in 11th house and aspects the 5th house, while 5th lord Saturn is exalted in lagna. The other 5th lord Rahu is in a quadrant in an adhimitra rasi. So this D-7 and 5th house in it are very strong. No wonder a child was born during the year.



In this chart, Shodasottari dasa, Dwadasottari dasa and Shattrimsa sama dasa apply. Controlling planets are Jupiter, Ketu and Mercury respectively. Jupiter and Ketu are in sama rasis (neutral signs), while Mercury is in a mitra rasi (friendly sign), as per compound relationships. However, combust Mercury is not strong enough in a mitra rasi. So we just fall back to Vimsottari dasa.

Though Moon is exalted, he is in marana karaka sthana in the 8th house and weak. So we take lagna as the seed of dasa instead of Moon.

As per compressed Vimsottari dasa from lagna of D-7, Saturn mahadasa ran during 2000 August 29-October 29. Saturn mahadasa Venus antardasa ran during September 21-October 1. With 5th lord Saturn exalted in lagna and with lagna lord Venus aspecting 5th, this antardasa is a perfect candidate for childbirth.

Example 6: Childbirth

Birthdata: 1973 July 26, 9:48:10 pm (IST), Guntur, India (80e27, 16n18)

Event: She had a child on 2003 June 21.

Consider the annual TP chart of 2002-03. D-7 (saptamsa) chart shows children. D-7 of 2002-03 annual TP chart is shown below.

In this D-7, lagna lord Venus is in a quadrant in a friendly sign and has $3/4^{th}$ aspect on the 5^{th} house and its lord, while 5^{th} lord Mercury is exalted in 5^{th} ! The 5^{th} house contains a raja yoga between 5^{th} and 4^{th} lords. So this D-7 and 5^{th} house in it are very strong. No wonder a child was born during the year.

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In this chart, Shodasottari dasa, Ashtottari dasa and Shattrimsa sama dasa apply. Controlling planets are Jupiter, Mars and Mercury respectively. Jupiter is in moolatrikona, Mars is in adhimitra rasi and Mercury is in exaltation sign. Though Mercury would have normally been taken as the strongest planet (exaltation is superior to moolatrikona placement), here Mercury is within 7 arc-min from Sun. He is deeply combust. So we take Jupiter to be stronger. So Shodasottari dasa is the strongest dasa. Though quadrants from Moon are empty, Moon is in own sign and 2nd and 12th are occupied (Dhurdhara yoga). So he is strong enough to be the seed.

As per compressed Shodasottari dasa from Moon of D-7, Sun mahadasa ran during 2003 June 18-July 22. Sun antardasa in Sun mahadasa ran during June 18-21. Given the powerful raja yoga between Mercury and Sun in the 5th house, they are perfect candidates for giving childbirth. As Mercury and Sun are very close within 7 arcmin, Mercury is deeply combust. So Sun will dominate him and give the result of the rajayoga in *his* period.

Example 7: Childbirth

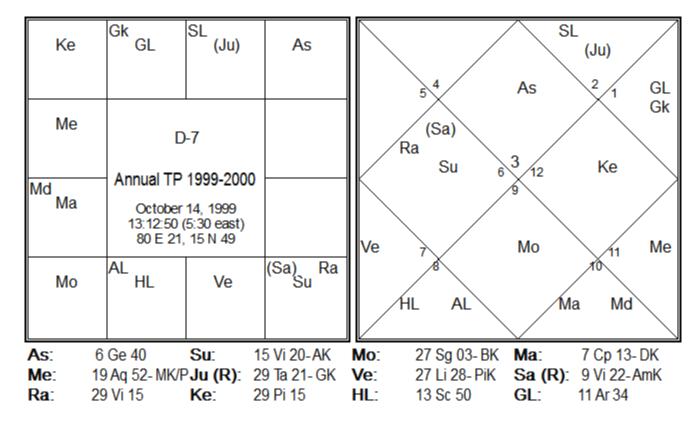
Birthdata: 1970 October 5, 12:32:20 pm (IST), 80e21, 15n49

Event: He had a child on 2000 September 28.

Consider the annual TP chart of 1999-2000. D-7 (saptamsa) chart shows children. D-7 of 1999-2000 annual TP chart is shown below.

In this D-7, lagna lord Mercury is in 9^{th} house while the 5^{th} lord Venus is in the 5^{th} house itself, in his moolatrikona! So this D-7 and 5^{th} house in it are very strong. No wonder a child was born during the year.

In this chart, only Shodasottari dasa applies. Controlling planet is Jupiter. He is in an adhisatru rasi (super-inimical sign). He is weak. So we fall back to Vimsottari dasa.



As per compressed Vimsottari dasa from Moon of D-7, Venus mahadasa Mercury antardasa gave the event. Venus is the 5th lord in 5th house, while Mercury is the lagna lord in 9th! From dasa lord Venus, Mercury is 9th lord in 5th house. This mahadasa antardasa combination is the perfect candidate for giving a child.

Example 8: Childbirth

Birthdata: 1970 October 5, 12:32:20 pm (IST), 80e21, 15n49

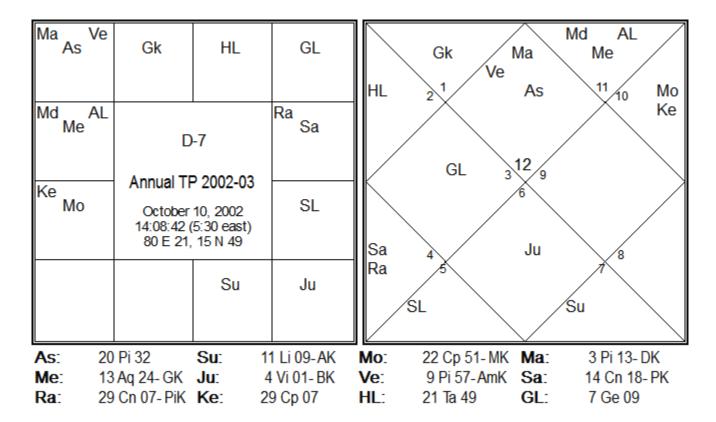
Event: He had a child on 2003 June 21.

Consider the annual TP chart of 2002-03. D-7 (saptamsa) chart shows children. D-7 of 2002-03 annual TP chart is shown below.

In this D-7, 5th and 11th lords are in parivartana aspecting their respective houses. This can give gain of a child. In addition, lagna lord and 9th lord are in very close samasaptaka (within less than a degree), showing fortune in this area of life during the year.

In this chart, Shodasottari dasa, Dwisaptati sama dasa and Shattrimsa sama dasa apply. Controlling planets are Jupiter, Rahu and Mercury respectively. Jupiter and Rahu are in adhisatru rasis, while Mercury is in a satru rasi (compound relationship). None of them is strong enough. However, Rahu becomes strong in the signs of Moon and Sun, especially when not alone. He gets really charged up when he occupies the houses of luminaries. Moreover, here he is in good company! So Rahu in Cancer with Saturn is taken to be strong! So we use Dwisaptati sama dasa.

As per compressed Dwisaptati sama dasa from Moon of D-7, Moon mahadasa Saturn antardasa gave the event. Moon is the 5th lord in 11th and Saturn is the 11th lord in 5th. This exchange and samasaptaka of 5th and 11th lords is auspicious for the gain of a child.



Example 9: Political Power (Barack Obama)

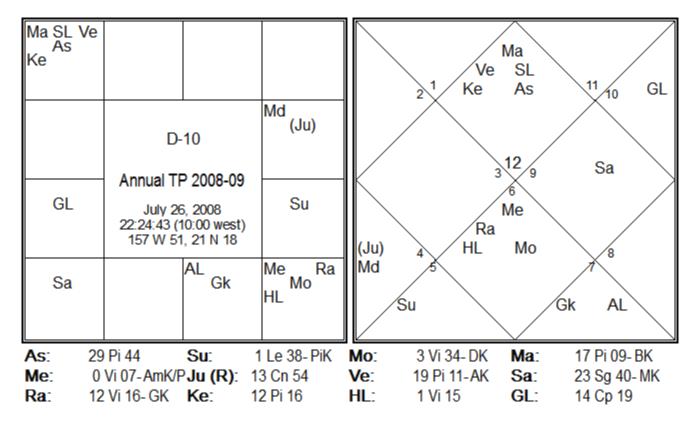
Birthdata: 1961 August 4, 7:24:20 pm (10 hrs west of GMT), Honolulu, Hwaii, USA (157w52, 21n18) *Event*: He was elected as US President on 2008 November 4.

Consider the annual TP chart of 2008-09. D-10 (dasamsa) chart shows career. D-10 of 2008-09 annual TP chart is shown below.

In this D-10, lagna and 10th lord Jupiter is exalted in the 5th house of power while the 5th lord Moon is closely conjoined with the exalted 7th lord in 7th giving a powerful rajayoga. Though Rahu is also with them and Venus in Pisces and Saturn in Sagittarius (both functional malefics here) have an aspect on Moon, those influences are are weaker than that of Mercury, who is within 3.5 degrees from Moon. The strength of the 5th house can show getting some power in this year.

In this chart, Shodasottari dasa and Sataabdika dasa apply. Controlling planets are Jupiter and Sun. Though Jupiter is exalted, he is retrograde and that makes him a bit weak. He also has $3/4^{th}$ aspect from Saturn. Sun on the other hand is in own house and unafflicted. So we take Sun to be stronger and use Sataabdika dasa.

As for reference for dasa, Moon closely afflicted by an enemy at the beginning of a sign and afflicted by Rahu is not that strong and lagna in deep gandanta is not strong either. In comparison, unafflicted Sun in own sign is exceedingly strong, though also at the beginning of a sign. So we take Sun as the seed. [Note: We very rarely need to use Sun as the seed.]



As per compressed Sataabdika dasa from Sun of D-10, Jupiter mahadasa Mercury antardasa gave the event. Jupiter is the lagna and 10th lord exalted in the 5th house of power, while Mercury is exalted dispositor of the 5th lord and also takes part in a raja yoga with the 5th lord.

Example 10: Political Power (Barack Obama)

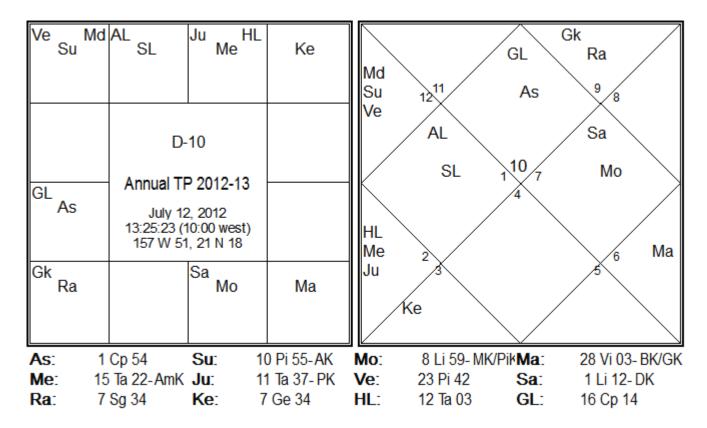
Birthdata: 1961 August 4, 7:24:20 pm (10 hrs west of GMT), Honolulu, Hwaii, USA (157w52, 21n18) *Event*: He was re-elected as US President on 2012 November 6.

Consider the annual TP chart of 2012-13. D-10 (dasamsa) chart shows career. D-10 of 2012-13 annual TP chart is shown below.

In this D-10, lagna lord Saturn is exalted in the 10th house of career. Venus is the lord of the 10th house of career and the 5th house of power. He is a yogakaraka and is exalted. Though he is with 8th lord Sun, there is enough gap between them to make the affliction weak. Due to the Saturn-Moon combination in the 10th house, there were some tensions and most opinion polls leading to the election predicted a Mitt Romney win or a close call. But, in the end, it was an easy win.

In this chart, Shodasottari dasa, Sataabdika dasa and Shat-trimsa sama dasa apply. Controlling planets are Jupiter, Sun and Mercury. Jupiter is in a sama rasi based on compound relationship, while Sun and Mercury are in adhimitra rasis. While Sun is afflicted by a strong (exalted) adhisatru (Venus), Mercury is afflicted by only a weak satru (Jupiter). So Mercury is less afflicted. We take Mercury to be stronger.

As per compressed Shat-trimsa sama dasa from Moon of D-10, Venus mahadasa Venus antardasa gave the event. Venus is exalted yogakaraka and the 5th lord of power.



Example 11: Political Power (George W Bush)

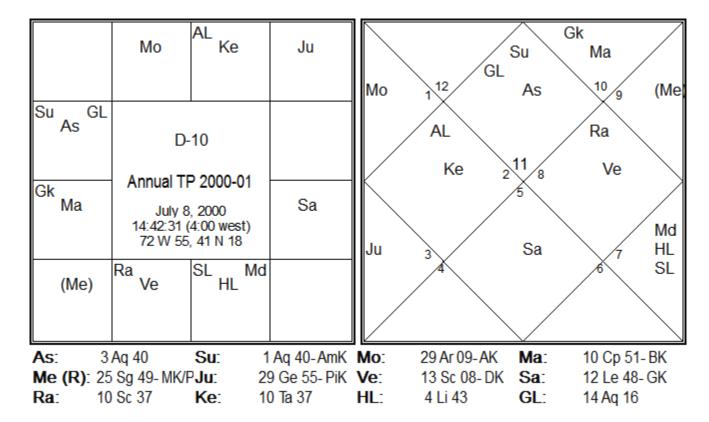
Birthdata: 1946 July 6, 7:25:30 am (EDT – 4:00 west of GMT), New Haven, CT, USA (72w56, 41n18) *Event*: He was elected as the president of US in on 2000 December 15. Elections were held on November 7, but there was a protracted court fight on the recounting of some Florida ballots. He was finally declared winner on 2000 December 15.

Consider the annual TP chart of 2000-01. D-10 (dasamsa) chart shows career. D-10 of 2000-01 annual TP chart is shown below.

In this D-10, 5th lord Mercury aspects the 5th house of power from the 11th house of gains and the 11th lord Jupiter is in 5th house. This exchange and samasaptaka between 5th and 11th lords shows gain of power. The 10th house is also strong with a raja yoga between lagna co-lord and yogakaraka. Overall, getting some power during the year is possible.

In this chart, Shodasottari dasa, Ashtottari dasa, Dwisaptati sama dasa, Shashtisama dasa and Shattrimsa sama dasa apply. Controlling planets are Jupiter, Mars, Rahu, Moon and Mercury. Jupiter in an adhisatru rasi, Mercury in a satru rasi, Rahu in debilitation sign and Moon in mitra rasi are weaker than Mars in exaltation sign. So we use Ashtottari dasa.

As per compressed Ashtottari dasa from Moon of D-10, Moon dasa was running at the time of elections. Moon is the 6th lord in a Martian sign aspected by Mars and he gave litigation. Next dasa was Mars dasa from November 19 to December 15. Mars being the exalted 10th lord but in 12th, he gave uncertainty and litigation. Mercury dasa started on December 15. Mercury being the 5th lord aspecting 5th and being in an exchange and samasaptaka with the 11th lord, he gave power. He was declared winner in Mercury mahadasa Mercury antardasa.



Example 12: Political Power (George W Bush)

Birthdata: 1946 July 6, 7:25:30 am (EDT – 4:00 west of GMT), New Haven, CT, USA (72w56, 41n18) Event: He was re-elected as the president of US in on 2004 November 2.

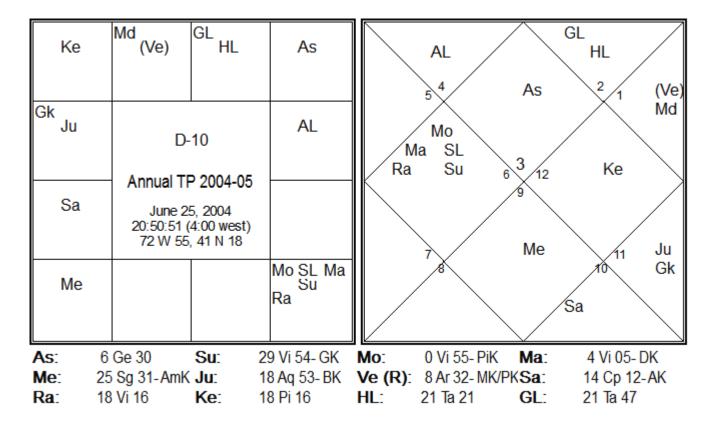
Consider the annual TP chart of 2004-05. D-10 (dasamsa) chart shows career. D-10 of 2004-05 annual TP chart is shown below.

In this D-10, 5th lord Venus aspects the 5th house of power from the 11th house of gains. This is conducive to retaining power. In addition, lagna lord Mercury is in a quadrant in a friendly sign and 9th lord is strong in own house. The afflictions in the 4th house show lack of peace in career and worries, but the strength of trines is conducive to retaining the power.

In this chart, Ashtottari dasa applies. Controlling planet Mars is in a sama rasi. So we fall back to Vimsottari dasa. [Note: It may appear like Dwisaptati sama dasa applies here. However, from lagna at 6Ge30, Mercury at 25Sg31 is actually in the 8th house and not the 7th house.]

As Moon is at the beginning of the sign (0Vi55), highly waning and afflicted by nodes, he is weak. We will use lagna as the seed. Lagna is stronger.

As per compressed Vimsottari dasa from lagna of D-10, Saturn mahadasa Venus antardasa was running at the time results came out. Saturn is the strong 9th lord in own house and aspecting the 5th house and having 80% aspect on the 5th lord. Venus is the 5th lord aspecting 5th house. So this period can give a favorable result relating to maintaining one's political power.



Example 13: Death of Father (Rajiv Gandhi)

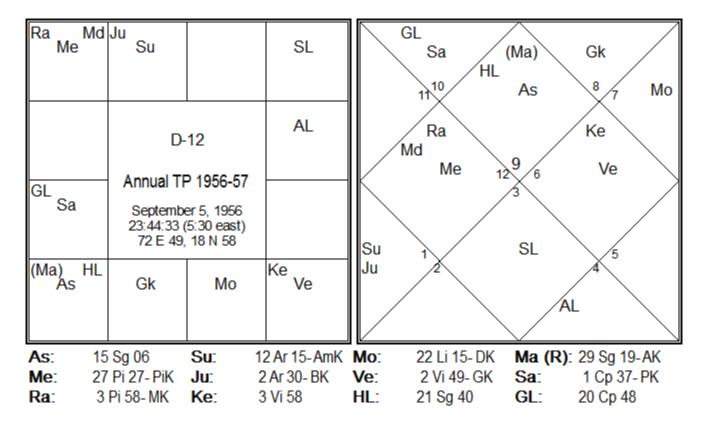
Birthdata: 1944 August 20, 7:12 am (IST), 72e49, 18n58 *Event*: His father Feroze Gandhi died on 1957 April 4.

Consider the annual TP chart of 1956-57. D-12 (dwadasamsa) chart shows parents. D-12 of 1956-57 annual TP chart is shown below.

In this D-12, the 9th house of father is Le. Taking that as lagna, 2 debilitated planets (Mercury and Venus) are on the 2nd-8th axis with nodes. If the lord of the 3rd house of vitality is in 2nd house of its loss (or vice versa), it can be a maraka combination. If the lord of the 8th house of longevity is in the 7th house of its loss (or vice versa), it can also be a maraka combination. In addition, any functional malefics occupying or aspecting the 2nd house can become marakas. Here Venus and Mercury are functional malefics for Le and Venus is in 2nd while Mercury aspects it. Venus is the 3rd lord in 2nd, while Rahu is the 7th co-lord in 8th. There are clear maraka combinations in this D-12, from the 9th house of father.

In this chart, lagna is right in the middle of a sign. This brings into question the applicability of Shodasottari dasa and Shattrimsa sama dasa (i.e. evaluation of applicability changes with slight change in birthtime). However, Mercury and Jupiter are weak in neutral houses and so it doesn't matter anyway. Sun and Saturn are quite strong and Moon is moderately strong, but Sataabdika dasa, Chaturaaseeti sama dasa and Shashtisama dasa do not apply. So we just use Vimsottari dasa.

As per compressed Vimsottari dasa from Moon of D-12, Venus mahadasa Saturn antardasa gave the event. Venus is a clear maraka from Le as seen before. Saturn is the 7th lord and a maraka too. He can also give Rahu's results.



Example 14: Death of Mother (Rajiv Gandhi)

Birthdata: 1944 August 20, 7:12 am (IST), 72e49, 18n58

Event: His mother Indira Gandhi was assassinated on 1984 October 31.

Consider the annual TP chart of 1984-85. D-12 (dwadasamsa) chart shows parents. D-12 of 1984-85 annual TP chart is shown below.

In this D-12, the 4th house of mother is Vi. Taking that as lagna, the 7th lord Jupiter is in 8th, closely conjoining the 8th lord. The 7th lord is a maraka and he becomes potent when in 8th or with 8th lord. The 6th lord Rahu is aspecting him from 12th and can indicate some conspiracy or enmity behind it.

In this chart, no conditional nakshatra dasa applies. So we use Vimsottari dasa.

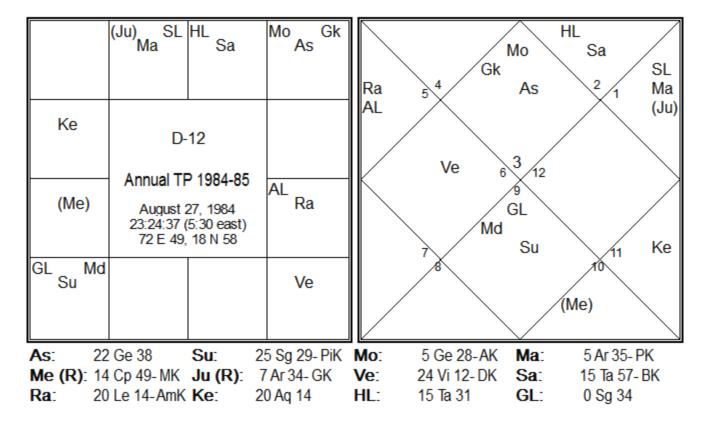
As per compressed Vimsottari dasa from Moon of D-12, Jupiter mahadasa Jupiter antardasa² gave the event. Jupiter is clearly the maraka as seen already.

Example 15: Political power (Rajiv Gandhi)

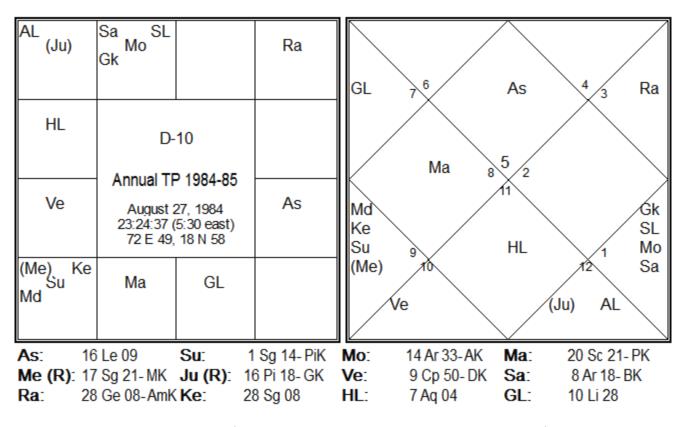
Birthdata: 1944 August 20, 7:12 am (IST), 72e49, 18n58

Event: He unexpectedly became India's Prime Minister in the first week of 1984 November, after his mother was assassinated.

²The year is taken to be 13 lunar months instead of 12 here, due to adhika bhadrapada masa in 1985.



Consider the annual TP chart of 1984-85. D-10 (dasamsa) chart shows career. D-10 of 1984-85 annual TP chart is shown below.



In this D-10, lagna lord Sun is in the 5th house of power in a super-friendly sign. The 5th lord Jupiter is strong in own sign. This shows getting some recognition or power. Placement of 5th lord in 8th shows suddenness. Placement of Sun in 5th in gandanta and affliction of nodes suggests some unfortunate background.

In this chart, Sataabdika dasa and Shattrimsa sama dasa apply. Sataabdika dasa controller Sun is in gandanta and weak. Though Mercury is in a friendly sign (Jupiter's), he is retrograde and afflicted by nodes. He is not strong either. So we just fall back on Vimsottari dasa.

It may seem like Ashtottari dasa applies here, but lagna lord Sun at 1Sg14 and Rahu at 25Ge08 are not exactly in quadrants or trines. Rahu is in the 8th house from lagna lord Sun.

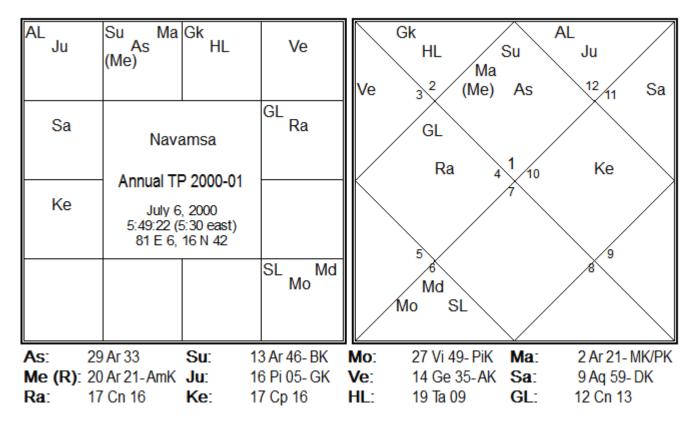
As per compressed Vimsottari dasa from Moon of D-10, Sun mahadasa Jupiter antardasa³ gave the event. Sun is the lagna lord in 5th house in a super-friendly sign while Jupiter is the 5th lord strongly placed in own sign.

Example 16: Marriage

Birthdata: 1975 July 13, 4:02 pm (IST), Eluru, India (81e06, 16n42)

Event: She got married on 2001 February 28.

Consider the annual TP chart of 2000-01. D-9 (navamsa) chart shows marriage. D-9 of 2000-01 annual TP chart is shown below.



In this D-9, lagna lord in moolatrikona and 5th lord in exaltation are together. There is a raja yoga between them, that brings the blessings of poorvapunya. The 7th lord Venus is in the 9th house of fortune from the 7th house of marriage, in an adhimitra rasi without any afflictions. He is quite strong and can give marriage. There is also a raja yoga between the 4th lord of sukha and 9th lord of dharma.

In this chart, Ashtottari dasa and Shashtisama dasa apply. As Mars is stronger than Moon, we pick Ashtottari dasa.

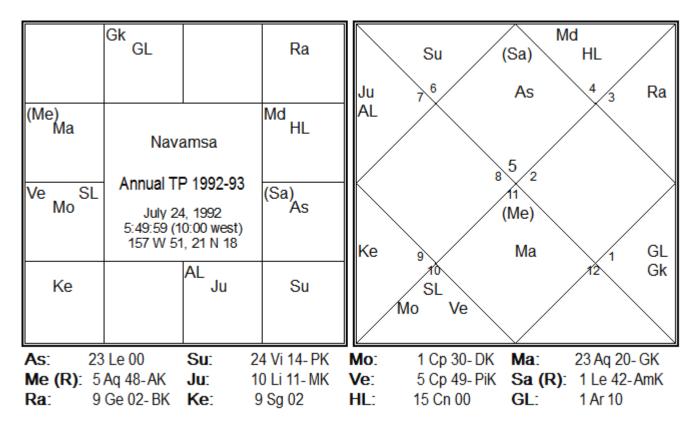
³The year is taken to be 13 lunar months instead of 12 here, due to adhika bhadrapada masa in 1985.

As per compressed Ashtottari dasa from Moon of D-9, Venus mahadasa Mars antardasa gave the event. Venus is the strong 7th lord of marriage. Mars is the strong lagna lord and in the 11th house of fructification from Venus.

Example 17: Marriage (Barack Obama)

Birthdata: 1961 August 4, 7:24:20 pm (10 hrs west of GMT), Honolulu, Hwaii, USA (157w52, 21n18) *Event*: He got married on 1992 October 3.

Consider the annual TP chart of 1992-93. D-9 (navamsa) chart shows marriage. D-9 of 1992-93 annual TP chart is shown below.



In this D-9, one 7th lord Rahu is in the 11th house of fructification aspecting the 7th house. The other 7th lord Saturn is also aspecting the 7th house, while yogakaraka occupies the 7th house. This makes the 7th house powerful.

In this chart, Dwadasottari dasa and Ashtottari dasa apply. Neither Ketu nor Mars is strong being alone in inimical signs. Dwisaptati sama dasa may seem to apply here, but 7th lord Saturn at 1Le42 is actually in the 12th house from lagna at 23Le0. So Dwisaptati sama dasa does not really apply.

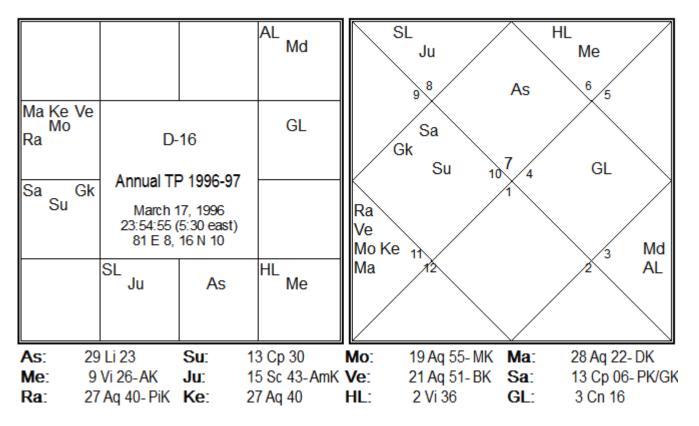
As per compressed Vimsottari dasa from Moon of D-9, Rahu mahadasa Saturn antardasa gave the event. As explained previously, Rahu and Saturn are the 7th lords aspecting the 7th house.

Example 18: Vehicular accident

Birthdata: 1970 April 4, 5:50 pm (IST), Machilipatnam, India (81e08, 16n10)

Event: He had a major vehicular accident on 1996 December 5. He was fine, but car was totalled.

Consider the annual TP chart of 1996-97. D-16 (shodasamsa) chart shows vehicle. D-16 of 1996-97 annual TP chart is shown below.



In this D-16, let us take the 4th house of vehicle as lagna. From Cp, lagna lord Saturn and 8th lord Sun are in lagna together. That is a bad combination. The 8th lord afflicting lagna and lagna lord can cause harm. Moreover, the 2nd house contains multiple planets including the 7th and 2nd lords. This is a maraka combination.

In this chart, Ashtottari dasa and Shat-trimsa sama dasa apply. Mars is not strong, but Mercury is exalted. So we use Shat-trimsa sama dasa.

As per compressed Shat-trimsa sama dasa from Moon of D-16, Rahu mahadasa Jupite antardasa gave the event. Rahu is a maraka being the 2^{nd} lord in 2^{nd} (from the 4^{th} house). Jupiter is the 3^{rd} lord in badhaka sthana. In addition, from the 4^{th} house from dasa lord Rahu, Jupiter is the 8^{th} lord in 7^{th} and a maraka.

Examples with Natal Charts

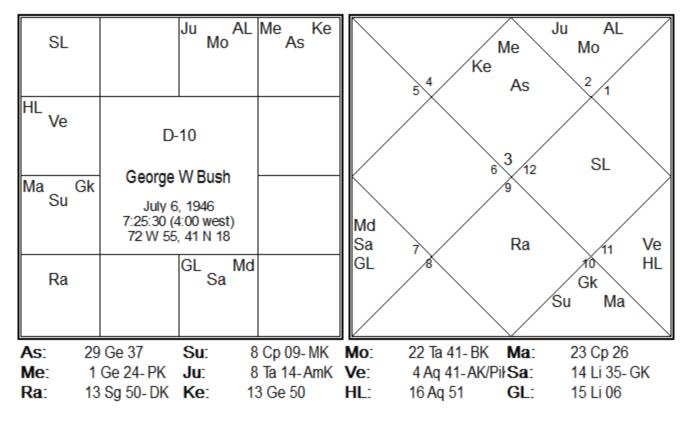
We will see some examples of conditional nakshatra dasas with natal charts now.

It has been seen that mahadasa at the time of an event usually makes excellent sense in annual charts. The strongest candidate to give an event usually gives it in its mahadasa. In natal charts, however, dasa of the best planet to give an event (*e.g.* marriage, childbirth) may not come at an appropriate age. So we sometimes see that mahadasa at the time of an event may make only limited sense while antardasa at the time of an event may make more sense.

Example 19: Political Power (George W Bush)

Birthdata: 1946 July 6, 7:25:30 am (EDT – 4:00 west of GMT), New Haven, CT, USA (72w56, 41n18) Event: He was elected as the president of US in in 2000 December and re-elected in November 2004.

D-10 (dasamsa) chart shows career. D-10 of natal chart is shown below.



In this D-10, lagna is in Pitri hora. As Moon and lagna are in insivible half from Sun, neither Shodasottari dasa nor Shatrtimsa sama dasa applies. As lagna navamsa (D-9 of D-10) is in Ge, Dwadasottari dasa does not apply. Lagna does not contain Sun and Shashtisama dasa does not apply. As lagna does not contain 7^{th} lord and 7^{th} does not contain lagna lord, Dwisaptati sama dasa does not apply. As the 10^{th} lord is not in 10^{th} , Chaturaaseeti sama dasa does not apply. As lagna dwadasamsa (D-12 of D-10) is in Ta, Panchottari dasa does not apply.

As lagna lord Mercury is in a quadrant from Rahu and Rahu is not in lagna, Ashtottari dasa applies. As lagna is in vargottama, Sataabdika dasa applies. The controlling planets are Mars and Sun respectively. Mars is exalted and quite strong. So we use Ashtottari dasa.

As per Ashtottari dasa from Moon of natal D-10, Saturn mahadasa ran from November 1999 to November 2009. It was in this period that he became the republican candidate for presidential election of 2000, then elected as US president and re-elected. He was US president from January 2001 till January 2009. That entirely falls in Saturn mahadasa.

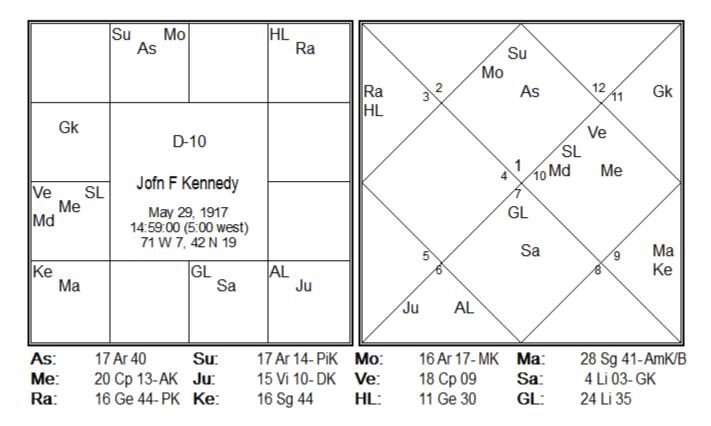
Saturn is a functional benefic for Ge lagna and he is exalted in the 5th house of power! In fact, there is an exchange between 5th lord Venus and 9th lord Saturn. This, in addition to lagna lord Mercury in lagna, makes this a blessed D-10 chart.

He was elected US president during Saturn mahadasa Saturn antardasa. His re-election with wider margin came during Saturn mahadasa Venus antardasa. Venus is the 5th lord in 9th. Previously, he was elected as the governor of Texas state in Mercury mahadasa Venus antardasa.

Example 20: Political Power (John F Kennedy)

Birthdata: 1917 May 29, 3:59 pm (4 hrs west of GMT), Brookline, Massachusetts, USA (71w07, 42n20) *Event*: He was elected as the President of USA in the first week of 1960 November.

D-10 (dasamsa) chart shows career. D-10 of natal chart is shown below.



In this D-10, Shodasottari dasa, Ashtottari dasa and Shashtisama dasa apply. Controlling planets are Jupiter, Mars and Moon. Jupiter is in an adhisatru rasi and Moon is in a satru rasi (as per compound relationships). Mars in an adhimitra rasi is stronger than both. So we use Ashtottari dasa.

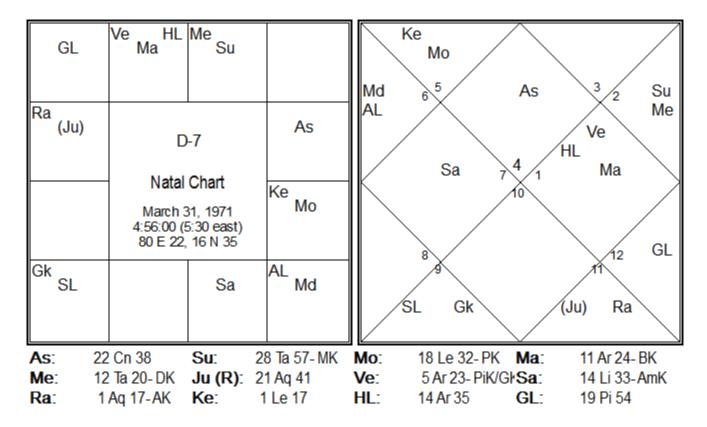
Moon is just below Sun in D-10 (i.e. Amavasya Moon). So he is weak to be considered as the seed for dasas. So we use lagna. As per Ashtottari dasa from lagna of natal D-10, Moon mahadasa Sun antardasa gave the event. Moon and Sun are the 4th and 5th lord closely conjoined in lagna and giving a powerful raja yoga!

Example 21: Childbirth

Birthdata: 1971 March 31, 4:56 am (IST), Amaravati, India (80e22, 16n35)

Event: She had a child on 2000 January 12.

D-7 (saptamsa) chart shows children. D-7 of natal chart is shown below.



In this D-7, Shodasottari dasa, Ashtottari dasa, Chaturaseeti sama dasa and Shattrimsa sama dasa apply. Controlling planets are Jupiter, Mars, Saturn and Mercury. Jupiter is in a satru rasi. Mercury is in an adhimitra rasi. But Mars in moolatrikona is stronger than both. However, Saturn in exaltation sign beats him! So we use Chaturaaseeti sama dasa.

As per Chaturaaseeti sama dasa from Moon of natal D-7, Jupiter mahadasa Mars antardasa gave the event. Jupiter is the significator of children and also the 9th lord involved in a raja yoga (by samasaptaka) with lagna lord Moon. Mars is yogakaraka placed in moolatrikona and also the 5th lord of children!

Example 22: Childbirth

Birthdata: 1970 April 4, 5:50:40 pm (IST), Machilipatnam, India (81e08, 16n10)

Event: He had a child on 1996 February 19.

D-7 (saptamsa) chart shows children. D-7 of natal chart is shown below.

In this D-7, Shodasottari dasa and Ashtottari dasa apply. Controlling planets are Jupiter and Mars. Though Jupiter is in moolatrikona, he is retrograde and afflicted by Rahu and 6th lord Venus. Aspect of Rahu on Jupiter is too close. So Shodasottari dasa does not dominate over Vimsottari dasa. Mars is in an adhisatru rasi and weak. So Ashtottari dasa does not dominate over Vimsottari dasa either. So we fall back to Vimsottari dasa.

AL	Me Gk Su	Md	Ra HL Ve	GL	Ke	(Ju)	8 7 Ma
GL	D	-7	Sa			9 /	
	April 4 17:50:40 (Chart 1, 1970 (5:30 east) 16 N 10	SL Mo	Gk Su	AL 12	Ra Ve	5 Mo
(Ju) Ke As		Ма		Me	Md		Sa SL
Me : 29	Sg 12 Ar 52- DK I Ge 55	Su: Ju (R): Ke:	25 Ar 54- BK 16 Sg 18- PiK 14 Sg 55	Mo: Ve: HL:	28 Le 05-AK 3 Ge 23- GK 6 Ge 51	Ma: Sa: GL:	14 Li 42-AmK 23 Cn 41- MK/PK 8 Aq 16

As all the quadrants from Moon are empty, Moon is weak. In contrast, all trines from lagna are occupied – two by planets in exaltation/moolatrikona. So lagna is much stronger. We start Vimsottari dasa from lagna.

As per Vimsottari dasa from lagna of D-7, Sun mahadasa Jupiter antardasa gave the child. With Sun being the 9th lord exalted in 5th, his dasa can be very auspicious for the blessing of a childbirth. Jupiter is in his moolatrikona in lagna and aspects the 5th and 9th houses.

Example 23: Childbirth

Birthdata: 1970 April 4, 5:50:40 pm (IST), Machilipatnam, India (81e08, 16n10)

Event: He had a second child on 1998 August 21.

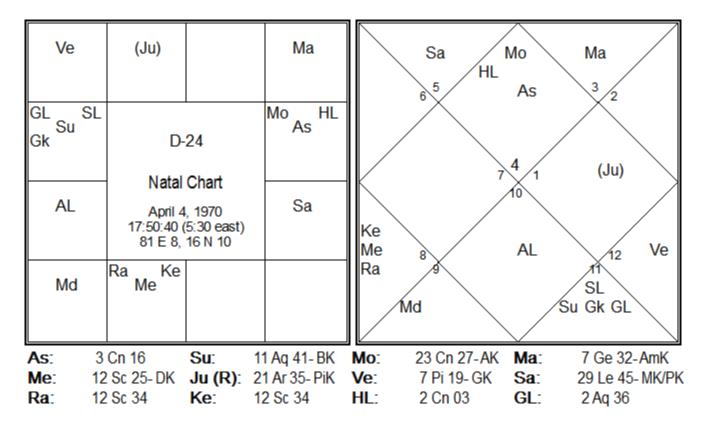
As mentioned in the previous example, Vimsottari dasa started from lagna is the best in this D-7. As per Vimsottari dasa from lagna of D-7, Sun mahadasa Venus antardasa gave the event. From the 7th house of second child, Venus is 5th lord in lagna in an adhimitra rasi. He can give the second child.

Example 24: Academic Distinction

Birthdata: 1970 April 4, 5:50:40 pm (IST), Machilipatnam, India (81e08, 16n10)

Event: He got admission to IIT in the first week of June 1987 and also stood first in his state in 12th grade with a record score.

D-24 (siddhamsa) chart shows education. D-24 of natal chart is shown below.



In this D-24, Ashtottari dasa and Sataabdika dasa are applicable. Controlling planets are Mars and Sun. Being in adhisatru rasis, neither is strong. So we fall back to Vimsottari dasa.

As per Vimsottari dasa from Moon of D-24, Venus mahadasa Venus antardasa gave the event. Venus is the lord of the 4th house of education and exalted in the 9th house of fortune. He gives fortune in education. Being an exalted planet in a trine, he gives excellent results in education.

Example 25: Going Abroad

Birthdata: 1970 April 4, 5:50:40 pm (IST), Machilipatnam, India (81e08, 16n10)

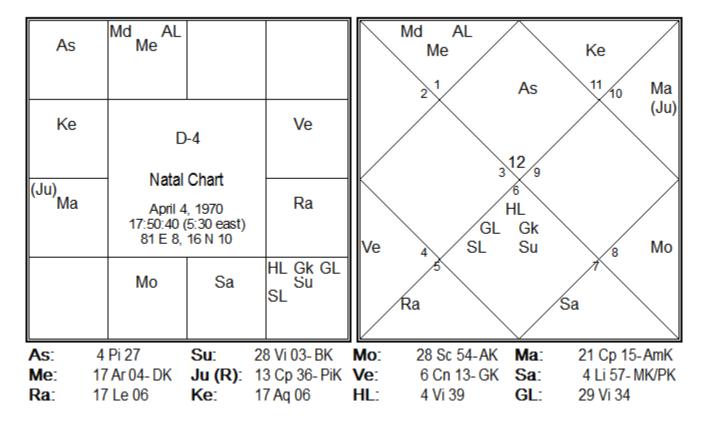
Event: He left his motherland on 1994 November 11.

D-4 (chaturthamsa) chart shows residence. D-4 of natal chart is shown below.

If we check the conditions of all conditional dasas, we will see that no conditional dasa applies.

Moon is in deep debilitation and in gandanta. Lagna is strong enough with 2 planets in trines. Taking Vimsottari dasa from lagna of D-4, we see that Mercury mahadasa Moon antardasa gave the event. Mercury is the badhaka lord and 7th lord of long travels. The exalted 12th lord aspects him. Moon is in the 9th house of foreign travel in a watery sign.

Previously, in Mercury mahadasa Ketu antardasa also, the native left motherland and lived abroad for 2 years. He came back for a year and left again on 1994 November 11. He has been living outside his motherland since then. Ketu is the 9th lord in 12th. His antardasa took him abroad for the first time.

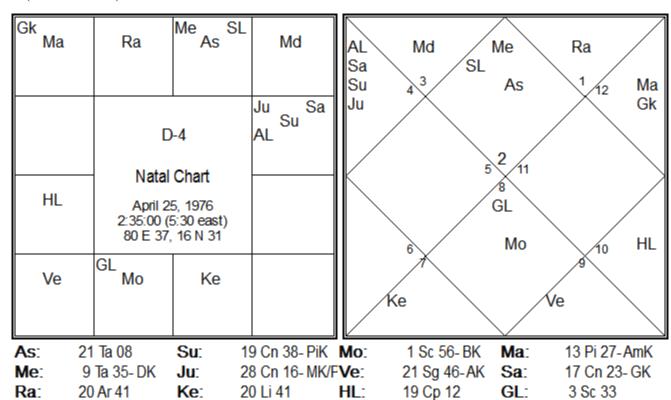


Example 26: Going Abroad

Birthdata: 1976 April 25, 2:32 am (IST), Vijayawada, India (80e37, 16n31)

Event: He left his motherland India around 1997 August 5.

D-4 (chaturthamsa) chart shows residence. D-4 of natal chart is shown below.



If we check the conditions of all conditional dasas, we will see that Shodasottari dasa and Ashtottari dasa apply. Though Jupiter is exalted, he is in gandanta. Mars is in a sama rasi, as per compound relationships. So neither is strong. So we use Vimsottari dasa. As Moon is debilitated and at the beginning of a sign, he is weak. We use lagna as the seed.

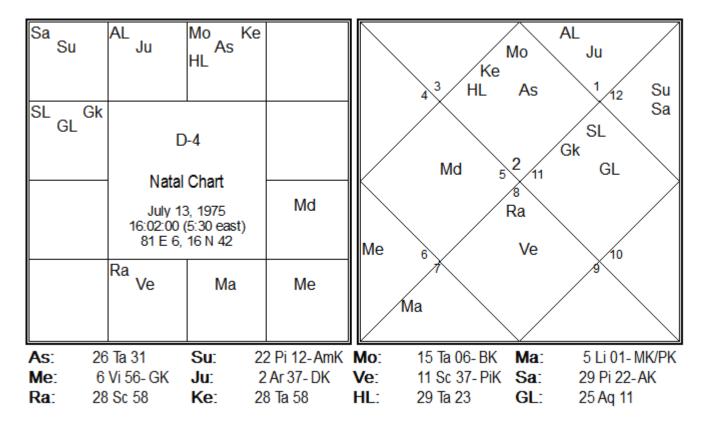
As per Vimsottari dasa from lagna of D-4, Rahu mahadasa Venus antardasa gave the event. Rahu is the karaka for living abroad and he is in the 12th house of displacement from motherland here. So his dasa can take one abroad. Though Venus is lagna lord, he is in the 8th house and can show displacement or instability of residence. Moreover, from dasa lord Rahu, Venus is the 7th lord in 9th house.

Example 27: Going Abroad

Birthdata: 1975 July 13, 4:04:10 pm (IST), Eluru, India (81e06, 16n42)

Event: She left his motherland India in 1997 August.

D-4 (chaturthamsa) chart shows residence. D-4 of natal chart is shown below.



If we check the conditions of all conditional dasas, we will see that Shodasottari dasa, Ashtottari dasa, Dwisaptati sama dasa and Shattrimsa sama dasa apply. Controlling palnets are Jupiter, Mars, Rahu and Mercury. Of these, exalted Mercury is the strongest. Though Moon is afflicted by Rahu, there is enough gap and exalted Moon is in the middle of a sign. We use Moon as the seed.

As per Shasttrimsa sama dasa from Moon of D-4, Venus mahadasa Rahu antardasa gave the event. Venus and Rahu are in the 7th house of long journey in a watery sign and Rahu is the karaka for going abroad. Though Venus is lagna lord, he is in an inimical sign in the 7th house and can show going abroad. Moreover, being the dispositor of Ketu, Venus gives Ketu's results also, as Ketu has no dasa. Here, Ketu is the 7th lord in lagna and can show going abroad.

Example 28: Marriage

Birthdata: 1975 July 13, 4:04:10 pm (IST), Eluru, India (81e06, 16n42)

Event: She got married in 2001 February.

D-9 (navamsa) chart shows marriage. D-9 of natal chart is shown below.

HL Ke	Ju		Sa Su	Ke	Md AL Me As 9 8 Mo
Md		Navamsa		HL	Ju 10 7 GL
As	July 13 16:02:00 (Chart 3, 1975 (5:30 east) 16 N 42	Ма		Ve 6 Ra
AL Me	Gk Mo	SL GL	Ra		Su Sa Ma
	14 Cp 41 23 Sg 06- GK 5 Vi 10		12 Ge 26-Aml 5 Ar 54- DK 5 Pi 10	Mo Ve:	3 Cn 37-PiK Sa : 28 Ge 36-AK

If we check the conditions of all conditional dasas, we will see that Dwadasottari dasa and Shattrimsa sama dasa apply. Controlling palnets are Ketu and Mercury. Neither lone Ketu nor Mercury in a satru rasi is strong. So we fall back to Vimsottari dasa. If debilitated Moon was in gandanta (i.e. in last 1/9th of Scrorpio), he would've been considered too weak. Here he is not in gandanta and has 100% aspect from friend Mars and 92% aspect from friend Jupiter. So we accept Moon as the seed of the dasa.

Ashtottari dasa may seem to apply here, but Rahu at 5Vi10 is not really in a quadrant from lagna lord Saturn at 28Ge36 – he is instead in the 3rd house.

As per Vimsottari dasa from Moon of D-9, Venus mahadasa Saturn antardasa gave the event. Venus is the yogakaraka in the 7th house of marriage and an apt planet for giving marriage. Saturn is lagna lord. Moreover, from dasa lord Venus, he is placed in the karaka sthana (12th house for Venus, as per pachakadi sambandhas). He is the naisargika karaka for Venus too. Hence this antardasa is an apt antardasa for giving wedding.

Example 29: Marriage

Birthdata: 1970 April 4, 5:50:40 pm (IST), Machilipatnam, India (81e08, 16n10)

Event: He got married on 1993 August 1.

D-9 (navamsa) chart shows marriage. D-9 of natal chart is shown below.

GL Ra		Me As	Md Ve Mo	AL	Ve Mo Md	Me As	1 12 Ra
		amsa Chart	AL		Sa 5	2 /11	GL
(Ju) Gk Su	April 4 17:50:40 (l, 1970 (5:30 east) 16 N 10	Sa	Ke	6	B HL	Gk 10 Su
SL Ma	HL		Ke				Ma SL (Ju)
Me : 8	Ta 02 Ta 24- DK Pi 28	Su: Ju (R): Ke:	18 Cp 07- BK 8 Cp 06- PiK 23 Vi 28	Mo: Ve: HL:	27 Ge 33-AK 21 Ge 29- GK 25 Sc 29		10 Sg 20-AmK 26 Le 09- MK/PK 6 Pi 31

If we check the conditions of all conditional dasas, we will see that Shodasottari dasa, Ashtottari dasa and Shattrimsa sama dasa apply. Controlling palnets are Jupiter, Mars and Mercury. Jupiter is debilitated and weak. Both Mars and Mercury are strong in adhimitra rasis. Both are alone (i.e. neither strengthened nor weakened by conjunction). So let us consider aspects on them. The strongest aspect on Mars is from Mercury (73% aspect). With Mercury being the 5th lord and functional benefic, this aspect is auspicious. The strongest aspect on Mercury is from Jupiter (99%). With Jupiter being the 8th lord and a functional malefic, this aspect is inauspicious. So we declare Mars to be stronger and use Ashtottari dasa.

As per Ashtottari dasa from Moon of D-9, Mars mahadasa Rahu antardasa gave the event. Mars is the 7th lord of marriage. Rahu is in the 11th house of fructification and aspects the 7th house. Moreover, he gives the results of the other 7th lord Ketu, as Ketu has no dasa under Ashtottari dasa scheme.

Example 31: Career with changes (Swami Sivananda)

Birthdata: 1887 September 8, 4:15:15 am (LMT, 5:11 east of GMT), 77e40, 8n48

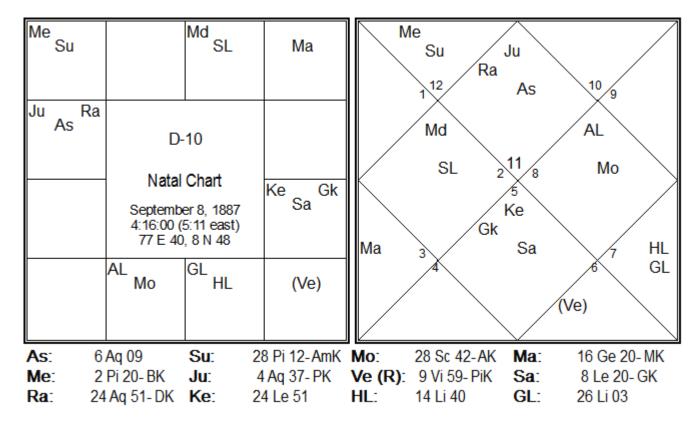
Events: He started his career as a physician in India. He was quite successful in Malaysia during 1913-1923. He gave it all up in 1923 and became a monk in 1924. He started a charitable dispensary in 1927. He established "Divine Life Society" in January 1936.

D-10 (dasamsa) chart shows work. D-10 of natal chart is shown below.

If we check the conditions of all conditional dasas, we will see that only Dwisaptati sama dasa applies. Controlling palnet is Rahu and he is in own sign. So we will use Dwisaptati sama dasa.

Moon is debilitated and in gandanta. So we will use lagna as the seed.

As per Dwisaptati sama dasa from lagna of D-10, his career in India started in Rahu dasa. Rahu is lagna lord in lagna and he gives a good beginning.



Sun dasa ran during 1913-1922. He managed a hospital all by himself in this dasa. Sun is the 7^{th} lord in the 2^{nd} house in an adhimitra rasi along with the 5^{th} lord and in samasaptaka with 9^{th} lord. He shows a lot of interactions and financial success in career.

Moon being a debilitated planet in gandanta in the 10th house of career, his dasa brought a big change in career. He left his career as a physician.

In Moon mahadasa Venus antardasa, he established a charitable dispensary. Moon aspects the 4th house of building/establishing something and Venus is its lord. Venus is also yogakaraka. Being in the 8th house, Venus antardasa gave him hard work. He started the dispensary to serve sadhus and poor and put his medical knowledge to use.

Mars is the 10^{th} lord of work in the 5^{th} house of fame. Mars mahadasa from (1931-1940) brought him some fame (which continued into 5^{th} lord Mercury's dasa during 1940-1949). In Mars mahadasa Venus angtardasa, he established "Divine Life Society". Venus is the 4^{th} lord of building things and Mars aspects him. Also, Mars is the 10^{th} lord and Venus is the 9^{th} lord. Their combination can give dharmik work.

Example 32: Sudden Limelight and Spreading Dharma (Swami Vivekananda)

Birthdata: 1863 January 12, 6:32:58 a (LMT, 5:54 east of GMT), Calcutta, India (88e30, 22n40) *Events*: He had trouble finding a job in mid-1880's. He lived as a wandering monk during 1886-1893. He came to limelight with a famous speech at the parliament of religions on 1893 September 11 and had a successful tour of US and UK teaching Dharma. He established Ramakrishna Mission in January 1897 and was busy putting the organization in place in 1897-1898.

D-10 (dasamsa) chart shows work. D-10 of natal chart is shown below.

If we check the conditions of all conditional dasas, we will see that only Panchottari dasa applies. Controlling palnet is Venus and he is exalted. So we will use Panchottari dasa.

Though Moon is in own sign, he is within a degree from Rahu and hence weak. So we will use lagna as the seed.

Ve	Md GL	Su	Ма	Sa Ra HL Mo
SL	D-	10	Ra HL Mo	AL
Ke Me	January 6:32:58 (9	Chart 12, 1863 5:54 east) 22 N 34	As	Ju 8 5 2 Su Gk 9 SL 1 GL
Gk	AL Ju		Sa	Me Ke Ve Md
As: Me: Ra:	29 Le 59 20 Cp 47-BK 23 Cn 33	Ju:	24 Ta 21-DK 21 Sc 32-GK 23 Cp 33	Mo: 24 Cn 13-AK Ma: 14 Ge 38-PiK Ve: 7 Pi 29-MK/PKSa: 2 Vi 54-AmK HL: 24 Cn 56 GL: 8 Ar 51

As per Panchottari dasa from lagna of D-10, Saturn mahadasa was running when he had trouble finding a job. Saturn is a functional malefic in the 2^{nd} house of money in a neutral sig and not well-placed.

Mars mahadasa started in 1886 October. Mars is the 9th lord. He lived as a wandering monk discussing dharma with many people – scholars and laymen, kings and commoners.

Mars mahadasa Jupiter antardasa started on 1893 August 31. Mars is the yogakaraka and aspecting the 5th house of fame. Jupiter is the 5th lord. So that antardasa brought him sudden limelight. With antardasa lord Jupiter being the 8th lord too, it was sudden.

With Mars, Jupiter and Sun being trine lords, Mars-Jupiter and Mars-Sun antardasas gave him fortune and were great for spreading dharma.

In Mars mahadasa Sun antardasa, he established Ramakrishna Mission. With yogakaraka Mars being the 4th lord and Sun aspecting the 4th house, this antardasa is conducive to establishing or building an organization. Sun in the 10th house gives administrative work. During 1897, he did have to manage the construction work and also put in place an organization.

Conclusion

A methodology deduced from Parasara's teachings, for picking **one** dasa in any chart from among Vimsottari dasa and nine conditional nakshatra dasas, is proposed in this write-up. This methodology seems to work well in natal charts as well as annual Tithi Prayesha charts, and also in all divisional charts.

It is hoped that intelligent and sincere students and researchers of this divine subject will take this knowledge further and contribute to a renaissance in Jyotish and other knowledge related to rishis.

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