

LESSON 15 Sudasa Calculation and Interpretation
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I prostrate before Lord Ganesa, Lord Jagannatha, Sri Achyuta Dasa and Pt. Sanjay Rath and share my little knowledge of Sudasa with the fellow students of SJVC. Gurus and other learned members are most welcome to correct my mistakes. May my mistakes and shortcomings be forgiven by the learned.

1 Sree Lagna

1.1 What is Sree Lagna

Maharshi Parasara prescribed various special lagnas for special purposes. One of them is 'Sree Lagna' (denoted as SL). Sree stands for Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity. SL is the abode of Lakshmi in a chart. Strength of SL and its lord give an idea of one's level of prosperity. Maharshi Jaimini taught that one with an exalted or debilitated planet in SL becomes affluent.

1.2 Computation of Sree Lagna

- Compute the fraction of Moon's advancement in his constellation, just like in the case of Vimsottari dasa.
- Add the same fraction of the entire zodiac to lagna. This gives the longitude of SL. For example, if Moon is advanced in Bharani by exactly 10 degrees, his advancement in the constellation is $10/13.3333 = 75\%$. The same percentage of 360 deg (entire zodiac) is 270 deg. So we should add 270 deg to lagna to get SL.

1.2.1 Example 1

Take the native of this birthdata: 4th April 1970, 17:48:20 (IST), 81 E 12', 16 N 15'. This will be the standard example in this lesson.

Lagna is at 14 Vi 28' 17", i.e. 164 deg 28' 17".

Moon is at 28 Aq 34' 05". He is Poorvabhadra, which starts at 20 Aq 00' and ends at 3 Pi 20'. The fraction of Moon's advancement in nakshatra is $(8 \text{ deg } 34' 05" / 13 \text{ deg } 20') = 514.0833333333' / 800' = 0.6426041666667$.

The same fraction of the zodiac is $0.6426041666667 \times 360 \text{ deg} = 231.3375 \text{ deg} = 231 \text{ deg } 20' 15"$.

Adding this to lagna, we get $164 \text{ deg } 28' 17'' + 231 \text{ deg } 20' 15'' = 395 \text{ deg } 48' 32'' = 35 \text{ deg } 48' 32''$ (subtracting 360 deg).

So SL is at 5 Ta 48' 32".

2 What is Sudasa

SL shows where Lakshmi resides in a chart at birth and Sudasa shows how her residence moves through rasis in ones life. Sudasa starts from SL and proceeds through all the signs. While Narayana dasa and many other rasi dasas start from the stronger of lagna and the 7th house, Sudasa always starts from SL and not the 7th. The reason is that lagna is the abode of Brahma and the 7th house is the abode of Shiva in a chart (this is why Shiva is worshipped in the form of Shiva Linga). Narayana resides in the stronger of Brahma sthana and Shiva sthana. So Narayana dasa starts from the stronger of lagna and 7th house. But Sudasa always starts from Lakshmi sthana (SL). Sudasa is also called "Sree Lagna Kendradi Rasi Dasa".

3 Computation of Sudasa

3.1 Dasa Order

- We start dasas from SL and progress through quadrants, panapharas and apoklimas from there (1st, 4th, 7th, 10th; 2nd, 5th, 8th, 11th; 3rd, 6th, 9th and 12th). If SL is odd, we count these houses forward. If it is even, we count these houses backward.
- Exceptions: There are exceptions for Saturn or Ketu. If Saturn occupies SL, the counting is forward (no matter odd/even sign). If Ketu occupies SL, the direction of counting houses is reversed from whatever we get based on odd/even sign.

3.1.1 Example 2

Take the data in example 1. SL is in Ta. It is an even sign. So we should count houses backward. Neither Saturn nor Ketu occupies Ta and so no exception applies. Counting "1st, 4th, 7th, 10th; 2nd, 5th, 8th, 11th; 3rd, 6th, 9th and 12th" houses from Ta backwards, we get "Ta, Aq, Sc, Le; Ar, Cp, Li, Cn, Pi, Sg, Vi, Ge". This is the order of dasas.

3.2 Dasa Length

Dasa lengths are found as in Narayana dasa or Chara dasa. We count houses from dasa sign to its lord and subtract one. The counting is forward for odd-footed signs (Ar, Ta, Ge, Li, Sc and Sg) and backward for even-footed signs (rest). For example, suppose Saturn is in Ta and we need Cp dasa length. Cp is even-footed and we count backwards. From Cp, Ta is the 9th house (counting backwards). So Cp dasa is of $9-1=8$ years. If the lord is in the sign, we give 12 years. If the lord is exalted or debilitated, we add or subtract one year respectively.

Dasa length of the first dasa needs adjustment. Find the fraction of rasi that SL needs to still traverse in the rasi it occupies. The same fraction of the first dasa is left at birth. Suppose SL is at 22.5 degrees in Cp and Saturn is in Ta. We found above that Cp dasa is of 8 years. However, only a fraction of this dasa is left at birth. SL is at 22.5 degrees and 7.5 degrees remains in the rasi. This is one-fourth of the rasi. So dasa sesham is one-fourth of 8 years, i.e. 2 years. So Cp dasa remaining at birth is of 2 years.

3.2.1 Example 3

Take the data of Example 1.

- Ta dasa: Ta is odd-footed and count forward. Venus is its lord and he is in 12th house from it. So $12-1=11$ years. But the first dasa needs adjustment. SL is at 5 Ta 48' 32". Subtracting this amount from 30 deg, we see that only 24 deg 11' 28" remains in the sign. Dasa remainder fraction = $24 \text{ deg } 11' 28'' / 30 \text{ deg} = 87088'' / 108000'' = 0.8063703703704$. This fraction of 11 years is $0.8063703703704 \times 11 = 8.870074074074$ years. So the first dasa of Ta runs for 8 years 10 months 13.23 days from birth.
- Aq dasa: Aq is even-footed and count backwards. Saturn is its lord and he is in 11th house from it. So $11-1=10$ years. But Saturn is debilitated and so subtract 1 more year. We get 9 years.
- Sc dasa: Sc is odd-footed and count forward. Mars is its lord and he is in 6th house from it. So $6-1=5$ years.
- Le dasa: Le is even-footed and count backwards. Sun is its lord and he is in 6th house from it. So $6-1=5$ years.
- Ar dasa: Ar is odd-footed and count forward. Mars is its lord and he is in Ar itself. So 12 years.
- And so on. Here are the complete calculations of the first cycle:

Sudasa:

Maha Dasas:

Ta: 1970-04-04 (17:48:20) - 1979-02-17 (19:54:21)
 Aq: 1979-02-17 (19:54:21) - 1988-02-18 (03:18:49)
 Sc: 1988-02-18 (03:18:49) - 1993-02-17 (10:04:16)
 Le: 1993-02-17 (10:04:16) - 1998-02-17 (16:54:09)
 Ar: 1998-02-17 (16:54:09) - 2010-02-17 (18:43:11)
 Cp: 2010-02-17 (18:43:11) - 2018-02-17 (19:53:37)
 Li: 2018-02-17 (19:53:37) - 2024-02-18 (08:50:29)
 Cn: 2024-02-18 (08:50:29) - 2029-02-17 (15:34:02)
 Pi: 2029-02-17 (15:34:02) - 2034-02-17 (22:30:07)
 Sg: 2034-02-17 (22:30:07) - 2044-02-18 (11:54:43)
 Vi: 2044-02-18 (11:54:43) - 2049-02-17 (18:46:08)
 Ge: 2049-02-17 (18:46:08) - 2059-02-18 (08:16:27)

3.3 Antardasas

Sree Lagna is the residence of Lakshmi at birth and Sudasa dasa sign shows her movement through dasas. Treating Sudasa dasa sign as Sree Lagna and applying the same rules for finding dasas, we can get antardasas. [Note: Using the antardasa rules of Narayana dasa gives inferior results.]

All antardasas have an equal length.

3.3.1 Example 4

Let us take the native of example 1.

Let us take Ar dasa. Ar is odd and we should count quadrants etc in the forward direction. We get antardasas in Ar dasa as Ar, Cn, Li, Cp; Ta, Le, Sc, Aq; Ge, Vi, Sg and Pi.

Let us now take Le dasa. Le is odd and we should go forward. But Ketu occupies it and so we should reverse the direction. So forward becomes backward. Counting quadrants etc backwards, we get antardasas in Le dasa as Le, Ta, Aq, Sc; Cn, Ar, Cp, Li; Ge, Pi, Sg and Vi.

3.4 Interpretation

Sudasa sign shows the progression of Sree Lagna in life. Sree Lagna shows the residence of Lakshmi in one's natal chart and Sudasa sign shows the residence

of Lakshmi at a given time. While Narayana dasa sign shows the residence of Narayana at given time, Sudasa sign shows the residence of Lakshmi at a given time.

Lakshmi is the giver of all prosperity. While Narayana governs the environment and effort, Lakshmi governs the prosperity and well-being. As Rajya Lakshmi, she gives power. As Dhana Lakshmi, she gives money. As Arogya Lakshmi, she gives health. As Vidya Lakshmi, she gives learning. And so on. She is the giver of all prosperity.

When Lakshmi comes in contact with Ghati Lagna or the 7th from it, she gives power and authority. When Lakshmi comes in contact with Hora Lagna or the 7th from it, she gives wealth and financial prosperity. When Lakshmi comes in contact with a house, she gives prosperity related to that house. When Lakshmi comes in contact with Jupiter, she blesses as Santhana Lakshmi and gives happiness related to progeny. When Lakshmi comes in contact with Ketu, she blesses as Moksha Lakshmi and gives spiritual prosperity. And so on. When Lakshmi comes in contact with lagna or its lord, results of ever-lasting effect are obtained. Sanjay also taught that dasa or antardasa of Sree Lagna can give marriage.

The power of this dasa can be seen particularly in the charts of politicians. Here is an example.

3.4.1 Example 5

Take a native with the birthdata:

6th February 1911, 1:58 (TZ: 6:00 west of GMT), 89 W 47', 41 N 38'

You can verify that he ran Sg dasa during 1978-1988. You can see that Sg contains Ghati Lagna and yogada Mars. The native can be expected to receive the blessings of Rajya Lakshmi and enjoy power and authority in this dasa. The native is Ronald Reagan and he was the President of US during 1980-1988.

3.4.2 Example 6

Take the native of example 1. We will see matters other than money and power in this example to show the versatility of Sudasa. Le dasa ran during Feb 1993-Feb 1998. With Le being the moksha sthana containing moksha karaka Ketu, moksha Lakshmi's blessings can come. Le is also aspected by many planets. So Lakshmi comes in contact with many planets (by conjunction/aspect) during her stay in this rasi. So this has to be an eventful dasa. Let us look at a couple of antardasas in particular.

Sudasa:

Le MD: 1993-02-17 (10:04:16) - 1998-02-17 (16:54:09)

Antardasas in this MD:

Le: 1993-02-17 (10:04:16) - 1993-07-21 (12:29:47)
 Ta: 1993-07-21 (12:29:47) - 1993-12-20 (15:29:38)
 Aq: 1993-12-20 (15:29:38) - 1994-05-20 (00:00:00)
 Sc: 1994-05-20 (00:00:00) - 1994-10-22 (10:07:40)
 Cn: 1994-10-22 (10:07:40) - 1995-03-19 (20:50:06)
 Ar: 1995-03-19 (20:50:06) - 1995-08-22 (08:13:54)
 Cp: 1995-08-22 (08:13:54) - 1996-01-19 (14:34:13)
 Li: 1996-01-19 (14:34:13) - 1996-06-19 (19:57:38)
 Ge: 1996-06-19 (19:57:38) - 1996-11-20 (20:28:43)
 Pi: 1996-11-20 (20:28:43) - 1997-04-18 (19:40:08)
 Sg: 1997-04-18 (19:40:08) - 1997-09-21 (18:44:43)
 Vi: 1997-09-21 (18:44:43) - 1998-02-17 (16:54:09)

In Ta antardasa, the native got married. He had lived away from parents for 8 years for studies and he returned to father's house on 17th July 1993. He spent a lot of time with father learning astrology and other things. After ignoring religion for a long time, he started several poojas (religious activities) too.

As Ta contains Sree Lagna and aspects upapada, its antardasa can give marriage. As it is the 9th house of father, guidance and dharma, Lakshmi can give prosperity related to those matters in that antardasa! No wonder the native spent a lot of time with father, got guidance and turned towards his dharma.

What is possible in Sc antardasa? Sc is the 3rd house of courage and a lot of planets including lord Mars aspect it. Especially the blessings of Vikrama Lakshmi (or Dhairya Lakshmi) are possible in this period. The 3rd house shows courage, boldness, initiative and enterprise. The native may make bold moves and benefit.

The native had returned to India after masters in US and was happily settled in India, when he received an unexpected offer from South Korea. Though Korea was an unusual destination for Indian engineers, his curiosity took him there and one thing led to another and he was forced to come to US again. He is in US now. Vikrama Lakshmi's blessings in Sc antardasa were the reason for his move.

What is possible in Li antardasa? Li contains Jupiter. Lakshmi's contact with Jupiter can bring Santhana Lakshmi's blessings and give a child or happiness from children. The native was blessed with a child in February 1996.

What is possible in Ge antardasa? As Ge is the 10th house and Sun aspects, Lakshmi's blessings are possible in career. The native's career was indeed good then.

Thus we can see when Lakshmi's blessings come in a particular matter (in terms of prosperity). Remember that Narayana governs effort and Lakshmi governs prosperity! Both together define what happens to a person!!

4 Exercises

4.1.1 Exercise 1

List the 8 forms of Lakshmi (prosperity). Try to find the planets corresponding to each form! [Note: Those who know nothing about "Ashta Lakshmis" may ignore this exercise for now and wait for the answers.]

4.1.2 Exercise 2

Consider the native of the following birthdata:

Date	February 24, 1948
Time	14:36:40
Time Zone	5:30:00 (East of GMT)
Longitude	80 E 18' 00"
Latitude	13 N 05' 00"

Evaluate her Sudasa. Find when the dasas containing GL and HL come. Can power and money come to her then?

4.1.3 Exercise 3

Consider the native of the following birthdata:

Date	November 19, 1917
Time	23:03:00
Time Zone	5:30:00 (East of GMT)
Longitude	81 E 52' 00"
Latitude	25 N 28' 00"

Find her Sudasa. If she was a politician out of power and contesting elections in 1980, what prediction would you give her? Would she lose or win in 1980 elections?

4.1.4 Exercise 4

Consider the native of the following birthdata:

Date	July 26, 1973
Time	21:41:00
Time Zone	5:30:00 (East of GMT)
Longitude	80 E 28' 00"
Latitude	16 N 13' 00"

The parents of this lady were worried as they could not find a suitable match for her. But she got married in 1999 and came to US with her husband. Does this event make some sense with the dasa and antardasa of Sudasa? See if Sree Lagna or upapada or 7th were activated by Lakshmi's contact in 1999!

Now find the dasa and antardasa running in Sept 2000 and guess what kind of new event may have happened then.