

# Transits and Vimsottari Dasa Progression: A Specific Correlation

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## Introduction

Jyotish has several dasa systems. Vimsottari dasa is the most popular dasa today. Maharshi Parasara said that Vimsottari dasa is the main dasa in Kali yuga.

In all dasas, we take the sign or star occupied by a reference and progress through the zodiac. In Vimsottari dasa, we start from the nakshatra occupied by Moon or lagna at birth and progress through the zodiac. Progressed Moon or lagna spends various amounts of time in various stars. For example, under Vimsottari dasa system, progressed Moon or lagna traverses through Aswini star for 7 years, through Bharani for 20 years, through Kritika for 6 years and so on.

As dasa is essentially a progression, it is possible to find the exact progressed position of the reference at a given time. Interactions between transit planets and progressed natal planets can show interesting correlations. In this research, Vimsottari dasa based progression was considered for various planets and not just Moon.

This is a potent area for exciting new findings and significant quantitative correlations that can someday force skeptics to take notice. One specific correlation that uses divisional longitudes is explained in this article.

## Calculation of Progressed Position

Each mahadasa of Vimsottari dasa covers a  $13^{\circ} 20'$  arc of the zodiac (*i.e.* a nakshatra). Though different mahadasas may run for different lengths of time, they all cover the same length of an arc in the zodiac. The same holds for antardasas *etc.* Each antardasa covers  $1/9^{\text{th}}$  of a  $13^{\circ} 20'$  arc, *i.e.* a  $1^{\circ} 28.8889'$  arc. Each pratyantardasa covers  $1/9^{\text{th}}$  of that, *i.e.* a  $9.8765'$  arc. And so on. The length of the arc corresponding to deha-antardasa is  $0.8129''$  (arc-seconds).

When a mahadasa or antardasa or pratyantardasa *etc.* starts, the progressed reference is at the start of the arc corresponding to that mahadasa or antardasa or pratyantardasa *etc.* If we find the mahadasa, antardasa, pratyantardasa, sookshma-antardasa, praana-antardasa and deha-antardasa at the time of an event, we can determine the progressed longitude of the planet within an arc-second (assuming that the birthtime is accurate).<sup>1</sup>

An example will make the calculations clear.

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<sup>1</sup> The free “Jagannatha Hora” software can help with that. If the Vimsottari dasa is displayed and “Locate an event” pop-up menu item is selected, a dialog box will come. If one enters the date, time and timezone of an event, software will show the mahadasa, antardasa, pratyantardasa *etc.* at the time of the event.

**Calculation Example C1:** Let us take a native with the birthdata: 1970 April 4, 5:47:08 pm (IST), Machilipatnam, India (81e08, 16n10). Let us find the progressed position of Moon based on Vimsottari dasa on 2010 February 14 at 9 am (IST).

Natal Moon is in Poorvabhadra star and Jupiter mahadasa was running at birth. After Jupiter and Saturn mahadasas were over, Mercury mahadasa started on 1995 January 4 at 11:54:37 pm. Progressed Moon was then at the beginning of Revati, *i.e.* at 16Pi40.

After 8 antardasas were over in Mercury mahadasa, the 9<sup>th</sup> antardasa of Saturn started at 10:22:32 am on 2009 April 25 and will run till 8:40:53 am on 2012 January 5. During this antardasa, progressed Moon traverses through the last (9<sup>th</sup>) 1° 28.89' arc of the 13° 20' arc corresponding to Mercury dasa (*i.e.* Revati star). In other words, progressed Moon was at 28Pi31.1111 at 10:22:32 am on 2009 April 25. He will be at 30Pi00 at 8:40:53 am on 2012 January 5. Then Ketu dasa will start.

Within Mercury mahadasa Saturn antardasa, 2<sup>nd</sup> pratyantardasa of Mercury started on 8:25:27 pm on 2009 October 1 and will run till 9:35:57 pm on 2010 February 14. Progressed Moon was at 28Pi31.1111 at the time Saturn antardasa started at 10:22:32 am on 2009 April 25. At the time the first pratyantardasa of Saturn in this Saturn antardasa ended at 8:25:27 pm on 2009 October 1, progressed Moon advanced by the portion corresponding to a pratyantardasa (9.8765') and was at 28Pi40.9876. When the second pratyantardasa of Mercury in Saturn antardasa ends at 9:35:57 pm on 2010 February 14, progressed Moon will advance by another 9.8765' and be at 28Pi50.0987. Now, we go to sookshma-antardasas in Mercury pratyantardasa and find the progressed longitude more precisely.

*A simple approach using Jagannatha Hora:*

If one uses the “Locate an event” feature in the pop-up menu in the dasa window, one can see:

Vimsottari Dasa (started from Moon):

Merc MD: 1995-01-04 (23:54:37) - 2012-01-05 (8:40:53)  
Sat AD: 2009-04-25 (10:22:32) - 2012-01-05 (8:40:53)  
Merc PD: 2009-10-01 (20:25:27) - 2010-02-14 (21:35:57)  
Sat SD: 2010-01-24 (11:01:05) - 2010-02-14 (21:35:57)  
Jup PAD: 2010-02-12 (0:48:55) - 2010-02-14 (21:35:57)

Deha-antardasas in this PAD:

Jup: 2010-02-12 (0:48:55) - 2010-02-12 (9:58:57)  
Sat: 2010-02-12 (9:58:57) - 2010-02-12 (20:52:12)  
Merc: 2010-02-12 (20:52:12) - 2010-02-13 (6:36:46)  
Ket: 2010-02-13 (6:36:46) - 2010-02-13 (10:37:30)  
Ven: 2010-02-13 (10:37:30) - 2010-02-13 (22:05:23)  
Sun: 2010-02-13 (22:05:23) - 2010-02-14 (1:31:47)  
Moon: 2010-02-14 (1:31:47) - 2010-02-14 (7:15:47)  
**Mars: 2010-02-14 (7:15:47) - 2010-02-14 (11:16:37) ←**  
Rah: 2010-02-14 (11:16:37) - 2010-02-14 (21:35:57)

Mars deha-antardasa is the 8<sup>th</sup> DAD in Jupiter PAD, which is the 9<sup>th</sup> PAD in Saturn SD, which is the 9<sup>th</sup> SD in the Mercury PD, which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> PD in Saturn AD, which is the 9<sup>th</sup> AD in Mercury MD.

The indices: DAD – 8<sup>th</sup> (7 over), PAD – 9<sup>th</sup> (8 over), SD – 9<sup>th</sup> (8 over), PD – 2<sup>nd</sup> (1 over), AD – 9<sup>th</sup> (8 over).



This works out to 0.539129. The length of the 13° 20' arc of Satabhishaj nakshatra that has been traversed is  $0.539129 \times 13^\circ 20' = 7^\circ 11.3028'$ . Adding this to the beginning of Satabhishaj star (6Aq40), we get 13Aq51.3028. This is the longitude of progressed Mars, using the Vimsottari dasa progression, at the beginning of the above Jupiter deha-antardasa (*i.e.* at 9:16:06 pm on 1993 August 1).

## Divisional Longitudes of Progressed Planets

This is the **key idea** of this article. Take the progressed position of a planet and find its position in divisional charts just as you find it for any planet or mathematical point such as Ghati Lagna, Hora Lagna etc.

**Calculation Example C3:** Let us revisit the Calculation Example C2. Progressed Mars is at 13Aq51. Let us find his divisional longitude in navamsa. Each sign is divided into 9 navamsas. Each navamsas lasts  $30^\circ/9 = 3^\circ 20'$ . The 5<sup>th</sup> navamsa of a sign starts at 13° 20' in the sign and goes till 16° 40'. Mars is at 13° 51' in Aq. That falls in the 5<sup>th</sup> navamsa. As Aq is a fixed sign, navamsas in Aq start from the 9<sup>th</sup> from Aq (Li) and go as Li, Sc, Sg, ..., Ta, Ge. The 5<sup>th</sup> navamsa falls in Aq itself. So progressed Mars in in Aq in navamsa. As an arc of 3° 20' in a sign in the physical plane (rasi chart or D-1) is mapped to 30° in navamsa chart, the advancement of progressed Mars in this navamsa ( $3^\circ 51' - 3^\circ 20' = 0^\circ 31'$ ) is mapped to  $9 \times 0^\circ 31' = 4^\circ 42'$ . So D-9 divisional longitude of progressed Mars at the time of interest is 4Aq42.

## Principle

The principle I found is very simple:

At the time of a major event in life, an important planet in transit has a close conjunction with, or a close aspect on, the divisional longitude, in a relevant divisional chart, of the progressed position of an important planet based on Vimsottari dasa progression. Both the planets should have an important role to play in that area of life in the natal chart.

This principle by itself may not help one time events. But, it may help increase our confidence in a possibility or narrow down when one has a large window based on other techniques. This principle is expected to be applied *in conjunction with* other principles of Jyotish and is not meant to replace all standard principles of Jyotish. Moreover, principles involving quantitative correlations can someday be used to convince skeptics of the worth of astrology.

In this research, I used partial aspects (*e.g.* 3/4<sup>th</sup> aspect on 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> houses) described by Parasara and also used the divisional longitudes of planets freely. I used true nodes. I used Jagannatha ayanamsa, which is a variation of Lahiri ayanamsa. It *fixes* the Chitra star at 180°, instead of letting it *wobble* around 180° as happens with the regular Lahiri ayanamsa. It also fixes the two-dimensional plane onto which planets are projected, to the *mean* Sun-earth plane (which is also known as the Vishnu-nabhi plane), instead of projecting the planets to *different* two-dimensional planes at different times as happens with the regular Lahiri ayanamsa. All the calculations used are available in the free software “Jagannatha Hora” that can be downloaded at <http://www.VedicAstrologer.org/jh>.

## Example 1: Marriage

*Birthdata:* 1971 September 12, 8:25 am (IST), Guntur, India (80e28, 16n18)

*Event:* She got married on 1993 August 1.

See the calculations in Calculation Examples C2 and C3. The 7<sup>th</sup> lord in natal rasi and navamsa is Mars. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Mars at the time of the event was at 13Aq51. His divisional longitude in D-9 was **4Aq42**.

In natal D-9, Saturn is in the 7<sup>th</sup> house from lagna and Moon. He is in the 5<sup>th</sup> house from Venus and aspects the 7<sup>th</sup> house. At the time of marriage, Saturn was at **4Aq33**. He had a close conjunction with the D-9 divisional longitude of progressed Mars.

## **Example 2: Marriage**

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

*Event:* He got married on 2001 February 28.

Sun is the 7<sup>th</sup> lord in natal rasi chart. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Sun at the time of the event was at 5Ta31. His divisional longitude in D-9 was **19Aq36**.

Rahu is in the 7<sup>th</sup> house from exalted Venus in natal rasi chart. He is with exalted Venus and aspects the 7<sup>th</sup> house from him in natal navamsa chart. He aspects the 7<sup>th</sup> house from lagna in navamsa chart. At the time of the event, Rahu was at **19Ge52**. He had a close aspect on the D-9 longitude of progressed Sun based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

## **Example 3: Marriage**

*Birthdata:* 1971 April 27, 6:31 am (IST), Andheri, India (72e50, 19n07)

*Event:* He got married on 2007 June 10.

The 7<sup>th</sup> lord in natal rasi chart is Venus. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Venus at the time of the event was at 15Ar19. His divisional longitude in D-9 was **17Le47**.

In natal D-9, Ketu is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> lord in the 7<sup>th</sup> house from lagna. At the time of marriage, Ketu was at **16Le56**. He had a close conjunction with the D-9 longitude of progressed Venus based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

## **Example 4: Marriage**

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

*Event:* He got married on 1999 January 24 early morning.

Jupiter is the 7<sup>th</sup> lord in natal navamsa chart from lagna and Venus. He aspects the 7<sup>th</sup> house from lagna and Venus in rasi chart. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Jupiter at the time of the event was at 7Sc10. His divisional longitude in D-9 was **4Vi33**.

At the time of marriage, Jupiter was at **2Pi02**. He had a close aspect on the D-9 longitude of progressed Venus based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

## **Example 5: Marriage**

*Birthdata:* 1970 April 4, 5:47:08 pm (IST), Machilipatnam, India (81e08, 16n10)

*Event:* He got married on 1993 August 1.

Jupiter is the 7<sup>th</sup> lord from lagna and occupies the 7<sup>th</sup> house from Venus, in natal rasi chart. Using Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Jupiter was at 26Li53. His divisional longitude in D-9 was **1Ge53**.

Venus is the karaka for marriage. He is the lagna lord in navamsa. He aspects the 7<sup>th</sup> house from Moon. In rasi, he occupies the 7<sup>th</sup> house from lagna. At the time of marriage, Venus was at **5Ge53**. He had a close conjunction with the D-9 longitude of progressed Jupiter based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

## **Example 6: Marriage**

*Birthdata:* 1963 August 7, 9:14:55 pm (IST), Sambalpur, India (83e58, 21n27)

*Event:* He got married on 1991 August 29.

Sukra lagna is strong with Sun and Mercury in first house. Saturn owns and occupies the 7<sup>th</sup> house from Venus in natal rasi chart. Using Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Saturn was at 23Aq06. His divisional longitude in D-9 was **27Ar51**.

Rahu occupies the 7<sup>th</sup> house from lagna and Venus in navamsa. At the time of marriage, Rahu was at **24Sg04**. He had a close aspect on the D-9 longitude of progressed Saturn based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

## **Example 7: Childbirth**

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

*Event:* He had a child on 2004 May 5.

Mercury is the 5<sup>th</sup> lord from lagna in natal rasi chart. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Mercury at the time of the event was at 10Ge45. His divisional longitude in D-7 was **15Le16**.

In D-7, exalted Jupiter is the 9<sup>th</sup> lord from lagna and from Moon. He is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> house of gain of children from lagna and in the 1<sup>st</sup> house from Moon. At the time of childbirth, Jupiter was at **15Le01**. He had a close conjunction with the D-7 longitude of progressed Mercury based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

## **Example 8: Childbirth**

*Birthdata:* 1973 July 26, 9:48:10 pm (IST), Guntur, India (80e28, 16n18)

*Event:* She had a child on 2000 September 28.

Moon is the 5<sup>th</sup> lord in natal rasi chart. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Moon at the time of the event was at 22Ge39. His divisional longitude in D-7 was **8Sc30**.

Mercury is the 5<sup>th</sup> lord in natal rasi chart from exalted Moon. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Mercury at the time of the event was at 20Cn10. His divisional longitude in D-7 was **21Ta09**.

In D-7, Saturn is the 5<sup>th</sup> lord from lagna and Jupiter. Jupiter is putra karaka, he owns the 3<sup>rd</sup> house of gain of children and occupies the first house. At the time of childbirth, Saturn was at **6Ta51** and Jupiter was at **17Ta22**. Saturn had a close aspect on the D-7 longitude of progressed Moon based on Vimsottari dasa progression and Jupiter had a close conjunction with the D-7 longitude of progressed Mercury based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

## **Example 9: Childbirth**

*Birthdata:* 1973 July 26, 9:48:10 pm (IST), Guntur, India (80e28, 16n18)

*Event:* She had a child on 2003 June 21.

Moon is the 5<sup>th</sup> lord in natal rasi chart. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Moon at the time of the event was at 24Ge20. His divisional longitude in D-7 was **20Sc23**.

Mercury is the 5<sup>th</sup> lord in natal rasi chart from exalted Moon. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Mercury at the time of the event was at 22Cn32. His divisional longitude in D-7 was **7Ge41**.

In D-7, Saturn is the 5<sup>th</sup> lord from lagna and Jupiter. Jupiter is putra karaka, he owns the 3<sup>rd</sup> house of gain of children and occupies the first house. Venus is the lagna lord and dispositor of Jupiter. Mercury is the 9<sup>th</sup> lord in the 3<sup>rd</sup> house. At the time of childbirth, Venus was at **19Ta58**, Jupiter was at **17Cn22**, Mercury was at **20Ta11**, and Saturn was at **8Ge21**. Venus, Jupiter and Mercury had a close aspect on the D-7 longitude of progressed Moon based on Vimsottari dasa progression and Saturn had a close conjunction with the D-7 longitude of progressed Mercury based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

## Example 10: Childbirth

*Birthdata:* 1970 April 4, 5:47:08 pm (IST), Machilipatnam, India (81e08, 16n10)

*Event:* He had a child on 1996 February 18.

Saturn is the 5<sup>th</sup> lord in natal rasi chart. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Saturn at the time of the event was at 13Ta53. His divisional longitude in D-7 was **7Aq11**.

In D-7, Moon is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> house of gain of children. Mars is the 5<sup>th</sup> lord from Jupiter. At the time of childbirth, Moon was at **7Aq33** and Mars was at **9Aq05**. They had a close conjunction with the D-7 longitude of progressed Saturn based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

## Example 11: Childbirth

*Birthdata:* 1970 April 4, 5:47:08 pm (IST), Machilipatnam, India (81e08, 16n10)

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

Saturn is the 5<sup>th</sup> lord in natal rasi chart. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Saturn at the time of the event was at 16Ta33. His divisional longitude in D-7 was **25Aq48**.

In D-7, Moon is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> house of gain of children. Mercury is the lagna lord in 11<sup>th</sup> house and aspecting the 5<sup>th</sup> house. He is in the 5<sup>th</sup> house from Jupiter. At the time of childbirth, Moon was at **29Cn24** and Mercury was at **22Cn23**. They had a close 3/4<sup>th</sup> aspect on the D-7 longitude of progressed Saturn based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

## Example 12: Childbirth

*Birthdata:* 1974 September 26, 7:35 am (IST), Machilipatnam, India (81e08, 16n10)

*Event:* He had a child on 2001 October 31.

Lagna has paapa kartari, while Moon is strong with Jupiter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> house giving Sunapha yoga. Venus is the 5<sup>th</sup> lord from Moon in natal rasi chart. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Venus at the time of the event was at 9Li31. His divisional longitude in D-7 was **6Sg36**.

In D-7, Rahu is the 5<sup>th</sup> lord from lagna and aspects the 5<sup>th</sup> house from Jupiter. At the time of childbirth, Rahu was at **4Ge30**. He had a close conjunction with the D-7 longitude of progressed Venus based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

### Example 13: Childbirth

*Birthdata:* 1971 September 12, 8:25 am (IST), Guntur, India (80e28, 16n18)

*Event:* She had a child on 1998 August 21.

Mercury is the 5<sup>th</sup> lord from exalted Moon in natal rasi chart and he aspects the 5<sup>th</sup> house from lagna. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Mercury at the time of the event was at 5Vi32. His divisional longitude in D-7 was **8Ar46**.

In D-7, Saturn is the 5<sup>th</sup> lord from lagna in moolatrikona and yogakaraka in 9<sup>th</sup> house from exalted Moon. Rahu is the other 9<sup>th</sup> lord. At the time of childbirth, Saturn was at **9Ar45** and Rahu was at **7Le37**. Saturn had a close conjunction with the D-7 longitude of progressed Venus based on Vimsottari dasa progression and Rahu has a close aspect on the same.

### Example 14: Vehicular Accident

*Birthdata:* 1970 April 4, 5:47:08 pm (IST), Machilipatnam, India (81e08, 16n10)

*Event:* He had a vehicular accident on 1996 December 5 evening 6:50 pm (EST: 5:00 west of GMT).

Saturn is the 6<sup>th</sup> lord from lagna in natal rasi chart and occupies the 8<sup>th</sup> house. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Saturn at the time of the event was at 14Ta47. His divisional longitude in D-16 was **26Pi25**.

In D-16, Jupiter is the 6<sup>th</sup> lord from lagna. Mars is karaka for accidents and is in badhaka sthana and has a very close aspect on 6<sup>th</sup> lord Jupiter. At the time of accident, Jupiter was at **25Sg35** and Mars was at **25Le01**. Mars and Jupiter had a close aspect (full and 3/4<sup>th</sup>, respectively) on the D-16 longitude of progressed Saturn based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

In addition to D-16 that shows vehicles, we can see D-30 that shows evils and punishment. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, we saw that progressed Saturn at the time of the event was at 14Ta47. His divisional longitude in D-30 was **23Pi17**.<sup>2</sup>

In D-30, Moon and Mars are in the 8<sup>th</sup> house. At the time of accident, Moon was at **21Vi20** and Mars was at **25Le01**. Both had a close aspect on the D-30 longitude of progressed Saturn based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

### Example 15: Accident (Christopher Reeve)

*Birthdata:* 1952 September 25, 3:12 am (EDT, 4:00 west of GMT), Manhattan, NY, USA (73w58, 40n47)

*Event:* He had an accident on 1995 May 27.

Jupiter is the 6<sup>th</sup> lord from lagna in natal rasi chart. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Jupiter at the time of the event was at 21Ge23. His divisional longitude in D-30 was **11Ge41**.

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<sup>2</sup> Parasara's definition of D-30 is used, but divisional longitudes are found by taking each of the 30 degrees as one unit each, even when several consecutive degrees are mapped to the same sign.

Saturn is the 8<sup>th</sup> lord from lagna in natal rasi chart. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Saturn at the time of the event was at 3Sc54. His divisional longitude in D-30 was **27Ta11**.

In D-30, Rahu is in the 12<sup>th</sup> house and Mercury is in the 8<sup>th</sup> house. At the time of accident, Rahu was at **11Li41** and Mercury was at **24Ta11**. Rahu had a nearly perfect aspect on the D-30 longitude of progressed Jupiter based on Vimsottari dasa progression, while Mercury had a close aspect on the D-30 longitude of progressed Saturn based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

## **Example 16: Accident (Aurobindo Ghose's Fracture of Leg)**

*Birthdata:* 1872 August 15, 5:08 am (LMT, i.e. 5:53 east of GMT), Calcutta, India (88e22, 22n32)

*Event:* He fractured his leg on 1938 November 24.

Saturn is the 8<sup>th</sup> lord from lagna in natal rasi chart and occupies the 6<sup>th</sup> house. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Saturn at the time of the event was at 5Pi48. His divisional longitude in D-30 was **24Vi13**.

Jupiter is the 6<sup>th</sup> lord from lagna in natal rasi chart. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Jupiter at the time of the event was at 9Li48. His divisional longitude in D-30 was **24Aq07**.

In D-30, Rahu is in the 12<sup>th</sup> house from Sun, aspects the 8<sup>th</sup> house from Moon and occupies the 3<sup>rd</sup> house from lagna. He is the 8<sup>th</sup> lord in rasi chart. Mars is in the 8<sup>th</sup> house from Moon and 6<sup>th</sup> house from Sun and is badhaka lord from lagna. At the time of accident, Mars was at **25Vi57** and Rahu was at **24Li47**. Mars had a close conjunction with the D-30 longitude of progressed Saturn based on Vimsottari dasa progression, while Rahu had a close aspect on the D-30 longitude of progressed Jupiter based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

## **Example 17: Going Abroad**

*Birthdata:* 1970 April 4, 5:47:08 pm (IST), Machilipatnam, India (81e08, 16n10)

*Event:* He left his motherland on 1991 August 15.

Sun is the 12<sup>th</sup> lord from lagna in natal rasi chart and occupies the 7<sup>th</sup> house. In D-4, he is the 9<sup>th</sup> lord. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Sun at the time of the event was at 14Ar30. His divisional longitude in D-4 was **28Cn01**.

Venus is the 9<sup>th</sup> lord from lagna in natal rasi chart. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Venus at the time of the event was at 25Ar03. His divisional longitude in D-30 was **10Cp14**.

In D-4, Sun is the 9<sup>th</sup> lord as mentioned earlier. Saturn is the 7<sup>th</sup> lord in the 12<sup>th</sup> house from Rahu (karaka for foreign travel). At the time of the event, Sun was at **28Cn49** and Saturn was at **8Cp21**. Sun had a close conjunction with the D-4 longitude of progressed Sun based on Vimsottari dasa progression, while Saturn had a close conjunction with the D-4 longitude of progressed Venus based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

## **Example 18: Going Abroad**

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

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

Instead of planets, let us illustrate the use of Jalapatana Sahama<sup>3</sup> in this example and the next. Natal Jalapatana sahama is at 28Cp58. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Jalapatana sahama<sup>4</sup> is at 18Aq55. Its divisional longitude in D-4 was **15Le39**.

In D-4, Mercury is in the 12<sup>th</sup> house from lagna with Rahu and in the 9<sup>th</sup> house from Moon. At the time of the event, Mercury was at **15Le56**. Mercury had a close conjunction with the D-4 longitude of progressed Jalapatana Sahama based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

## Example 19: Going Abroad

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

*Event:* She left her motherland India around 1997 August 15.

Let us illustrate the use of Jalapatana Sahama in this example too. Natal Jalapatana sahama is at 7Cp16. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Jalapatana sahama is at 8Aq47. Its divisional longitude in D-4 was **5Ta09**.

In D-4, Mars is the 12<sup>th</sup> lord from lagna and Moon. At the time of the event, Mars was at **6Li32**. He had a close aspect on the D-4 longitude of progressed Jalapatana Sahama based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

## Example 20: First Job

*Birthdata:* 1970 April 4, 5:47:08 pm (IST), Machilipatnam, India (81e08, 16n10)

*Event:* He joined his first job on 1993 December 9.

Mercury is the 10<sup>th</sup> lord in natal rasi chart. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Mercury at the time of the event was at 25Ar00. His divisional longitude in D-10 was **9Sg58**.

In D-10, Rahu is the 6<sup>th</sup> lord of service in the 11<sup>th</sup> house of gains. At the time of the event, Rahu was at **9Sc15**. He had a close aspect on the D-10 longitude of progressed Mercury based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

## Example 21: Sudden Limelight (Swami Vivekananda)

*Birthdata:* 1863 January 12, 6:33 pm (LMT, 5:54 east of GMT), Calcutta, India (88e30, 22n40)

*Event:* He came to limelight with a famous speech at the parliament of religions in the afternoon of 1893 September 11.

Mars is the 5<sup>th</sup> lord of fame in natal rasi chart. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Mars at the time of the event was at 11Ta52. His divisional longitude in D-7 was **28Ar42**.

In D-10, Rahu is the 7<sup>th</sup> lord of interactions in own house, from lagna. From Moon, he is the 5<sup>th</sup> lord of fame in own house. At the time of the event, Rahu was at **27Pi29**. He had a close aspect on the D-10 longitude of progressed Mars based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

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<sup>3</sup> Sahamas are significant points of the zodiac representing various matters. Jalapatana means crossing water. Jalapatana sahama is seen for foreign journeys. Sahamas are found in Arabian astrology as well as the classic “Tajika Nilakanthi”. Many traditional pundits use them in conjunction with Jyotish techniques.

<sup>4</sup> In “Jagannatha Hora” software, one can use the “user defined point” feature to define a sahama as the user defined point. One can then start Vimsottari dasa from the “user defined point”. That can help one find the progressed sahama.

## Example 22: Political Power (John F Kennedy)

*Birthdata:* 1917 May 29, 4:00 pm (4 hrs west of GMT), Brookline, Massachusetts, USA (71w07, 42n20)

*Event:* He became the President of USA on 1961 January 20.

Saturn is the 5<sup>th</sup> lord in natal rasi chart. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Saturn at the time of the event was at 14Le21. His divisional longitude in D-5 (chart of political power)<sup>5</sup> was **11Sg46**.

In D-5, Rahu is the lord of Ghati Lagna (GL) and occupies the 7<sup>th</sup> house from lagna. At the time of the event, Rahu was at **13Le23**. He had a close aspect on the D-20 longitude of progressed Saturn based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

## Example 23: Loss of Political Power (Indira Gandhi)

*Birthdata:* 1917 November 19, 11:05 pm (IST), Allahabad, India (81e51, 25n27)

*Event:* She lost political power, stepped down from the Prime Ministership of India on 1977 March 24 and went through terrible problems.

Saturn is the 7<sup>th</sup> lord in Cancer lagna in natal rasi chart, giving Simhasana yoga. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Saturn at the time of the event was at 3Li22. His divisional longitude in D-5 (chart of political power) was **16Ar49**.

In D-5, Saturn is in own sign in the 3<sup>rd</sup> house of break in career from lagna and in the 8<sup>th</sup> house of fall from GL (power). At the time of the event, Saturn was at **16Cn43**. He had a nearly perfect aspect on the D-5 longitude of progressed Saturn based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

## Example 24: Regaining Political Power (Indira Gandhi)

*Birthdata:* 1917 November 19, 11:05 pm (IST), Allahabad, India (81e51, 25n27)

*Event:* She became the Prime Minister of India again on 1980 January 15.

Saturn is the 7<sup>th</sup> lord in Cancer lagna in natal rasi chart, giving Simhasana yoga. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Saturn at the time of the event was at 7Li28. His divisional longitude in D-5 was **7Aq20**.

In D-5, Ketu is the lagna lord. Rahu is a quadrant lord in moolatrikona and 9<sup>th</sup> lord in 9<sup>th</sup> from GL. Venus is the 5<sup>th</sup> lord in 1<sup>st</sup> house from GL. At the time of the event, Ketu was at **6Aq13**, Rahu was at **6Le13** and Venus was at **5Aq17**. Ketu and Venus had close conjunction with the D-5 longitude of progressed Saturn based on Vimsottari dasa progression, while Rahu had a close aspect on the same.

## Example 25: Experience of Self (Ramana Maharshi)

*Birthdata:* 1879 December 30, 1:02 am (IST), Pondicherry, India (78e15, 9n50)

*Event:* He held spontaneous self-enquiry and experienced Self on 1896 July 17.

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<sup>5</sup> Though people see career from D-10, I found better correlation of political power in D-5 than in D-10. Pt Sanjay Rath mentioned the use of D-5 for political power in a book, but I have not seen many astrologers using D-5 for political predictions. My research, especially using precise divisional longitudes, suggests that D-5 is *the* chart for political power.

Sun is the 12<sup>th</sup> lord from lagna in natal rasi chart. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Sun at the time of the event was at 26Sg38. His divisional longitude in D-20 was **22Cp38**.

Mars is the 8<sup>th</sup> lord from lagna in natal rasi chart. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Venus at the time of the event was at 15Ta05. His divisional longitude in D-20 was **1Li35**.

In D-20, Jupiter is the 12<sup>th</sup> lord from Ketu (reckoned anti-zodiacally) and aspects the 8<sup>th</sup> house and 8<sup>th</sup> lord from Ketu. Rahu is lagna lord in a quadrant, with argala on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> houses and aspect on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> lords. At the time of the event, Jupiter was at **22Cn03** and Rahu was at **2Aq30**. Jupiter had a close aspect on the D-20 longitude of progressed Sun based on Vimsottari dasa progression, while Rahu had a close aspect on the D-20 longitude of progressed Mars based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

## **Example 26: Nirvikalpa Samadhi (A contemporary yogi)**

*Birthdata:* 1970 November 4, 3:12:34 pm (IST), Lucknow, India (80e55, 26n51)

*Event:* He entered Nirvikalpa Samadhi<sup>6</sup> on 2004 May 22 night at Manchester, UK.

Venus is the 8<sup>th</sup> lord from lagna in natal rasi chart. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Venus at the time of the event was at 23Sc18. His divisional longitude in D-20 was **16Pi04**.

Mars is the 9<sup>th</sup> lord of blessings from deities from lagna in natal rasi chart. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Mars at the time of the event was at 21Li59. His divisional longitude in D-20 was **19Ge48**.

In D-20, Saturn is with 8<sup>th</sup> lord Moon in the 8<sup>th</sup> house from Ketu (reckoned anti-zodiacally) and in the 12<sup>th</sup> house from chara aatma karaka Venus! This Moon-Saturn combination is key to the D-20. At the time of the event, Moon was at **18Ge01** and Saturn was at **17Ge08**. Moon and Saturn had a close conjunction with the D-20 longitude of progressed Mars based on Vimsottari dasa progression, while Saturn had a close aspect on the D-20 longitude of progressed Venus based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

## **Example 27: A Spiritual Experience**

*Birthdata:* 1970 April 4, 5:47:13 pm (IST), Machilipatnam, India (81e08, 16n10)

*Event:* He had a profound and life-altering spiritual experience on 2005 June 10

Mars is the 8<sup>th</sup> lord in natal rasi chart. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Mars at the time of the event was at 14Ge24. His divisional longitude in D-20 was **18Ta01**.

In D-20, Jupiter is the 8<sup>th</sup> lord and dispositor of Ketu.. At the time of the event, Jupiter was at **15Vi04**. He had a close aspect on the D-20 longitude of progressed Mars based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

## **Example 28: Blessing of a Deity (A contemporary yogi)**

*Birthdata:* 1970 November 4, 3:12:34 pm (IST), Lucknow, India (80e55, 26n51)

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<sup>6</sup> Nirvikalpa Samadhi is a state where I-ness (individualized Self) merges back into Brahman/Aatman (undifferentiated Self or the Supreme Cosmic Essence) and all objectification and duality ceases. Observer, observed and observation merge into one, without any differentiation whatsoever. Recent yogis such as Trilinga Swami, Shirdi Sai Baba, Ramakrishna Paramahansa, Ramana Maharshi and Swami Sivananda are known to have reached that state and also beyond it (*i.e.* simultaneously being absorbed in duality *and* non-duality and realizing their *oneness* completely).

*Event:* A deity belonging to a previous yuga appeared in front of him at the dusk time on 1994 April 21 at Pune, India and did a very interesting thing. Though he was not doing much spiritual sadhana until then, he was transformed to the core and started very intense spiritual sadhana after that.<sup>7</sup>

Sun is the dispositor of Ketu and the lord of the 9<sup>th</sup> house of devata from Moon in natal rasi chart. He is also the 9<sup>th</sup> lord of devata from lagna in D-20. Based on Vimsottari dasa progression, progressed Sun at the time of the event was at 5Sc59. His divisional longitude in D-20 was **29Pi34**.

In D-20, Mercury is in the 8<sup>th</sup> house of occult experiences. He is the 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> lord from chara aatma karaka Venus and occupies the 9<sup>th</sup> house from Venus. At the time of the event, Mercury was at **27Pi40**. He had a close conjunction with the D-20 longitude of progressed Sun based on Vimsottari dasa progression.

## Observations

The correlations I found in this research are too good to merely be random coincidences. I am convinced that there is something really worthwhile here. In fact, principles such as this, which show nice quantitative correlations, may prove useful someday to convince critics of astrology that astrology is not humbug.

### *Divisional Longitudes*

This research article, along with the previously published research articles titled “Stationary Planets in Transit” and “Transit of Nakshatra Dasa Lord: A Specific Principle” and “Padamsas and Transits: A Research Finding”, establishes that divisional longitudes are a valid concept and that there are some valid transit principles based on them. Researchers will do well to consider longitudes of planets in divisional charts and not ignore them.

### *Special Divisional Charts*

Research into divisional charts not mentioned in the available manuscripts of Parasara’s teachings, such as D-5, D-6, D-8, D-11 *etc.*, perhaps hold value. The principle described in this article can perhaps aid in the researches into special divisional charts. Objective principles help one draw more confident conclusions.

### *Impact of Birthtime*

Divisional longitudes of progressed positions of planets are not that sensitive to birthtime errors. However, we are also using the significations of planets in natal divisional chart and we need an accurate lagna in the divisional chart used. For example, suppose Mercury is the 10<sup>th</sup> lord in natal rasi chart and a planet closely conjoins, in transit, the D-10 divisional longitude of progressed Mercury based on Vimsottari dasa progression. Suppose that transit planet is either the 9<sup>th</sup> lord or the 8<sup>th</sup> lord in the natal D-10. In one case, it may bring fortune in career and a fall in the other. We need to be confident of the natal D-10 lagna.

By the way, this principle can perhaps be used in birthtime rectification in addition to standard techniques.

### *Progression of Rahu and Ketu*

Keen readers may observe that the progressed positions of Rahu and Ketu were not used in any example given in this article.

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<sup>7</sup> Some information about the yogi of examples 26 and 28 can be read at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vedic-wisdom/message/3481> (“On Manish and Sadhana” by Narasimha) <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vedic-wisdom/message/3440> (“Rama Naam Satya Hai – 1” by Rajarshi) <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vedic-wisdom/message/3472> (“Rama Naam Satya Hai – 2 & 3” by Rajarshi)

The reason for that is that I did not find any close conjunctions or aspects of interesting planets when I used progressed nodes using the Vimsottari dasa progression.

My speculation is that Vimsottari dasa started from Rahu and Ketu should perhaps be found anti-clockwise. Suppose Rahu is at 0Ta00. Instead of 4.5 years of Sun dasa being left, perhaps 1.5 years of Sun dasa is left at birth. The next dasa is perhaps not 10 years of Moon dasa, but 20 years of Venus dasa. The dasa after that is perhaps 7 years of Ketu dasa. And so on. I have not investigated this and focused for now on the Vimsottari dasa progression of 7 planets.

### ***Recommendation***

I strongly recommend researchers to stick to Jagannatha ayanamsa, true nodes and the house system I deduced earlier based on BPHS (0-30 deg from lagna being the 1<sup>st</sup> house, 30-60 deg being the 2<sup>nd</sup> house and so on) for fruitful research into simple and replicable principles like this.

### **Conclusion**

A simple principle related to a correlation of the transit longitudes of planets important to various matters in various divisional charts and divisional longitudes of progressed planets using a progression based on Vimsottari dasa was described and illustrated using many examples. If you like this knowledge, please feel free to refine it, use it and spread it. If not, please leave it.

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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He asked me to pursue Truth and simply fulfill what I see as my dharma towards Jyotish, without any entanglements, attachments, agendas, fears, frustrations or expectations of *any* kind from *anyone*, and without thinking about what kind of events may be triggered by my actions in future. I am grateful to Manish for his guidance.

Another thing is that after I started offering aahutis (oblations) of ghee (clarified butter) to Maharshi Parasara in fire at the end of my daily Chandi homam, some good ideas started coming to me now and then at the end of post-homam meditation sessions. These ideas that came from nowhere and without conscious contemplation or thinking, turned out to be far superior to ideas that came in the past from labored efforts by my logical mind. I consider these ideas to be blessings of Maharshi Parasara. I bow to the Maharshi.