

After a stay of roughly eighteen months in the fixed sign Simha, Rahu is entering Karka, a movable sign. As Ketu is the opposite end of the Rahu-Ketu axis, it also shifts from Kumbh, a fixed sign, to Makar, another movable sign. Rahu-Ketu had entered this Leo-Aquarius placement on 30th January 2016. Rahu-Ketu will transit in this Cancer-Capricorn position from 18th August 2017 to 7th March 2019, a period of approximately eighteen months.

Rahu-Ketu will transit in the Simha-Kumbh rashis again from 5th September 2034 to 24th March 2036. And, after this 2017-19 transit, they again will be in the Karka-Makar signs from 24th March 2036 to 11th October 2037.

Previous transits of Rahu-Ketu in the Karka-Makar position were as follows -

- 11th January 1999 to 30th July 2000
- 6th June 1980 to 24th December 1981
- 30th October 1961 to 19th May 1963
- 26th March 1943 to 12th October 1944
- 18th August 1924 to 7th March 1926

Rahu in Cancer provokes long term changes in politics and economics. Thinkers become political leaders and rational thoughts get more importance than orthodox beliefs. People begin to strive for positive changes. But, in some cases, this transit gives rise to extremist revolutionary thinking too.

Such a transit witnessed the beginning of the defeat of the Axis forces in WW II; formation of liberated government of India in exile by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose; discovery of DNA by Oswald Avery; Military rule began in Burma; Algeria became independent; world almost ended due to Cuban missile crisis; Portugal rule ended in Goa; Iran-Iraq war began; General Musharraf imposed military rule in Pakistan; and many other major events. In short, world is in for big turmoil in the next eighteen months.

This transit is especially important for India as, after India became an independent nation in 1947, Rahu-Ketu have been in this transit three times, and during two of them India was forced into small wars with its neighbouring nations. This happened in 1962 with China and in 1999 with Pakistan.

Interestingly, in the 1971 war with Pakistan, Rahu-Ketu were in exact opposite placement in the Capricorn-Cancer axis. Looking at the recent border troubles with China and the situation in Kashmir the chances of another war like situation has become a high possibility today.

During the 1980-81 transit of Rahu in Cancer the political situation changed in India by the death of Sanjay Gandhi in an airplane crash and the rise of Khalistan movement in Punjab, which actually turned into a radically violent and armed movement during this period.

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India's horoscope is of Vrishabh ascendant with five planets placed in the Karka rashi in the third house of struggles, valour and battle. As Rahu enters this house it creates a ripe situation for battle. Interestingly, the tenth lord Saturn will be in the eighth house of losses for most part of this transit of Rahu-Ketu in Karka-Makar. I can see unexpected and big troubles for the ruling party which governs India during this period.

The effects, of this new transit of Rahu-Ketu in Karka-Makar, on the twelve ascendants and the moon signs will be as follows -

1. **Aries - Mesh:** Sudden and unexpected changes in professional setup; change of workplace; changes in business; increased worries related to home, family, vehicle and property; problems related to parents' health; relocation to another city or nation due to professional reasons.
2. **Taurus - Vrishabh:** Stability in job and business; new job; freedom from worries related to property investments, vehicles and family matters; improvement in parents' health; gains from foreign trade; long distance fruitful journeys; increase in confidence; better health.
3. **Gemini - Mithun:** Financial worries; sudden huge expenses; problems related to investments and savings; family troubles; disputes related to family assets; health issues regarding eyes, ears, mouth and skin; a surgery is possible.
4. **Cancer-Karka:** Sudden ups and downs in physical and mental energy; increase in confidence; more focus on health; better income; increase in savings and other investments; gains related to real estate; several long distance travels; relocation to another city or country.
5. **Leo - Simha:** Increase in expenses; gains from past investments; frequent travels; health issues related to skin, eyes and ears; better relations with spouse; good chances of marriage; better love life; victory over rivals; increase in legal troubles.
6. **Virgo - Kanya:** Increase in circle of friends but souring of relations with old friends at the same time; unexpected monetary gains; heightened hunger for money along with increase in requirement for more money; changes in the path of academics; reduction in legal hassles; better health; better relations with family members and relatives.
7. **Libra - Tula:** decrease in financial worries, heightened ambitions regarding work and profession; unexpected troubles in work; loss of job; lack of job satisfaction; bad relations with seniors at work; health problems for parents; less stress regarding property matters.
8. **Scorpio - Vrishchik:** Stability in job and business; new job; gains from overseas work; frequent travels; improved self image and confidence; increase in expenses along with increase in income; gains related to real estate.
9. **Sagittarius - Dhanu:** Persistent and irritating health problems; high chances of surgery; sour relations with in-laws; increase in income and savings; stability in work; better relations with seniors and co-workers.

10. **Capricorn - Makar**: Problems related to business partnerships and collaborations; marital discord; high chances of extra-marital affairs; health problems for spouse; health problems for self too related to sexual organs, spine and intestines; heightened interest in spiritualism; chances of migrating to another city or nation.

11. **Aquarius - Kumbh**: Health issues and surgery related to eyes, ears and urinary system; better relations with spouse; good progress in work; new job; better income; less expenses; inclination towards more secrecy in day to day affairs; fame and recognition.

12. **Pisces - Meen**: Job problems; change of job; health issues related to digestion and reproductive organs; increase in worries related to welfare and health of children; huge and unexpected gains of money; problems and delays in studies.