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Today, on 24th January 2020, Saturn is entering Capricorn, a sign ruled by Saturn itself. In this 2020-23 transit of Shani in Makar Rashi it will consistently stay there till 29th April 2022, when it will enter Kumbh Rashi for a short time. Then, on 12th July 2022 Shani will retrograde back into Capricorn and will finally re-enter Kumbh Rashi on 17th January 2023. Makar and Kumbh are Saturn's own signs and it becomes more powerful and effective when it is in one of these signs. Shani's usual transit in a Rashi is for around two and a half years and it completes one cycle of all twelve signs in around twenty nine to thirty years.

The previous transit of Saturn in Makar Rashi was in 1990-93. On 21st March 1990 Shani entered Makar Rashi but it then went back to Dhanu Rashi in a retrograde motion on 20th June 1990. Then, again Saturn entered Capricorn on 14th December 1990 and stayed there till 5th March 1993, when it changed signs to Aquarius. But, Shani retrograded back from Kumbh Rashi to Makar Rashi on 15th October 1993. Then, it went back to Kumbh Rashi in a direct motion on 10th November 1993.

The next transit of Saturn in Capricorn after this 2020-23 transit will be in 2049-52. Saturn will enter Makar Rashi on 6th March 2049 but on 10th July 2049 it will retrograde back into Sagittarius. Shani will then re-enter Makar Rashi on 4th December 2049 and then it will stay there till it finally enters Kumbh Rashi on 25th February 2052.

In this 2020-23 transit of Shani in Makar Rashi, Shani will be joined by Brihaspati in Makar Rashi in the following periods.

- First, from 30th March 2020 to 30th June 2020. Jupiter will retrograde back to Dhanu Rashi from Makar on 30th June 2020
- Jupiter will enter Makar Rashi again on 20th November 2020. It will then enter Kumbh Rashi on 5th April 2021.
- From Kumbh Rashi Brihaspati will retrograde back into Makar Rashi on 14th September 2021. Then, it will finally re-enter Kumbh on 20th November 2021.

The previous Guru-Shani yuti in Makar Rashi took place during the 1961-64 transit of Shani in Makar Rashi. After this 2020-23 transit the subsequent such a yuti of Saturn-Jupiter in Capricorn will happen during the 2079-81 transit of Shani in Makar Rashi. So, after a period of around 60 years Saturn and Jupiter return to Makar Rashi. It is a 60 year cycle.

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Saturn in Capricorn brings about great changes which have long term effects on the masses. It motivates the leaders to be more ruthless and ambitious, and it generates mass opinions for or against the ruling classes. It brings about revolutions, creation of nations, technological inventions and fast progress in warfare. During this 2020-23 transit of Shani in Makar Rashi, new advances in information technology, aviation, transportation, warfare, space sciences and robotics will happen. There are high chances of an increase in terrorist activities and there is high likelihood of war too. Assassination attempts on prominent political leaders are also possible. Natural calamities and epidemics will be highly serious and devastating.

For India, this transit will have both positive and negative effects. On one hand, changes in the economic policies and, banking and taxation rules will bring about long term changes in the way business is done in India. On the other hand, political instability will increase and the common man will become more frustrated with the existing leadership. The people will become more vocal and emphatic in their demands about the change in the political situation in India.

Some historical events which have happened during the previous transits of Saturn in Capricorn are as follows –

During the 1990-93 transit -

- 20th December 1990 World's first server and website are launched at CERN.
- 17th January 1991 Operation Desert Storm begins against Iraq's dictator Saddam Hussein during the Gulf War.
- March 1991 Los Angeles riots triggered by the acquittal of police officers who had severely beaten up Rodney King.
- 29th April 1991 One of the deadliest cyclones on record hits Bangladesh and kills around 139,000 people.
- 21st May 1991 India's former Prime Minister Rajeev Gandhi is assassinated by a suicide bomber.
- 17th September 1991 The first version of Linux operating system is released.
- 6th December 1992 Demolition of Babri Masjid in Ayodhya in India, triggering riots in many cities in India.

During this 1990-93 transit of Saturn in Capricorn, insurgency became a major problem in Kashmir in India; Apartheid ended in South Africa; USSR ceased to exist and the republics of the USSR became independent nations;

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During the 1961-64 transit of Shani in Makar Rashi -

- 12th April 1961 Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to go into the orbit around the Earth.
- 19th December 1991 Goa officially became part of India after 400 years of Portuguese rule.
- 5th July 1962 Algeria became an independent nation after 132 year long rule by France.
- 20th October 1962 The Indo-China war took place.
- 16th September 1963 The federation of Malaysia was formed by Malaya, Singapore, British North Borneo (Sabah) and Sarawak.
- 22nd November 1963 John F Kennedy, the president of United States, was assassinated.

During this 1961-64 transit the cold war between USA and USSR was at its peak. Both nations were focusing on improving their nuclear capabilities by conducting frequent nuclear tests. The Cuban Missile Crisis in October 1962 was the closest when this cold war came to converting into a full scale nuclear war.

The 1931-34 transit of Saturn in Capricorn saw Hitler coming to power in Germany and the first concentrations camps were created by the Nazis in March 1933.

The effect of this transit of Saturn in Capricorn on the twelve ascendants and moon-signs will be as follows -

- 1. Aries Mesh: Professional growth and success in all tasks and projects; increase in income; better image in social circles; success in politics; more self-discipline and confidence; good progress in education; health issues for parents; disturbances in love live and marriage.
- 2. Taurus Vrishabh: Lots of work related travels; good progress in job and business; gains from foreign trade; high chances of relocating to a distant place or to another nation; increased interest in spirituality; improvement in health; improvement in personal life.
- 3. Gemini Mithun: More meaningful love life and married life; success in business; unexpected monetary gains; other gains related to inheritance; frequent but meaningless travels; high chances of accidents and mishaps; health problems related to joints, nerves and kidneys.
- 4. Cancer Karka: Good growth in work; increase in income; happiness in love life; several secret affairs; better confidence, social image and reputation; success in politics; change of residence; frequent travels; health problems related to spine, heart, intestines and genitals.
- 5. Leo Simha: Problems related to love life and marriage; controversies and rivalries in love;

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success in politics; health problems related to digestion, reproductive organs and joints; increase in debt but an increase in income too; success in job and business.

- 6. Virgo Kanya: Success in business and job; a big change in profession; very good progress in education; birth of a child in the family; increase in income; troubles related to personal life; several long distance travels; improvement in health; better relations with parents, relatives and friends.
- 7. Libra Tula: Change of residence; acquisition of a new residential property; good progress in job and business; improved confidence and inner strength; increase in income; gains related to inheritance; success in politics; frequent travels; relocation to another city or a foreign nation; very good progress in education.
- 8. Scorpio Vrishchik: Many short term travels; success in all work including the most difficult of ventures; good progress in work; better income and savings; improvement in health but high chances of injuries related to bones and joints; legal hassles; better relations with family members; happiness in love life and marriage.
- 9. Sagittarius Dhanu: Disagreements with family members; increase in income and wealth; more meaningful personal life; good gains from investments; health issues related to eyes, ears, mouth and heart; good progress in job and business; good gains related to real estate.
- 10. Capricorn Makar: Better health, increase in income; improvement in confidence and general good luck; better reputation; support from friends and acquaintances; success in politics; good performance and success in job and business; change of job; reduction in debt and increase in wealth.
- 11. Aquarius Kumbh: Increase in both income and expenses; relocation to another nation; heightened interest in spirituality; good progress in business; success in job; health problems related to eyes, ears, hair and general weakness; frequent travels; high chances of losses through bad investments.
- 12. Pisces Meen: Change of job with promotion; increase in income; better circle of influential friends; better health; reduction in expenses and debt; success in business; better social image; success in academic pursuits; good gains from investments done in the past; improvement in relations with family; happiness in love life and marriage.

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