

Jyotish Biz: Ashutosh Ji! Gaj Kesari Yoga is one of the most popular of all yogas in Jyotish. Anyone who knows even a little about Jyotish has heard about Gaj Kesari Yoga. What exactly is this Gaj Kesari Yoga.

Astrologer Ashutosh: First of all, we must know what a Yoga is. A yoga is a combination of planets or a special placement of a planet or planets in horoscope which gives enhanced positive or negative qualities to the native. There can be thousands of yogas in a horoscope but all of them are not important. Only those yogas which are found to be giving extra-ordinary results are given special attention and gradually such yogas become more popular than the other yogas.

Jyotish Biz: OK!

Astrologer Ashutosh: Gaj Kesari yoga is formed by positioning of two planets, Moon and Jupiter. It is formed when Chandra and Guru come in Kendra from each other. It means when Jupiter is in first, fourth, seventh or tenth position from the Moon, this Gaj Kesari Yoga is formed.

Jyotish Biz: But, why only Moon and Jupiter? Why not other planets?

Astrologer Ashutosh: See, the answers to such questions are very difficult and almost impossible. Because Jyotish is not based on rules made by one single person. It is based on observations made by generations of observers. Whatever is happening is observed. And, it was observed that Moon and Jupiter form this distinct yoga which gives special strength to the horoscope.

One explanation can be that the Moon is karak for the mind, the thought process, the basic nature of the native. Jupiter is the karak for discipline, growth, development and social status. Jupiter is also considered the most beneficial of the nine planets. So, any mutual interaction of Moon and Jupiter is bound to have special effects on the native's thinking, confidence and self-esteem. The virtues of Jupiter become a natural part of native's thought process. This, in turn, gives benefits in all areas of life including career and social status.

Jyotish Biz: Interesting! But, why is it called Gaj Kesari?

Astrologer Ashutosh: Gaj is the sanskrit term for an 'elephant' and Kesari is for a 'lion'. These two animals are considered the kings of the jungle, the symbols of strength and power. Gaj Kesari gives the native the confidence of a king. Like a lion, the native is aggressive in his work and is full of confidence and like an elephant he is wise, strong and disciplined and gets all the attention and importance too, just like an elephant.

Jyotish Biz: Does it have any effect on the native's physical built too?

Astrologer Ashutosh: Yes! A strong and effective Gaj Kesari Yoga usually gives good height and stature to the native. They may not be very well built but they easily stand apart in a crowd. But, this is effective only in case where the lagna (ascendant) is affected by this yoga. Gaj kesari Yoga' main effect is on the personality and self-esteem.

Jyotish Biz: OK!

Astrologer Ashutosh: Gaj Kesari Yoga, even if it is not a primarily effective yoga in a horoscope, becomes a support to other Rajyogas and Dhanyogas in the horoscope. And, not all kinds of Gaj Kesari Yogas are equally powerful. The Gaj Kesari Yoga where Moon and Jupiter are in a conjunction or an opposition are more powerful than the Gaj Kesari Yoga where they are in tenth-fourth position to each other.

Jyotish Biz: Does Gaj Kesari Yoga differ in strength and effect depending on the different ascendants?

Astrologer Ashutosh: Yes, of course! The ascendants where both Moon and Jupiter play functional beneficial roles will have more benefits from a Gaj Kesari Yoga than those where either one or both of them are functional malefics.

Jyotish Biz: Please shed more light on it.

Astrologer Ashutosh: The ascendants where Gaj Kesari Yoga will have majorly positive results are Aries, Cancer, Virgo, Scorpio and Pisces. The ascendants where it will show negative and positive results in equal measures are Gemini, Leo, Libra, Sagittarius and Capricorn. In Taurus and Aquarius it will give only negative results. But, the best benefits of a Gaj Kesari Yoga are received by those born under the Pisces ascendant.

Jyotish Biz: What can be the negative results of a Gaj Kesari Yoga?

Astrologer Ashutosh: Inflated ego, over confidence, lack of concern for others, selfishness, hunger for power and dictatorial attitude depending on the strength and placement of other planets like Sun and Mars. George W Bush Jr has a Gaj Kesari Yoga in his horoscope's third house, the house of valour and war. And, we all know what this Gaj Kesari Yoga did to the world. Another such example is Hitler who also had a Gaj Kesari Yoga in third house and he caused nothing but destruction.

If Gaj Kesari Yoga gets corrupted by the influence of Rahu, Ketu, Mars or Saturn then it can give highly disruptive results. Many hardened criminals, murderers, dictators, psychopaths have been found to have a corrupted Gaj Kesari Yoga. Such people become very reckless and consider themselves above all laws and ethics of society. They feel no guilt about their actions too.

Jyotish Biz: Oh! This means that even a Gaj Kesari Yoga is not positively effective in all cases.

Astrologer Ashutosh: Jyotish teaches us to study horoscopes in totality. One should not blindly believe the popular theories of Rajyogas. Every yoga has both negative and positive results depending on the dashas, age and the other factors in the horoscope.

Every strength can be a weakness at times. Every weakness can become a strength too. Every planet, good or bad, strong or weak, is equally important in a horoscope.

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