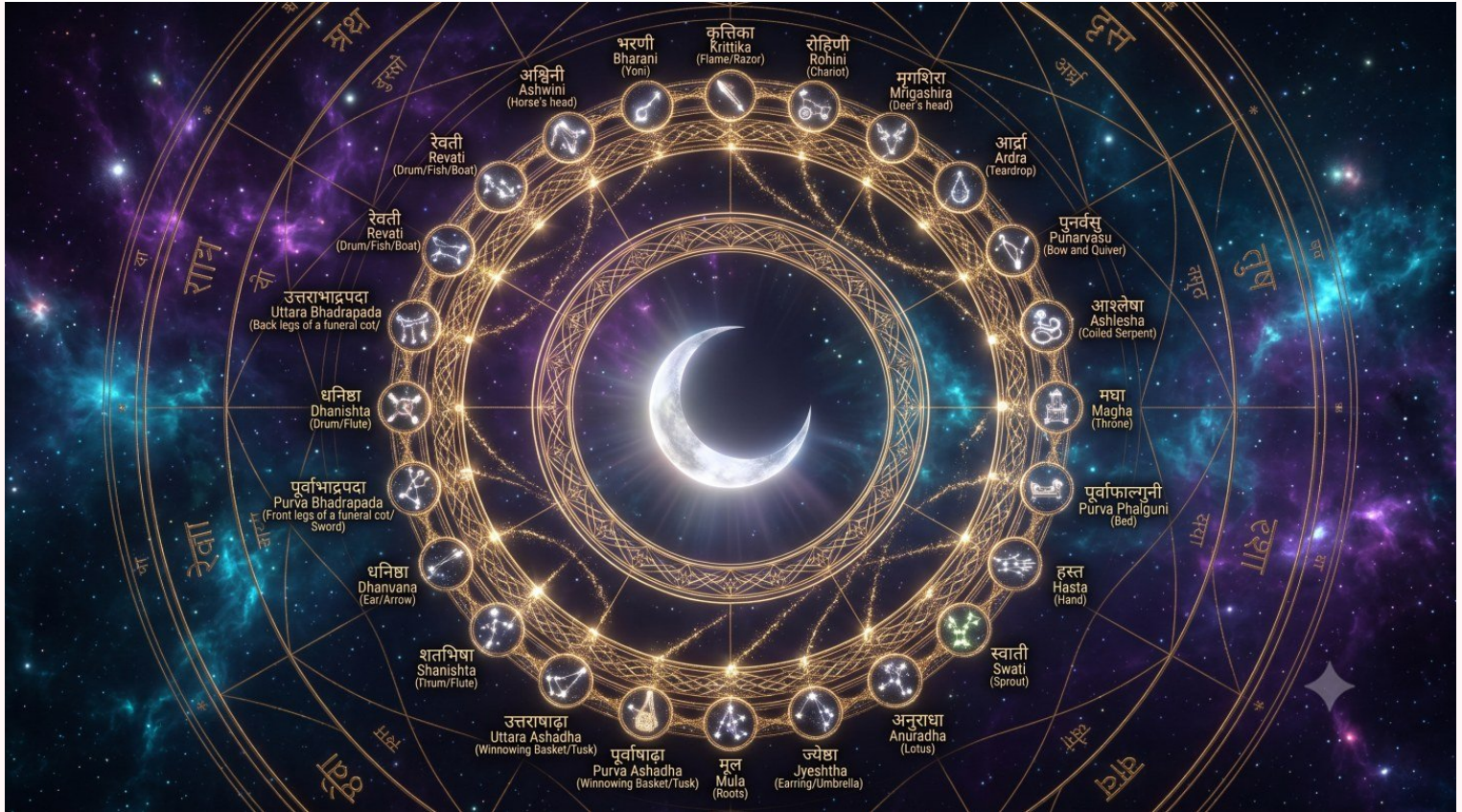




## 27 Star Nakshatras in Vedic Astrology: Complete Characteristics, Padas, Deities, Ruling Planets & Life Purpose



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While popular Western astrology relies heavily on the 12 Sun signs, the true heartbeat of classical **Vedic Astrology (Jyotish Shastra)** resides in the **27 Lunar Mansions (Star Nakshatras)**. The Nakshatras represent the primordial stellar frequencies that govern human psychology, subconscious conditioning, career aptitudes, and the exact unfolding of lifetime karmic cycles (*Vimshottari Dashas*).

If your Zodiac sign describes the broad landscape of your personality, your **Janam Nakshatra (Birth Star)** reveals the intricate details: your hidden spiritual gifts, inner fears, instinctual reactions, and marital compatibility.



## What are the 27 Nakshatras in Vedic Astronomy?

The complete 360-degree celestial zodiac is divided into 12 signs of 30° each. When divided into the 27 Nakshatras, each individual Nakshatra spans exactly **13 degrees and 20 minutes (13° 20')** of arc.

Furthermore, every Nakshatra is divided into **4 equal quarters called Padas** (each 3°20'), making a total of 108 cosmic Padas (27 x 4 = 108). This sacred number 108 corresponds directly to the 108 beads of the Vedic Japa Mala, establishing the eternal mathematical resonance between human breath, mantra repetition, and planetary movements.

## Complete Matrix Table of the 27 Star Nakshatras

| No. | Nakshatra Name         | Zodiac Span                      | Ruling Planet | Presiding Deity                   | Gana (Temperament) |
|-----|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1   | <b>Ashwini</b>         | 00°00' – 13°20'<br>Aries         | Ketu          | Ashwini Kumaras<br>(Physicians)   | Deva (Divine)      |
| 2   | <b>Bharani</b>         | 13°20' – 26°40'<br>Aries         | Venus         | Lord Yama<br>(Dharma/Justice)     | Manushya (Human)   |
| 3   | <b>Krittika</b>        | 26°40' Aries –<br>10°00' Taurus  | Sun           | Lord Agni (Fire)                  | Rakshasa (Fierce)  |
| 4   | <b>Rohini</b>          | 10°00' – 23°20'<br>Taurus        | Moon          | Lord Brahma (Creator)             | Manushya           |
| 5   | <b>Mrigashirsha</b>    | 23°20' Taurus –<br>06°40' Gemini | Mars          | Soma (Moon God)                   | Deva               |
| 6   | <b>Ardra</b>           | 06°40' – 20°00'<br>Gemini        | Rahu          | Rudra (Storm God)                 | Manushya           |
| 7   | <b>Punarvasu</b>       | 20°00' Gemini –<br>03°20' Cancer | Jupiter       | Goddess Aditi (Mother of<br>Gods) | Deva               |
| 8   | <b>Pushya</b>          | 03°20' – 16°40'<br>Cancer        | Saturn        | Lord Brihaspati (Guru)            | Deva               |
| 9   | <b>Ashlesha</b>        | 16°40' – 30°00'<br>Cancer        | Mercury       | Nagas (Serpent Deities)           | Rakshasa           |
| 10  | <b>Magha</b>           | 00°00' – 13°20' Leo              | Ketu          | Pitris (Ancestral Spirits)        | Rakshasa           |
| 11  | <b>Purva Phalguni</b>  | 13°20' – 26°40' Leo              | Venus         | Bhaga (God of Prosperity)         | Manushya           |
| 12  | <b>Uttara Phalguni</b> | 26°40' Leo – 10°00'<br>Virgo     | Sun           | Aryaman (God of<br>Patronage)     | Manushya           |
| 13  | <b>Hasta</b>           | 10°00' – 23°20'<br>Virgo         | Moon          | Savitr (Sun of Dawn)              | Deva               |
| 14  | <b>Chitra</b>          | 23°20' Virgo –<br>06°40' Libra   | Mars          | Vishwakarma (Divine<br>Architect) | Rakshasa           |



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|-----|----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 15  | Swati                | 06°40' – 20°00'<br>Libra         | Rahu          | Vayu (God of Wind)               | Deva               |
| 16  | Vishakha             | 20°00' Libra –<br>03°20' Scorpio | Jupiter       | Indra & Agni                     | Rakshasa           |
| 17  | Anuradha             | 03°20' – 16°40'<br>Scorpio       | Saturn        | Mitra (God of Friendship)        | Deva               |
| 18  | Jyeshtha             | 16°40' – 30°00'<br>Scorpio       | Mercury       | Lord Indra (King of Gods)        | Rakshasa           |
| 19  | Mula                 | 00°00' – 13°20'<br>Sagittarius   | Ketu          | Goddess Nirriti<br>(Dissolution) | Rakshasa           |
| 20  | Purva Ashadha        | 13°20' – 26°40'<br>Sagittarius   | Venus         | Apas (Water Goddess)             | Manushya           |
| 21  | Uttara Ashadha       | 26°40' Sag – 10°00'<br>Capricorn | Sun           | Vishvadevas (Universal<br>Gods)  | Manushya           |
| 22  | Shravana             | 10°00' – 23°20'<br>Capricorn     | Moon          | Lord Vishnu (Preserver)          | Deva               |
| 23  | Dhanishta            | 23°20' Cap –<br>06°40' Aquarius  | Mars          | Ashta Vasus (8 Elements)         | Rakshasa           |
| 24  | Shatabhisha          | 06°40' – 20°00'<br>Aquarius      | Rahu          | Lord Varuna (Cosmic<br>Waters)   | Rakshasa           |
| 25  | Purva<br>Bhadrapada  | 20°00' Aqu –<br>03°20' Pisces    | Jupiter       | Aja Ekapada (Cosmic Fire)        | Manushya           |
| 26  | Uttara<br>Bhadrapada | 03°20' – 16°40'<br>Pisces        | Saturn        | Ahimbudhnya (Deep<br>Serpent)    | Manushya           |
| 27  | Revati               | 16°40' – 30°00'<br>Pisces        | Mercury       | Pushan (Guide of Souls)          | Deva               |

## The 4 Padas: Connecting Nakshatra to Navamsha (D9 Chart)

Every Nakshatra is subdivided into 4 Padas representing the four fundamental human life pursuits (*Purusharthas*):

- **Pada 1 (Dharma):** Infuses righteousness, willpower, nobility, and moral duty. Corresponds to fire sign Navamshas.
- **Pada 2 (Artha):** Bestows material acumen, wealth accumulation, skill, and tangible resources. Corresponds to earth sign Navamshas.
- **Pada 3 (Kama):** Enhances social magnetism, relationship desires, artistic taste, and communication. Corresponds to air sign Navamshas.



- **Pada 4 (Moksha):** Deepens intuition, spiritual awakening, detachment, and emotional surrender. Corresponds to water sign Navamshas.

## The 3 Ganas (Temperamental Archetypes)

In Kundli matching (Ashtakoot Guna Milan), the Gana of the Nakshatra carries 6 critical points:

1. **Deva Gana (Divine / Altruistic):** Compassionate, peace-loving, patient, and philosophical. Examples: Ashwini, Punarvasu, Pushya, Hasta, Swati, Anuradha, Shravana, Revati.
2. **Manushya Gana (Human / Pragmatic):** Hardworking, ambitious, focused on family, community, and social status. Examples: Bharani, Rohini, Ardra, Purva Phalguni, Uttara Phalguni, Purva Ashadha, Uttara Ashadha, Purva Bhadrapada, Uttara Bhadrapada.
3. **Rakshasa Gana (Fierce / Visionary):** Intense, highly intuitive, fiercely independent, possessing strong psychic defenses and leadership under crisis. Examples: Kritika, Ashlesha, Magha, Chitra, Vishakha, Jyeshtha, Mula, Dhanishta, Shatabhisha.

## How Your Janam Nakshatra Shapes Your Vimshottari Dasha

The exact degree of the Moon at the moment of your birth within its Nakshatra determines the starting balance of your **Vimshottari Mahadasha** (the 120-year planetary timeline). For example:

- A person born under **Ashwini, Magha, or Mula** starts life in Ketu Mahadasha (7 years).
- A person born under **Rohini, Hasta, or Shravana** starts life in Moon Mahadasha (10 years).
- A person born under **Pushya, Anuradha, or Uttara Bhadrapada** starts life in Saturn Mahadasha (19 years).

## Frequently Asked Questions About Nakshatras (FAQs)

### What is my Janam Nakshatra?

Your Janam Nakshatra (Birth Constellation) is the specific lunar mansion the Moon was transiting at the exact moment and location of your birth. It can be instantly calculated using your birth date, time, and birthplace on a Vedic birth chart calculator.





## Which is the most auspicious Nakshatra?

**Pushya Nakshatra** (located in Cancer and ruled by Saturn and Brihaspati) is considered the most inherently auspicious and nurturing Nakshatra in Vedic astrology for spiritual initiation, starting education, and purchasing valuables.

## What is Gandmool Nakshatra?

The 6 Nakshatras located at the junction points where a Water sign transitions into a Fire sign (Ashwini, Ashlesha, Magha, Jyeshtha, Mula, and Revati) are called **Gandmool Nakshatras**. Children born under these stars undergo a traditional Mool Shanti ritual on the 27th day after birth to harmonize elemental shifts.

## Can two people with different Ganas marry?

Yes. While Deva-Deva and Manushya-Manushya matches score maximum points in Gana Milan, a Deva-Manushya combination is also considered harmonious. In Deva-Rakshasa or Manushya-Rakshasa matches, overall chart compatibility, Jupiter's aspect, and Graha Maitri can easily neutralize minor Gana differences.

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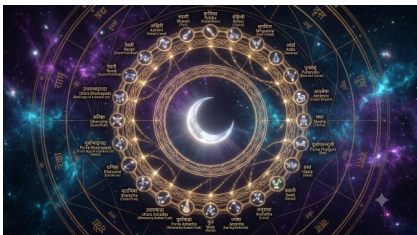
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