



## THE ROLE OF HASTHA STAR IN INDIAN ASTROLOGY

## Astrology

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## ABSTRACT

Hasta consists of five stars: *Alpha, Beta, Delta, Gamma, and Epsilon-Corvi*. The constellation Corvi is visible in the night sky just below the bright star of Spica. In the astrology chart, Hasta resides completely in the sign of Virgo. The word Hasta translates as "the hand" and signifies all activities performed with the hands. Those born under this star are industrious, intelligent and reasonable. This nakshatra also symbolizes agreements and greetings as represented by the hand shake. The ruling deity Savita, an aspect of the Sun, is jovial and carefree. Savita gives the ability to use the hands in a skilled, crafty, or cunning manner. They can also be used for trickery and gambling. Savita has the power to give life so Hasta can be associated with childbirth and establishing a family. Hasta is an optimistic star with an amazing capacity to create. Those born under this nakshatra have the ability to manifest an object of desire in their hands.

## KEYWORDS

Hasta Star, 4 padas, Budha, spirituality, charity, desire, Savita

## 1. Introduction:

दाता मनस्वी सुतरां यशस्वी भूदंवाचनकृत्प्रयत्नः ।

प्रसूतिकाले यदि यस्य हस्तो हस्तोद्गता तस्य समन्सम्पत् ॥

As per the narrations of Daivagna Vilasa, the native with Hasta Nakshatra will give compassions to others and will be a successful and celebrated person in life. They undertake saintly duties, respects scholars and performs yagnas in prescribed procedure. They will be wealthy to an extent to have comfortable life. According to Hora Sara, the person will be sensually disposed, clever, good in speaking and will be disposed with thievish nature. He will be rich and may live in foreign places. The native shows enthusiasm in war, will be expert in it and will destroy enemies.

Jataka Parijata describe that the native will be a loveable person, befriend the learned and knowledgeable and lives in lavish lifestyle. Hasta means hand. Hasta Nakshatra falls in the sign of Virgo. Ruler of this Nakshatra is Moon and deity is Savitar, the Sun God. This Nakshatra contains the energy of Mercury, Moon and Sun and will be powerful and respected by people. They will have attractive and pleasing personality and identically practical. These people are very tranquil, serviceable in nature and does not get disturbed easily. Instead of getting ruffled by the problems, they will analyse the situation and try to find the resolutions. They are like good advisors or counsellors who listen to others problem very unwearingly and give solutions.

Due to influence of Mercury and Moon, their mind will be very mature and intellectual. They will be skilled in many fields and have the interest in varied subjects and put lot of obligation and responsibilities on themselves. They will be recognised as charming, lively, dynamic, caring individuals. Hasta Nakshatra male natives will have many girl friends, because they can passionately connect very well. Another positive trait of hasta people is that they may not like engaging in blathering, so people relied upon them to keep lengthy relationships. Hasta born individuals are likely to develop tension with their children. In accordance with the universal scheme of things, Hasta born persons are associated with the Sanskrit phrase '*Hastha sthapaniya agama shakti*'. This means, the nakshatra has the power to put the object of their desire within their hands or power.

## 2. Hasta Nakshatra born characteristics and features

**Hasta 10-00' to 23-20' Virgo (Kanya Rasi)**

**Names start with:** poo, sham, Naa, Taa

**General Characteristics:** Purity of thought and deed as well as self-control, active habits, full of resources.

**Translation:** The hand

**Symbol:** A hand – open hand blessing humanity.

**Animal symbol:** Female buffalo

**Ruling planet:** Moon

**Nature:** Deva (god-like)

**Presiding deity:** Savita – the sun god who imparts creative and transforming energy.

**Controlling Planet:** Moon

**Ruling Deity of Moon:** Parvati

**Nature:** Deva (God-like)

**Mode:** Passive

**Number:** 13

**Gender:** Male

**Dosha:** Vata

**Guna:** Rajasic

**Element:** Fire

**Disposition:** Light and Swift

**Bird:** Vulture

**Tree:**

**Common Name:** Hog Plum

**Botanical Name:** Spondias pinnate

**Seed Sounds:** Pu, Sha, Na, Tha

**Also related to Planets:** Mercury, as the ruler of Gemini.

## 3. The four padas of Hasta: Star

Each Nakshatra is divided into 4 parts of 3.20' (3 degrees and 20 minutes). These parts are called padas. Each pada has the characteristics of a sign of the zodiac, starting with Aries. Therefore, the pada system can be seen as a system which integrates the Nakshatras with the commonly used zodiac. The specific features of hasta divided as per pada is as under:-

अनायुष्मान् क्षिप्रकारी बलवानरिवर्धनः प्रतिचाररतो नित्यं हस्तादौ जायते

**Pada 1 :** Aries Navamsa (10.00–13.20 Virgo): This quarter is ruled by Mars. It is characterized by abundance of energy, expert at underhand dealings, skills like maths, surgery, military, with the focus being on a well-placed Mars. This pada is not auspicious for health and overall well being of the native. A planet posited in this pada gives malefic results in terms of safety while travelling. Natives born in this pada are intelligent, brave and over aggressive in communication. They will have interests in reading classical texts. Natives born in this pada can be recognized by their fair reddish complexion and slight depression in the middle of forehead.

मातृहीनोत्पबन्धुश्च गुणवानसाधुवाचकः स्वदेशनिरतो नित्यं द्वितीयांशे तु जायते

**Pada 2 :** Taurus Navamsa (13.20-16.40 Virgo): This quarter is ruled by Venus. It is characterized by practicality, earthiness, perfection, material wealth, honesty, art, morality etc.. The second pada falls on the Taurus Navamsa which is ruled by Venus. Since these Navamsa come under Venus, these people will be interested in fine arts and sweet speech. They are lovers of the peace.

गीतवाचरतो नित्यं पितृहीनस्सुदुर्मतिः आभोगशीलस्सततं तृतीयांशे तु जायते

**Pada 3 :** Gemini Navamsa (16.40–20.00 Virgo): This quarter is ruled

by Mercury. It is characterized by merchant, trade and business skills, career, dexterity, cleverness, intelligence, and extraordinary sense of perception. The third pada falls on the Gemini Navamsa which is ruled by Mercury. Due to the Mercurian influence these people will be interested in a trade, speech and communication. They may like to argue and make sure that they win those arguments.

सिद्धस्सन्मार्गवान कात्तो मातृपक्षयुतस्तथा अभ्युन्नतो महाग्राही हस्तात्ये तु प्रजायते ।

**Pada 4 :** Cancer Navamsa (20.00–23.20 Virgo): This quarter is ruled by the Moon. It is characterized by sense of family and community, material security, xenophobia, manifestation of the best and the worst, possibility of having a good progeny by a well-placed Jupiter. Natives born in this pada have flickering mind and they have ordinary mental levels. They get ordinary education. They are more inclined towards family affairs and compromise on career front. Under affliction, this pada makes a person manipulative and he/she may easily get addicted to alcohol. They generally have large belly, small face and elephant like feet. They have some unknown fear from flowing rivers; they will never have a dip in it.

#### 4. All other details about Hasta star

**Strengths:** Creative, clever, practical, witty, pleasant, charming, attractive, attains wealth later in life, influential, cordial, careful with words to avoid expressing anger, driven, in control, values social rituals and consideration of others, provides service, industrious, takes advantage of opportunities in foreign lands, intelligent, persuasive, unattached, and has several relationships.

**Weakness:** Enjoys competition and disputes, restless, changeable, charlatan, selfish, emotionally unsettled, low self-opinion, critical, overindulgent, shameless, mistrustful, repressed, health problems, nasty, drug abuse, controlling, use alcohol or food as coping mechanism, desires spiritual experience.

**Professions:** Professions that require "hands on" work or dexterity, artisans, mechanics, jewelry makers, origami expert, manual labor, gymnast, circus performers, inventor, publisher, printing industry, manicurists, card dealers, carpenters, gambler, banker, accountant, typist, cleaner, housekeeper, masseur, chemical industry, textile industry, tarot card readers, astrologer, auctioneer, ceramics, interior decorator, gardener, food production, hair stylists, sculptors, mason, professional comedian, commentator, speech therapist, trial artists, magician, and thieves.

**Famous Hastas:** Rudolph Valentino, Jimmy Carter, Burt Reynolds, Richard Burton, Robert Duvall

**Favorable Activities:** Crafts, pottery, jewelry making, domestic work, magic, playing games, business matters requiring tact, marriage, dealing with children, holistic treatments, travel, moving, organizing, yoga, meditation, trading goods, gardening and activities in the sun.

**Unfavorable Activities:** Long term planning or activities requiring executive decision making, sexual activity, rest or leisure, or night time activities.

**Sacred Energy Vortex:** Komal Sri Kirupa Koobareswarar. The sacred energy vortex that resonates with the star Hasta is located in Komal near Kumbakonam in Tamil Nadu, India. People born under Hasta should visit this temple at least once during their lifetime. Those who visit the temple at Komal and worship Sri Kirupa Koobareswarar (an aspect of Lord Shiva) and Goddess Sri Annapoorani will receive the blessings of divine grace and compassion. People born under Hasta star should worship this form of Shiva with folded hands in prayer, meditation and yoga. It is also recommended for these people to perform the ancestor ritual known as tarpanam. While making the tarpanam offering, water passing over the lines of the person's hands connects their energy with the energy of the ancestors. The connection of this temple to Hasta star begins with the story of Goddess Parvati, who wanted to understand exactly what Lord Shiva experienced as the ruler of the Universe.

#### 5. Male Natives born under Hasta Nakshatra

**Physical features:** The native is tall and stout. Mixed colour with short hands comparing to the body structure. There will be a scar mark on the upper right hand or beneath the shoulder.

**Character and general events:** The native will have a calm nature.

There is a peculiarity while he is smiling i.e. his sweet smile has the magnetic power to attract others. This inherent quality produces a vibration on others and it becomes difficult to leave the native once such acquaintance takes place. He can easily get respect and honor from the public. He is always in readiness to help the needy for nothing in return. He does not like to deceive others even if it costs him his life. In spite of this good quality, the reward he gets in return is nothing but criticism and opposition. He does not believe in a posh living.

Unlike other Nakshatra born persons, the life of Hasta native is full of frequent ups and down. At one moment he rises to the top and another moment he falls to the bottom whether in profession or field or in the mental world. In other words, luck and unluck comes to them without intimation. Hence we cannot categorise him as a permanent poor or wealthy. When he enters in a particular field and starts gaining the object, reversal is already in store for him. While he tries to get out of such reversal with his own effort, helps comes to him from the unexpected quarters and he achieves medium success in the undertaking. It may appear that there is some hidden curse on the native as otherwise, the sincerity and hard work which he shows in every work, should have given him a wonderful boost.

While the native does not want to cause any trouble to others, once he is hurt, he will always be in search of revenge, but at the same time takes consolation in the feet of god by thinking that let god give him the punishment and he slowly withdraws from the scene of conflict.

**Education, sources of earning/profession:** In the work field, he keeps strict discipline. Normally employment in a subordinate level is not fit for him. Only very few cases where the Hasta native is working in a low level job has been found. Most of the cases either they are engaged in business or in a high position in the industries. Hasta native even with a preliminary academic background will possess excellent all-round knowledge. He will show to the world that he is not being anybody on any matter. He is a good adviser as he has the capacity to intervene and settle various disputed matters. Lot of responsibilities will have to be undertaken by him before he can climb one step of ladder of success.

Period up to his 30th years of age will bring in unexpected circumstantial changes both in the family front as well as in the academic and professional or business field. Period between 30 to 42 years of his age will be his golden period, when the native can settle down in his life. If the native lives beyond 64 years of age, there will be remarkable accumulation of wealth and all-round success in the business field.

**Family life:** He is able to enjoy an idle married life, even though occasional friction as is expected in a family will definitely be there. His wife will be a homely lady with all good qualities expected from a house wife. One of the hidden factors noticed in the wife of a hasta native is that she may indulge in homo-sexual activities in her youth period.

**Health:** He is prone to have severe cough and cold, frequent emanation of water from the nose and clotting of such fluid, asthma and cynos.

#### 6. Female Natives born under Hasta Nakshatra

Female natives born in Hasta Nakshatra also will enjoy more or less the same results as mentioned for a male native born in Hasta native. In addition, they will also enjoy the following results:

**Physical features:** Her eyes and ears will be extremely beautiful and entirely different from those born in other Nakshatras. A typical shoulder. Very attractive with soft body.

**Character and general events:** She will have the inherent shyness of a female sex. While she will respect the elders, she may not like to live like a slave. She will not hesitate to express her views openly. She is not bothered about the outcome of such expression. Hence she is subjected to enmity from her relatives. If she curbs the tendency of open expression of her views she can attain good amount of success in the family front and enjoy her life in full.

**Education, sources of earning/profession:** In most of the cases, hasta female is not employed mainly due to good financial stability of her parents as well as her husband. In some cases it has been noticed that hasta female, if born in a poor family is employed in the agricultural

field and in the construction activities.

**Family life:** She can enjoy a happy married life. Her husband will be wealthy and loving. She can enjoy good benefit from her children. First will be a son and followed by two daughters.

**Health:** Her health will generally be good. However, she may have high blood pressure and twisting of veins, asthma in her old age.

**Positive Traits:** Creative, pleasant, humorous, skilled in the arts, charming, practical, attractive, wealth late in life, many relationships, generous, unattached, intelligent, persuasive, cordial, weighs their words to avoid expressing anger, self-motivated, in control, focused on acquisition, good at defending and promoting their own interests, understands the value of social rituals and courtesies, skilled in providing service, thick-skinned, takes advantage of opportunities in new areas or in foreign lands, dexterous, determined, industrious worker, easily changes.

**Negative Traits:** Likes competition and conflicts, restless – want spiritual experiences, changeable, con artist, self interest, emotionally unsettled, need to control lower self, unabashed, mistrustful, overindulgence in pleasuring themselves, nasty, mechanical in dealing with those who provide them no advantage, abuse of drugs, controlling, alcohol, and/or food to cope, critical when under stress, suppressed, health issues.

**Career Interests:** Painters, artists, craftsmen, scholars, teachers, writers, sales, communications, pr, hospital and volunteer work, healers, travel industry, conference planners, astrologers, palm readers, advisers, ministers, authors, counselors, educators, priests, thieves, rouges.

**Compatibility and Incompatibility :** Bearing in mind the instinctive norms of compatibility, Hasta Nakshatra is most compatible to *Swati* Nakshatra on account of its phallic connection. While Hasta represents female buffalo, *Swati* is represented by a male buffalo. Besides being compatible to *Revati* and *Bharani* Nakshatras, it is also compatible to *Uttara Phalguni* and *Uttarabhadrapada* Nakshatras. *Krittika* and *Pushyami* Nakshatras are also compatible to it. This is because of buffalo's phallic compatibility to elephant, cow and sheep. Taking into account the theory of obstruction, Hasta Nakshatra is not compatible to *Satabhisha* Nakshatra.

Taking into account buffaloes' spontaneous hostility to horse, both male and female stars represented by horse are not compatible to it. Besides *Shatabhisha*, *Aswini* is also incompatible to Hasta Nakshatra.

## 7. Conclusion

Natives born under the luminous influence of Hasta nakshatra are marked by the personality traits of sincerity, loyalty and kindness. They are also appreciated for their charming vivacity, flamboyance and generosity. Tall, handsome and strongly built in their appearance, they exude strength, calmness and poise in their personality traits. Intrinsically kind and helpful, orientation towards craftsmanship and action are the other important attributes of their personality.

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