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Astrological Significance in Athi Varadhar Ceremony

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A once in a life-time opportunity just concluded recently in the ancient city of India, Kanchipuram. Commonly known as the Athi Varadhar festival or ceremony, this is one of the most auspicious ceremony that takes place once in every 40 years. Millions of devotees from around the world thronged this temple to get the blessings of Lord Varadharaja or a divine form of Lord Vishnu. The deity, at 9 feet tall, is made of Athi wood or Fig tree wood. Awakening and rising the depths of 'Ananthasaras' or the temple tank, Athi-Varadhar emerges to give darshan to mankind for only 48 days. Our senior contributor, Prof R S Maniam, shares the Astrological Significance of this Athi Varadhar Ceremony.



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The 9-foot tall fig wood idool which is brought out of Varadaraja Perumal temple tank every 40 years

The Athi Varadar ceremony happens once every forty years. The idol or diety is taken out of the temple tank, cleansed and worshipped once in every 40 years.

The festivities last for 48 day after which the diety is again immersed in water and stored for another 40 years. A rare incident interesting has astrological significance as well, and this paper is an attempt to reveal the divine secrets.

This year, 2019, the diety was brought to the surface and prayers were conducted for 48 days. It was raised from the 'Ananthasaras'. The duration day from 1.7.2019 to 17.8.2019, 48 Days darshan. The last three appearance date was taken for analysis. Athi varadhar came to surface on 12/7/1939, 2/7/1979 and 1/7/2019.

Summer Solstice as the Muhurtha

All the dates selected were in the month of July. This basically signifies the position

of the Sun in the Zodiac. During the above dates, the Sun was transiting the sign Gemini owned by Mercury. Sun transit in Gemini is from Jun 15 to July 15 every year. There is a significance of Sun in Gemini as it is in this sign the summer solstice happens.

Commonly referred to as Dakshinayana, the Sun's southern course begins when this Graha enters Gemini sign. This is a period of purification. The whole system of Sun in the northern course and Southern system of Sun in the southern course is where much linked with human body system as explained by the Yin and Yang of the Chinese cosmology. Coming to the surface from the deep sayana for athivarada is a period of awakening to the world.



Photo of Varadaraja Diety taken during 1979.
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Fire and water elements: Bhoota Tatwa

It is interesting to note that the Saturn and Jupiter have been in astrological signs ruled by fire and water, whenever the Athivaradar ceremony was performed. Athivaradar appearance is much related to Jupiter and Saturn when they transit water and fiery sign.

Date/Year	Planets	Tatwa
12/07/1939	Jupiter	Water-Pisces
12/07/1939	Saturn	Fire- Aries
02/07/1979	Jupiter	Water- Cancer

02/07/1979	Saturn	Fire-Leo
01/07/2019	Jupiter	Water- Scorpio
01/07/2019	Saturn	Fire-Sagittarius

Also note the position of Jupiter and Saturn is 2/12 position from each other.

The Ghandantha Signs Angle

All the signs noted to be sign of Ghandantha. These points are detrimental as the planets changes polarity. It is noted that planets transiting the ghandantha points cause calamity. The first 12/7/1939 Jupiter will cross to meet Saturn through the constellation of Revathi,



The second ceremony was 2/7/1979, where Jupiter will cross the constellation Aslesya which is a Ghandantha constellation.

		Mo 23:22	Ve 02:50 Su 14:56 Ra 23:29
	Athivarathar 1/7/2019		Ma 05:21 Me 08:33
			As 26:08
Ke 23:29 SaR 23:42		JuR 22:51	

During 1/7/2019, Jupiter in the watery sign of Scorpio will cross to meet Saturn passing the constellation of Moola. Probably the worship Athivaradar once every forty years has an impact to reduce the severity of astrological affliction of planets.



Gopuram, Varadharaja Perumal Temple, Kanchipuram

Planetary Combinations

Jupiter - Saturn Conjunction

The first ceremony which shows 2/12/position of Jupiter and Saturn in Pisces and Aries, followed great Conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in Aries 21° in Aries on 15/8/1940 just one year later. The second 2/7/1979, the planet Jupiter was in Cancer while Saturn in Leo. Great conjunction happened on 14/1/1981 at 16° in Virgo. The last 1/7/2019,

Jupiter in Scorpio and Saturn in Sagittarius, the conjunction occurred at Capricorn 6°. It is evident that the great conjunction Jupiter Saturn follows the Jupiter/Saturn 2/12 position crossing Gandantha points.

Rahu and Ketu's Involvement

Rahu and Ketu association with Saturn is evident in all the three charts. Rahu/Ketu association astrologically is not desirable, they tend to cause suffering, miseries which are karmic bound and rarely can be overcome unless through divine intervention. Athi Varadhar appearance after forty years can be considered as a blessing to reduce the evils attributed to Rahu and Ketu. As Rahu/Ketu in fiery signs spiritual rituals, puja and yagna are done during 48 days of puja which will reduce the bad elements of Rahu/Ketu conjunction with Saturn.

Mercury's Aspect of Jupiter

Both Mahavishnu and Saraswathi are related to Budha graha or Mercury. According Parasara, Budha depicts Vishnu, even Athi Varadar represents Perumal, another name for Vishnu. Based on the story narrated; "According to legend, Goddess Saraswathi had a misunderstanding with her husband Brahma and in a fit of anger took away his divine wand to retrieve which he performed the Aswamedha yagna in the Athi forest (Fig forest), now Kanchipuram. Aided by the Asuras, the demons, Sarawati runs as the Vegavathi river and tries to interrupt the Yagna, when Vishnu emerges from the holy fire as Athivaradhar. Saraswati is pacified and the yagna continues. Viswakarma carves out a body for Athivaradar using a fig tree and He then agrees to stay in Kanchipuram atop the Elephant Hill.

In the three charts. 1939, Mercury posited in the sign of Cancer, 5th aspect Jupiter falls on Mercury. Mars 7th aspect falls on Mercury. Mars is the lord of the house occupied by Saturn on 12/7/1939. On 2/7/1979, Mercury beautifully in association with exalted Jupiter, a parivarthana Moon and Mercury occurs. On 1/7/2019, Mercury in Cancer gets 9th aspect of Jupiter. In all charts, Mercury which represents Vishnu and Saraswathi are well fortified.

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if they can put in dedicated efforts. Some major decisions that you take will help you move ahead in career. It is however important that you seek expert advice on critical issues. There can be some pinpricks from the authorities, and it will not affect you if you are well prepared. A new position or responsibility is likely for some of you. You might have to keep a low profile to avoid controversies. Your persuasive trait can work to your advantage. Business professionals will have to put in extra efforts to get their objectives fulfilled. There might be a need to travel often. Financial activities must be done with extra care. Financial planning will be essential as expenses can put you out of gear. Health will need attention and it is best that you resort to preventive medication. You might find yourself secluded due to fear and anxiety. There can be situations of grief and displeasure that you may face. You will get the support of your family to overcome issues that may surface occasionally. It is important that you devote much time to keep a positive outlook. If inclined, you may find solace in spiritual practices like meditation. It is best that you

take a subdued response to situations and avoid any altercation. Students should work hard to keep their focus only on studies. A pitfall is likely if efforts are not multiplied.

Poorvabhadrapada 4: There can be limited happiness. There will be improvement of health and welfare. Efficiency and skill at work will manifest. You will meet with near success in all your endeavours.

Uttarabhadrapada: Grief and sickness can taunt your progress. It is best that you avoid the association of unscrupulous people. Family disputes are likely. Professionals should pay extra attention on day to day affairs. Keep a positive outlook and avoid negative thoughts.

Revati: There can be happiness. Good intellect will prevail. You may acquire ornaments or securities. Financial progress is possible. There can be professional success and gains in business.

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Venus within Sun

In all the three charts, Venus is approximately 12°-15° distance from the Sun. However in the two charts, the distance is about 15°.



2059+40=2099, 2099+40=2139.

The 40 years cycle is a celestial phenomenon. Far more interesting is the sequence of 40 years addition is a mystical formula, it has relevance to Hanuman chalisa mantra which consists of forty verses. It solves grave problems; including those concerning evil spirits Hence Athi Varadar appearance after forty years is a global blessing.

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Conclusion

The secret of number 9 in the four digits of the 40 year cycle is a divine secret.

1939+40=1979, 1979+40=2019, 2019+40=2059,