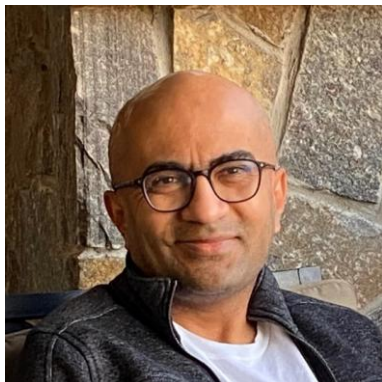


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Sherlock of the Skies gets enamored by Deepika Padukone

Hiya, everyone. I am back. It's me, your favorite spook from across the pond, Sherlock of the Skies. The last time we met we worked out the most likely ascendant for my dear mate Ed Sheeran. This time around I am hoping we can do the same for the ravishing, charming, enchanting and oh so gorgeous Bollywood siren, Ms. Deepika Padukone.

The fact that her birth time isn't known just adds to her enigmatic personality. Since it worked out well for us last time, we will use the same deduction toolkit that we put together for the Sheeran case. For those of you that might have missed that adventure, here's a recap:

Tool #1

The trusted magnifying glass i.e. the Lagna and Lagneśa, more specifically any Grahas placed in the Lagna, their strengths and their associations with other Grahas, along with the strength, placement and Graha associations of the Lagneśa. Rationale being, nothing noteworthy, let alone remarkable, can happen without a strong Lagna and Lagneśa. Period. The Lagna and Lagneśa are the primary beacons of the inherent potential that destiny has bestowed on the native to become a "somebody" during their lifetime.

For sake of completeness, a Graha is strong when exalted, in its own sign and/or retrograde, and/or with Digbala. A Graha is considered weak when debilitated, combust, or in planetary war. In all other conditions it is considered ordinary i.e. neither strong nor weak.

A Graha is considered unfavorably placed when in the 3rd, 6th, 8th or 12th Bhāvas. All other Bhāva placements are favorable.

Tool #2

Bhāvas and Bhāveśas that govern the skills and competencies needed to be successful in a particular field and their association with the Lagna/Lagneśa and/or the 10th Bhāva and Bhāveśa. The Lagna/Lagneśa signify the innate aptitude that the individual is born with and the 10th Bhāva/Bhāveśa indicate the most likely interface/framework that the individual is destined to use when interacting with the outside world.

Tool #3

Next in line, but in no way less powerful, are the Graha Yogas. A sprinkling of a few juicy Graha Yogas, especially Rāja and Dhana Yogas, and presto, you have a chart with nitro booster(s) that will more likely than not fire during the Daśā periods of the Grahas forming those Yogas, in turn launching the native into the stratospheric levels of fame and fortune.

The Clues

Now, with that out of the way, let's look at clues from Ms. Padukone's life so far, that we can use for unriddling her birth Lagna.

#	Date	Event
1	Feb-86	Family relocates to Bengaluru, India (~11 months after birth)
2	02-Feb-91	Birth of younger sister Anisha Padukone
3	2005	Runway debut at Lakmé Fashion Week for Suneet Varma
4	2005	Wins 'Model of the Year' at Kingfisher Fashion Awards
5	2006	Features in Kingfisher Swimsuit Calendar 2006
6	15-Sep-06	Film debut: Aishwarya (Kannada)
7	09-Nov-07	Om Shanti Om (Hindi debut) opposite Shah Rukh Khan
8	2008	Wins Filmfare Best Female Debut Award for Om Shanti Om
9	15-Feb-14	Onset of depression symptoms (self-reported date)
10	2014	Diagnosed with clinical depression; seeks psychiatric help
11	Apr-18	Named in TIME's 100 Most Influential People in the World
12	14-Nov-18	Marries Ranveer Singh at Lake Como, Italy (Konkani ceremony; Sindhi on 15 Nov)
13	27-Apr-22	Announced as jury member of 75th Cannes Film Festival — first Indian actor on jury
14	Oct-22	Receives TIME100 Impact Award from Time magazine

15	18-Dec-22	Unveils FIFA World Cup Trophy at final (Argentina vs France) in Qatar
16	08-Sep-24	Birth of daughter Dua Padukone Singh
17	19-Apr-26	Announces second pregnancy via Instagram post featuring daughter Dua

First impressions

As mentioned in our last sojourn, making a note of first impressions can go a long way in enabling a cosmic sleuth to decode the mystery efficiently and effectively. Assuming a Virgo Lagna (just a detective's hunch) for starters here's what her chart would look like:

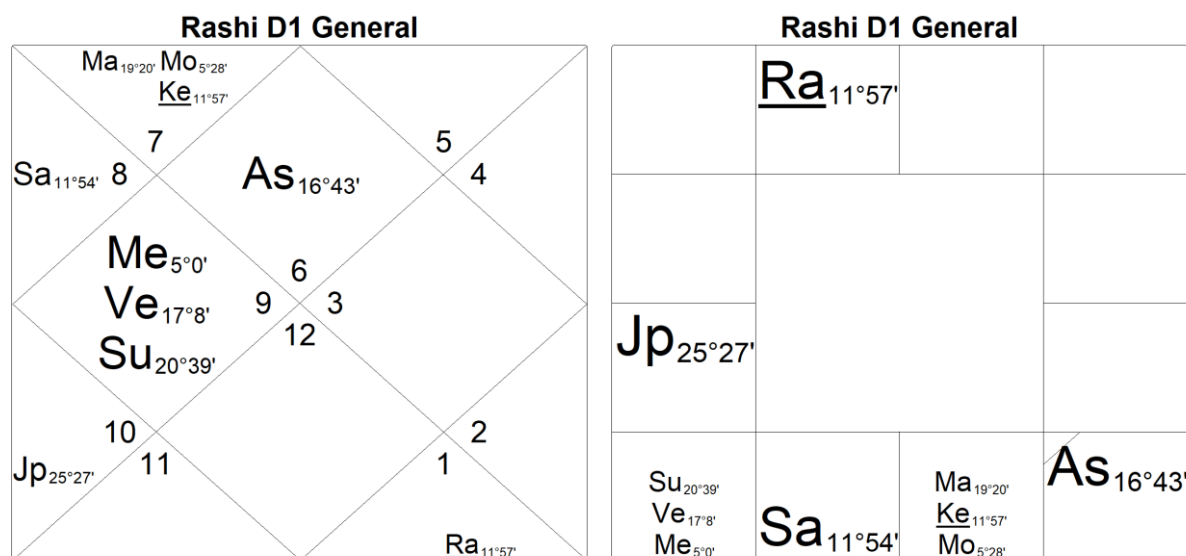
Birth details:

Name: Deepika Padukone

Date: 5-Jan-1986

Place: Copenhagen, Denmark

Time: Not known



So, here's what pops out from her chart at first glance:

1. None of the Grahas have any notable source of strength (as defined in Tool #1).
2. Jupiter is debilitated and Venus is quite combust. So, there go the benefics.
3. The Candra-Maṅgal Yoga definitely stands out.

Lagna and Lagneśa

Time to do the round robin around the Zodiac and make a note of the Lagneśa's position and condition.

For reasons, previously noted, we can rule out the Jupiter and Venus ruled ascendants. The Moon is waning and dark and hence considered weak. So, we can rule out Cancer as well. That leaves us with seven other ascendants whose lords are in ordinary condition.

Now, let's see what our optimized round robin yields.

Time	Lagna	Lagneśa position	Lagneśa condition	Analyze further?
12.00 am	Virgo	Favorable	Ordinary	Yes
2.00 am	Libra	Unfavorable	Combust	No
5.00 am	Scorpio	Unfavorable	Ordinary	No
8.00 am	Sagittarius	Favorable	Debilitated	No
10.00 am	Capricorn	Favorable	Ordinary	Yes
11.00 am	Aquarius	Favorable	Ordinary	Yes
11.30 am	Pisces	Favorable	Debilitated	No
12.00 pm	Aries	Favorable	Ordinary	Yes
1.00 pm	Taurus	Unfavorable	Combust	No
3:00 pm	Gemini	Favorable	Ordinary	Yes
5:00 pm	Cancer	Favorable	Weak	No
8:00 pm	Leo	Favorable	Ordinary	Yes

For Scorpio rising, Mars is placed in the 12th. A Lagna lord in the 12th without any particular strength is highly unlikely to yield a top-notch celebrity. Hence, we can rule that one out as well.

That leaves us with Virgo, Capricorn, Aquarius, Aries, Gemini and Leo as possible contenders. Charts for the remaining rising signs have been provided as Reference towards the end of the article.

Before we move on to the career signatures for a successful actress, her life has a significant clue that can help us reduce the pool of possible rising sign contenders. She was born in Denmark but barring the first 11 months, has lived in India for all her life. That means that her chart should have strong indications of settling abroad. We are therefore looking for,

1. Association between the 4th and 12th houses / lords and / or association between the 1st and 12th houses / lords.
2. Association of the 7th lord / house with the 1st or 4th house / lord can also indicate settlement away from the place of birth (7th being opposite to the 1st which indicates birthplace).

Let's see how our potential candidates fare in this regard.

1. Virgo: 12th lord (Sun) is in the 4th house with the 1st lord Mercury. This makes Virgo a strong candidate.
2. Capricorn: 12th lord (Jupiter) is in the 1st house. 4th lord Mars is with 7th lord Moon. Not as strong but definitely not out of the running.

3. Aquarius: 1st lord is the 12th lord and aspects the 4th house. 4th lord Venus is conjunct with 7th lord Sun. Strong possibility.
4. Aries: 12th lord (Jupiter) aspects 4th house. 1st lord (Mars) and 4th lord (Moon) are in the 7th house. Second rung candidate, one would say.
5. Gemini: 1st and 4th lord Mercury is in the 7th with 12th lord Venus. Another strong candidate, I'd say.
6. Leo: 12th lord Moon is with 4th lord Mars in the 3rd house (12th from the 4th). This one would be a bit of a long shot.

Well, that didn't quite help us as much as I'd hoped. Most of the ascendants in varying magnitude signify the home away from home. That said, we can eliminate Leo as the bottom of the barrel contender for it is the only one that only has the 4th in play whereas the others have both the 1st and 4th in play.

Career

Let's now evaluate the remaining five rising signs for signatures of a career in show business.

1. Virgo: The 1st and 10th lord Mercury are conjunct Venus, the Kāraka for the performing arts with all of them aspecting the 10th. No 3rd lord in play here. 10th lord is well placed in 4th with 9th lord Venus, with a mild blemish from the 12th lord Sun. The 12th lord does come in handy when we consider the fact that just like her residence, her career has also all been away from her place of birth as well.
2. Capricorn: The 3rd lord Jupiter is in the Ascendant. Granted it is debilitated but there is strong cancelation. The 10th lord Venus is in the 12th with 6th and 8th lord Mercury and Sun. The placement of the 10th in the 12th would indicate a career in foreign lands but the presence of the 6th and 8th lord would indicate struggle which she doesn't seem to have had much of. Albeit she has had her fair share of hits and flops that the 8th lord can be held accountable for.
3. Aquarius: 3rd and 10th lord (Mars) is with the Moon (kāraka for Manas) but not associated in any way with the 1st lord Saturn or the 1st house. The 10th lord is in the auspicious 9th but that also makes it 12th from its own house along with 6th lord Moon. This one is a mixed bag.
4. Aries: 3rd lord Mercury is not associated with 1st lord (Mars) and / or 10th lord (Saturn). The 10th lord goes to the 8th. We can therefore probably take this one out before the next round.
5. Gemini: 1st (Mercury) and 3rd (Leo) are conjunct in the 7th aspecting the 1st house. The 10th lord and 7th (10th from 10th) lord is debilitated and in a Dusthāna albeit with strong cancellation. Hence, this one has some potential. We'll let this one scrape by to the next round.

So, then there were four, Virgo, Capricorn, Aquarius and Gemini.

Step 2: Matching up key life events

As a next step we can use key life events to further narrow down potential Lagnas. Even though we have details on quite a few significant life events from her life, in the interest of brevity we are going to just consider the following for now:

- Married Ranveer Singh on 14th Nov 2018.
- Gives birth to daughter Dua on 8th Sept 2024.
- Announces a second pregnancy on 19th Apr 2026.

Marriage is a potential event when the Daśā and/or Bhukti lord,

- Own the 7th Bhāva,
- Are placed in the 7th Bhāva,
- Are associated (via conjunction, mutual aspect or sign exchange) with the 7th Bhāveśā
- Aspect the 7th Bhāva,
- Are linked to Naisargika Kāraka (natural significator) for marriage i.e. Venus

That said, let's examine our top four contenders to see how they fare in terms of the respective Daśā-Bhukti lord being indicative of Deepika tying the knot in November. The table below summarizes the findings.

Ascendant	Daśā-Bhukti	Owens 7 th	Occupies 7 th	Linked with 7 th Lord	Aspects the 7 th	Karaka?
Virgo	Ju-Ra	Yes	No	No	No	No
Capricorn	Sa-Me	No	No	No	No	Yes
Aquarius	Sa-Me	No	No	No	Yes	No
Gemini	Sa-Ve	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

A similar analysis can be applied to the birth of her first daughter Dua (Sept 2024):

Ascendant	Dasha-Bhukti	Owens 5 th	Occupies 5 th	Linked with 5 th lord	Aspects the 5 th	Karaka?
Virgo	Sa-Me	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Capricorn	Sa-Mo	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Aquarius	Sa-Mo	No	No	No	No	Yes
Gemini	Sa-Ra	No	No	No	Yes	No

Likewise, the second pregnancy (announced in April '26) and childbirth sometime in 2026.

Ascendant	Dasha-Bhukti	Owens 5 th	Occupies 5 th	Linked with 5 th lord	Aspects the 5 th	Karaka?
Virgo	Sa-Ke	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Capricorn	Sa-Ma	No	No	No	Yes (both)	No
Aquarius	Sa-Ma	No	No	No	No	Yes
Gemini	Sa-Ju	No	No	No	No	Yes (both)

Given that Ms. Padukone has been known to have been involved in pretty serious relationships prior to her finally settling down, it would behoove us to tone down the weightage we give to the relationships table and correspondingly bump up the importance we give to the pregnancy and childbirth ones.

Looking at the tabulations,

1. Aquarius ends up with the maximum number of negatives. Hence, can be eliminated.
2. Virgo on the other hands ends up with the maximum number of positives and hence becomes the top contender.
3. Capricorn and Gemini both end up as equals in the childbirth ones but Gemini comes out shining in the relationships one. So, let's say Gemini knocks out Capricorn.

That leaves us with the two Mercury ruled ascendants. Virgo and Gemini.

Other life events

For the tie breaker, let's use one more significant life event, the birth of her younger sister on 2nd Feb 1991.

From a static potential standpoint, Gemini stands out with the 3rd lord (younger sibling) well placed in the 7th house conjunct two benefics (one of which is the Lagneśa) and no malefic aspect. Virgo on the hand has Saturn placed in the 3rd with the 3rd lord Mars placed 12th from the 3rd house under the influence of the RKA.

From a timing perspective, both charts do show potential. With Gemini, Deepika would have been running Ra-Su making the 3rd lord the Bhukti lord. With Virgo, she would have been running Ra-Ju with the Daśā Lord Rāhu giving the results of the 3rd lord Mars by way of Mars being on the Rahu Ketu axis.

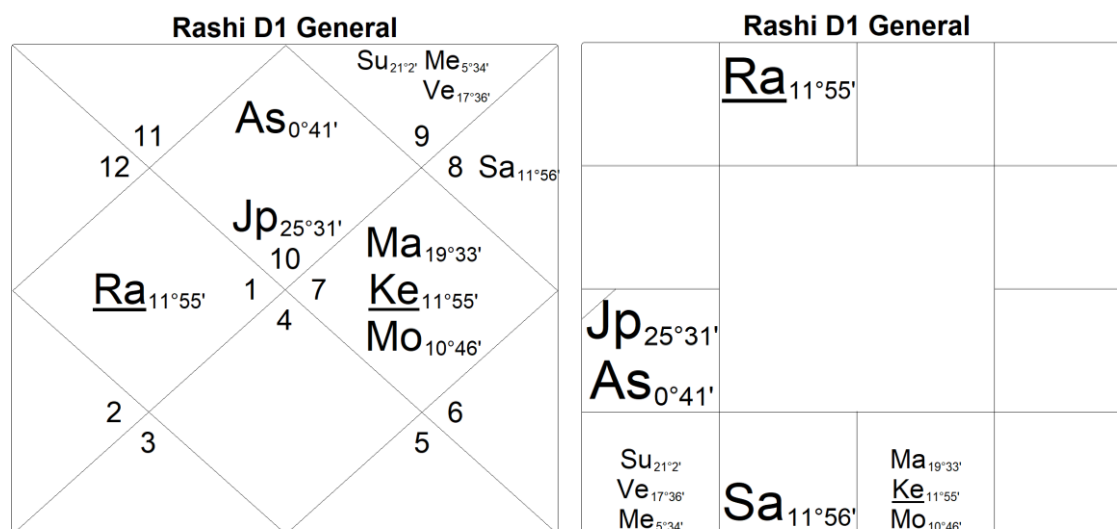
Conclusion

The tie breaker was close from a timing perspective but the static potential for a younger sibling is what tilts the scale in favor of Gemini. Hence, Gemini wins this one.

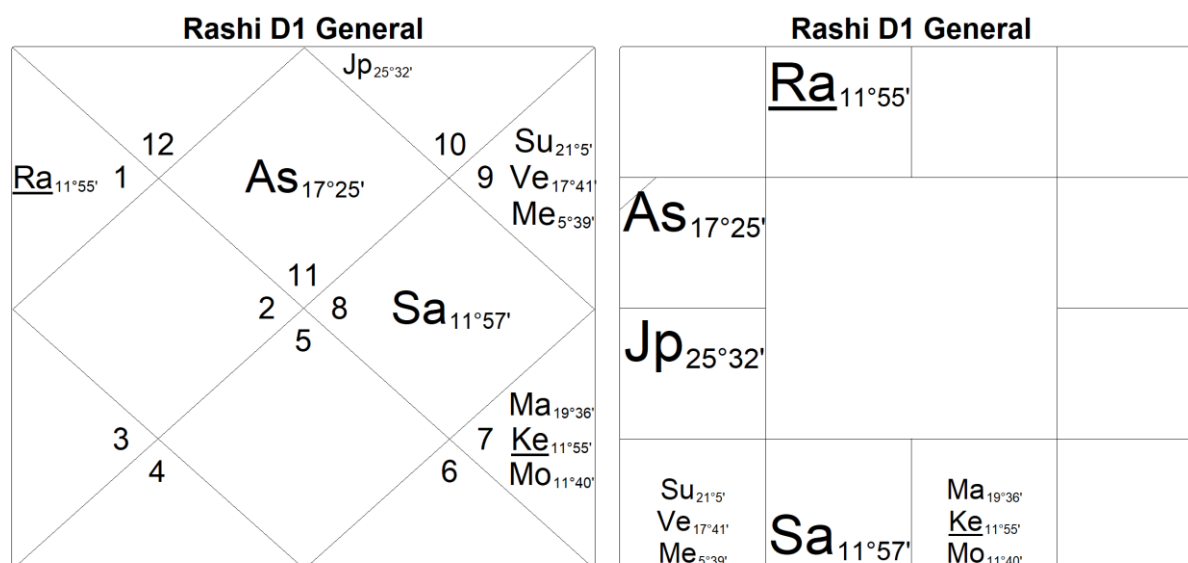
That said, there is always more to mysteries than meets the eye. Our quick and dirty deduction by elimination is merely a starting point. A deep and thorough evaluation of each of the ascendants with each of the life events is strongly recommended before declaring a winner with absolute certainty. That said, the intent here was to spark the curiosity in all you celestial spooks out there and if that did indeed happen then my job here is done. Until next time. Bye-Bye from your favorite spook. Sherlock of the skies.

Reference charts

Capricorn

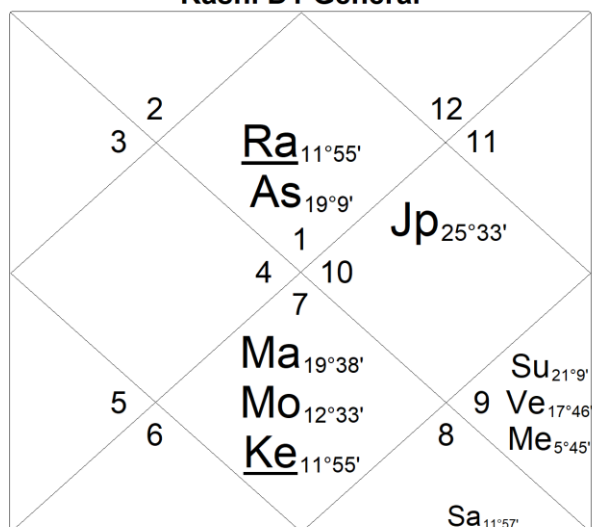


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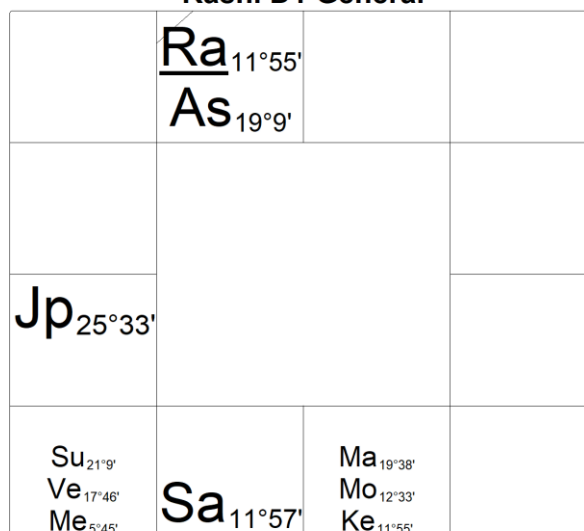


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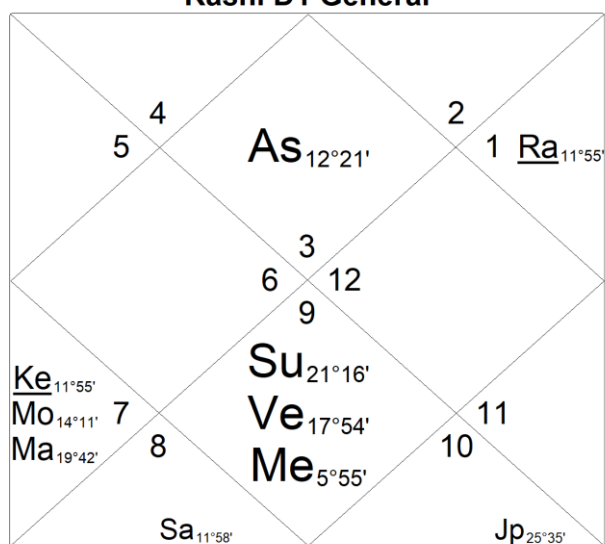


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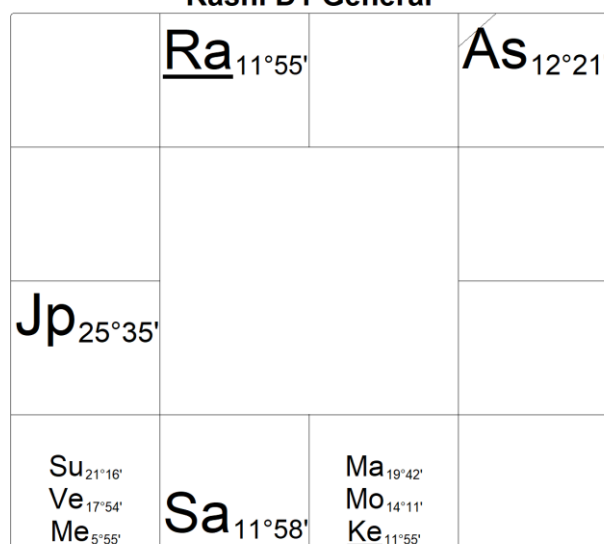


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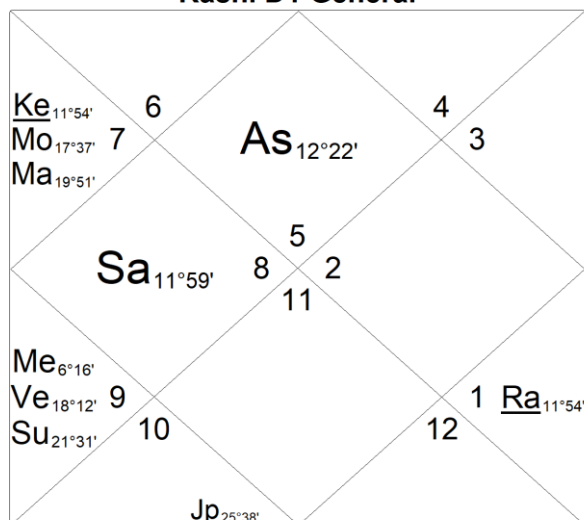


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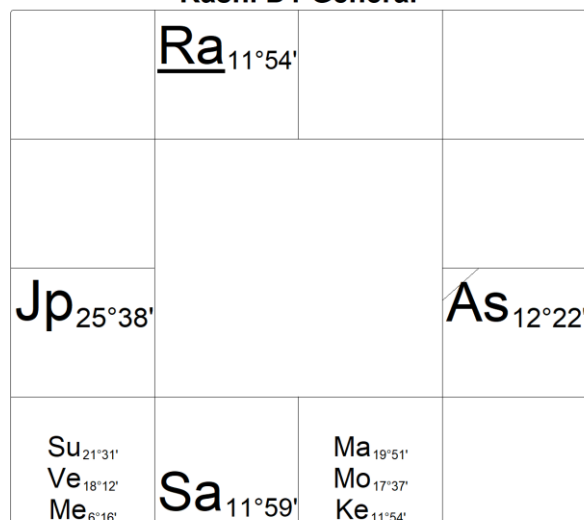


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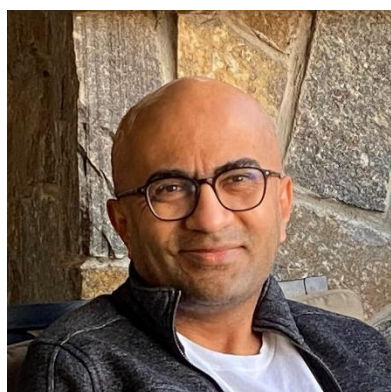
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