

# SIMHASANA YOGA

Simhasana yoga addresses one of the very popular planetary combinations. 'Simha' is a Sanskrit name for a lion and with that it symbolises high status just like a lion has between other animals; and 'asana' means position or posture. Effects of this yoga are a very high status in life and person is recognized as leader in his community. But, simhāsana can also address planet placed in certain strength in five divisional charts or Vaiseshikamsha (2) or it can also indicate planet which is placed in the navamsha which is the 10<sup>th</sup> house in rashi chart (3). In this article we will deal with first interpretation of given yoga whose strong base for the same can be found in the monumental work of sage Parashara or `Brihat Parashara Hora Shastra`:

लग्नेशे राज्यभावस्थे राज्येशे लग्नसंस्थिते ।

प्रबलो राजसम्बन्धयोगोऽयं परिकीर्तितः ॥ १३ ॥

lagneśe rājyabhāvasthe rājyeśe lagnasamsthite ।

prabalo rajasambandhayogo'yaṁ parikīrtitaḥ ॥ 13॥

*lagneśe: lagna lord; rājyabhāvasthe: placed in 10<sup>th</sup> house; rājyeśe: 10<sup>th</sup> lord; lagnasamsthite: placed in lagna; |  
prabalo: with strength; rajasambandhayogo'yaṁ: raja sambandha is granted; parikīrtitaḥ: is proclaimed, announced, famous for. ॥ 13॥*

Translation: If the Ascendant Lord is situated in the 10<sup>th</sup> House and 10<sup>th</sup> Lord in the Ascendant with strength, this yoga has been spoken of as a combination for royal association.

It is important to know the background or reason which causes the mentioned results. Firstly, why does the 10<sup>th</sup> house hold such importance and power as indicated by Parashara?

Answer: 10<sup>th</sup> house is the strongest bhava in Kalapurusha and it is the one which represents power, status, government and leaders. It is the seat of Indra or deity which controls our senses (ten indriyas) and the real raja yoga is achieved once when a person has all his senses under control. It is one of the houses in the chart which represents throne next to Lagna and 5<sup>th</sup> house and still it is considered stronger between them, and after Lagna, the most important house.

## HOUSES INDICATING THRONE:

- i) Lagna represents self, name, fame, reputation and status;
- ii) 5<sup>th</sup> house rules authority and power one enjoy due to ones Purva punya;
- iii) 10<sup>th</sup> house is place of power and status. 10<sup>th</sup> house in reality is mid-haven and time period when Sun is the strongest (karakas for rulers, government and status). This house is place where Sun (king in planetary kingdom) and Mars (chief commander) are having there full dig bala or directional strength.

To this, `Jataka Parijata` adds

कीर्तिस्थानपतौ विलग्नभवने जातः स्वयं कीर्तिमान्

वित्तस्थे तु विशेषकीर्तिसहितः स्वोच्चादिवर्गान्विते ।

kīrtisthānapatau vilagnabhavane jātaḥ svayaṁ kīrtimān  
vittasthe tu viśeṣakīrtisahitaḥ svocchādivargānvite ।

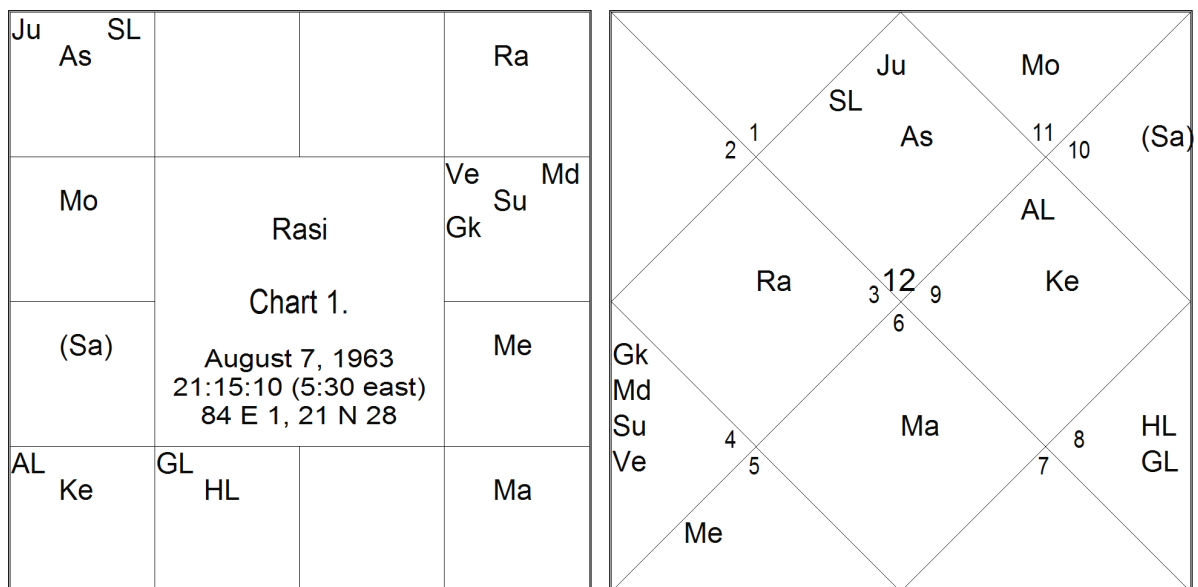
*kīrtishānapatau: tenth lord, lord of fame house; vilagnabhavane: placed in the Lagna bhāva, placed in vilagna bhāva; jātaḥ: the person born; svayaṁ: self, themselves; kīrtimān: praiseworthy, famous, well known; vittasthe: placed in second house, in the house of money, wealth, good; tu: do, now, then; viśeṣa: special, specific; kīrti: fame, praise; sahitaḥ: experienced, accompanied; svocādivargānvite: endowed with exalted etc. divisions;*

Translation: 10<sup>th</sup> lord placed in Lagna will give fame to person; whilst if the same planet is placed in 2<sup>nd</sup> house and in exalted, etc, vargas, he will have remarkable celebrity<sup>1</sup>.

Whilst this is the main definition of yoga, it is believed that the 2<sup>nd</sup> lord in 10<sup>th</sup> house can produce very similar results. Also, given variations do make difference in effects, and it will be dealt later on together with examples.

- I. Having this in mind, let us go back to the definition of the yoga. Lord of 10<sup>th</sup> house placed in Lagna or 2<sup>nd</sup> house cause Simhasana yoga or high position in community. Placement of 10<sup>th</sup> lord is crucial here and by his placement in Ascendant it brings the power and high status to the person through karakas for the 10<sup>th</sup> house, or in other words, person himself will enjoy fruits of the same.

Example 1:



<b>As:</b> 14 Pi 12	<b>Su:</b> 21 Cn 05 (BK)	<b>Mo:</b> 19 Aq 59 (MK)	<b>Ma:</b> 13 Vi 41 (PK)
<b>Me:</b> 13 Le 23 (GK)	<b>Ju:</b> 26 Pi 08 (AmK)	<b>Ve:</b> 14 Cn 56 (PiK)	<b>Sa (R):</b> 26 Cp 50 (AK)
<b>Ra:</b> 25 Ge 46 (DK)	<b>Ke:</b> 25 Sg 46	<b>HL:</b> 13 Sc 33	<b>GL:</b> 3 Sc 12

In the given chart we can recognize Simhasana yoga with presence of 10<sup>th</sup> lord on Lagna, Jupiter. This yoga is promising a high status and leadership in person's community. Being that the 10<sup>th</sup> lord is in the same time lagna lord Jupiter forming Hamsa Mahapurusha yoga and with full dig bala, this person is a founder, teacher and head of an organization which teaches Vedic knowledge. The fact that 10<sup>th</sup> lord is on lagna this person himself is a founder and head of organization and his fame and status is self made.

Example 2.

Md	(Ma)		Ra Mo
Gk	Rasi		
Ju	Sri Satya Sai Baba		
	November 23, 1926 6:23:00 (5:30 east) 77 E 45, 14 N 15		
Ke	Su Sa (Me) HL As GL Ve	SL	AL

	Ke	Su	SL
Ju	10 <sup>9</sup>	(Me) Sa Ve GL As HL	7 <sup>6</sup> AL
		Gk	11 <sup>8</sup> 5 <sup>2</sup>
Md	12 <sup>1</sup>		3 <sup>4</sup>
	(Ma)		Mo Ra

As: 6 Sc 20      Su: 7 Sc 09 (GK)      Mo: 19 Ge 07 (AmK)      Ma (R): 13 Ar 02 (PiK)  
 Me (R): 14 Sc 00 (BK)      Ju: 27 Cp 01 (AK)      Ve: 7 Sc 32 (PK)      Sa: 6 Sc 00 (DK)  
 Ra: 16 Ge 12 (MK)      Ke: 16 Sg 12      HL: 7 Sc 12      GL: 7 Sc 15

Sri Satya Sai Baba also has a simhāsana yoga caused by 10<sup>th</sup> lord on Lagna. And once again person himself started the organization. Having in mind conjunction with 10th lord, this is also part of Pravraja yoga on lagna and person started to attract followers after the intense spiritual experiences.

- II. 10<sup>th</sup> lord placed in 2<sup>nd</sup> house and vice versa is other variation of the same yoga, and this time it indicates the leadership which person will undergo because of his followers/group or in another words, person can be lieder in his community. Whilst in first case person himself will be lieder because of his abilities, intelligence or accomplishments, second case indicates more situations where person gets fame and popularity due to his followers, party, spiritual group, etc.



Example 4.

		Ra (Sa)	
	Rasi		SL As
HL Ve	Sri Sarada Devi December 22, 1853 19:15:00 (5:30 east) 87 E 7, 23 N 14		Ma GL Mo
Ju Su	Ke Me	Gk Md	AL

	Ma	GL		
AL	Mo	SL		
6	5	As	3	2 (Sa) Ra
	Gk			
	Md	7	4	1
			10	HL
Me				Ve
Ke	8			12
	9			11
	Su	Ju		

As: 9 Cn 18      Su: 8 Sg 54 (GK)      Mo: 27 Le 02 (AK)      Ma: 21 Le 48 (BK)  
 Me: 16 Sc 56 (MK)      Ju: 12 Sg 54 (PIK)      Ve: 26 Cp 07 (AmK)      Sa (R): 4 Ta 08 (DK)  
 Ra: 17 Ta 31 (PK)      Ke: 17 Sc 31      HL: 6 Cp 05      GL: 17 Le 41

Sri Sarada Devi is an inspiration, living example and a guru today, just like she was during her life (1853-1920). Once Sri Ramakrishna, her husband and Master predicted for her: “many will call you mother.” It is suffice to say how accurate that prediction was and having in mind that Mother was born with Cancer ascendant motherhood for society was her true nature. Today, Sri Sarada Devi is celebrated and worshiped which laid the ground for Sri Sarada Math one of the most respected Maths in India. And once again Pravrajya yoga was the way to the throne (Moon placed in 12<sup>th</sup> from Āruḍha Lagna) showing that leadership will be that of a spiritual organization, and being that Moon is also Lagna lord, this organization carries Her own name.

This yoga, as we can see, gives a fame and leadership in different areas of life. There are numerous examples of politicians like George Jr. Bush, Indira Ghandi, Slobodan Milosevic, Vladimir Putin, Queen Elisabeth, etc. who were the head of a country. But there are also spiritual leaders like Swami Vivekananda, Sri Sarada Maa, Osho Rajnesh, Sri Satya Sai Baba, well known and worshiped as Gurus; as well as other examples of leaders of parties, companies, organisations, etc.

But mere presence of simhāsana yoga in someone’s chart may not guaranty presented effects in case when it is devoid of strength (as stated by sage Parashara) just as examining the same yoga from the Aruda Lagna should not be neglected in predicting the effect of this planetary combination.

<sup>i</sup> `Jataka Parijata`, Sloka 18, Adyaya XI.