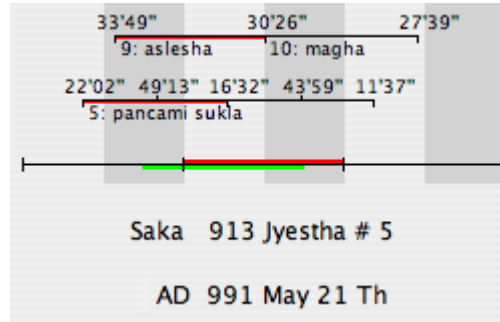


"Day 5 waxing" plus [10:] *maghā* offers a control over the reading of the problematic month number, in the sense that with some fluctuation the nakṣatra will reach to number 10 by 5 waxing only in the months of jyeṣṭha-āṣāḍha. In śaka 913 the constraint was satisfied in jyeṣṭha, on a Thursday as required:



It can be deduced from Zhou Daguan's account of the Khmer system (which assigns number 1 to kārttika) that the numeral answering to jyeṣṭha would be 8 (Finot's tentative reading of it). No Khmer inscription actually uses a numeral for the lunar month and this indication of their use in Champa is rare and valuable. The numeral used by C.142D (?ca. ś. 831) is not open to verification.