

**3.Nakshatra:**



**श्लोकः**

विद्या नाम नरस्य रूपमधिकं प्रच्छन्नगुप्तं धनं  
विद्या भोगकरी पराः सुखकरी विद्या गुरुणां गुरुः ।  
विद्या बन्धुजनो विदेशगमने विद्या परा देवता  
विद्या राजसुं धुज्यते न तु धने विद्याविहीनः पशुः ॥

With Acharyas' Krupa and Lord Lakshmi Narasimhan's Anugraham and Lord Lakshmi Hayvadana Perumal's Krtm, this article about Panchanga is written by me (K.V. Krishnan) with the blessings of my Guru Sri. Dr. N.V.R.A Raja (**Astrology Jyotisha Kesari and Astana Vidhwan-Ahobila Mutt**) and his father **Poojya Sri. N.V. Raghava Chary Garu**, the Meena-2 Siddhantha Stapakar.

Our main aim in this article is, to introduce the concepts of Panchanga which is a part of Sanatana Dharma and Calendar in this Land for millions of years. Even before invaders' times Panchanga was practiced by all of us in our day to day works.

**We saw below, in Article1,2 Panca-Butas, these Panca-Angas are ruled by:**

<b>Panca-Anga:</b>	<b>Panca-Butas</b>
Vara	Agni
Titi	Jala
Nakshatra	Vayu
Yoga	Akasa
Karana	Prutvi (Earth)

Thus, two principal elements fire and water rules Vara and Titi.

In this article we introduce, the Nakshatra.

Refer (Brahm Nakshatra and You tube Panchanga by Sri. Sanjay Rath):

**What does Nakshatra mean? Naks+ kshetra-(क्षेत्र) Nakshatra means a** Lunar Mansion, in Vedic Astrology and refers to shining objects including Sun and Star as per Sanskrit Etymology. It means to come near or arrive at a field or place. This refers to the periods of contact between Moon and his twenty-seven Nakshatra wives of **Moon God**.

Also, we learn this Nakshatra could be derived from Nak+ Ksa+ tra. **Nak** is night, **Ksa** is destruction and **tra** is Protection. i.e., Protection during the night of Destruction. This is based on roots for Mantra which is protecting the mind-the Manas.

°Nakshatra also means, night division of the sky and since **Moon** is the Lord of the **night**, it would be the Lord of the night sky division called Nakshatra (in the night). Therefore, a 27 mansion Zodiac each 13° 20' is created with Nakshatra. It is to be known here that **day**, over Lord is **Sun** and it rules the **Rasi Cakra**. Hora Sastra would be study of both Day and Night divisions. That is why, **Hora** is derived from **Aho- Ratra**, Day-Night referring to Rasi and Nakshatra, **the Sun and Moon**.