

# "Mangalore Air-Crash and the Navami Factor"

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## Ill-fated Flight

PEOPLE in India who switched on their television sets on Saturday morning (May 22, 2010) were in for a rude shock. All channels had started beaming news about the air disaster at Mangalore, which incidentally is the first fatal air crash in the last decade and the third worst tragedy in India's aviation history, killing 158 of the 166 passengers who travelled on the ill-fated Air India Express IX -812 on its journey from Dubai to Mangalore. In this article, we will take a look at this event from an astrological angle as also some of the precautions needed to be taken to avert such disasters in future.

## Time of Accident

The Air Traffic controllers cleared the plane for landing at 6.10 am on May 22, 2010 at Mangalore's Bajpe airport. How were the planets placed at that particular moment?

**Clearance for Landing:** May 22, 2010 6h. 10m. at 12 N 55, 74 E 49.

JUP 03-40	MERC 12-25	SUN 6-50 ASCDI 7-22	VEN 8-22 KETU 18-45
Rasi		MARS 27-51	
		MOON 20-34	
RAHU 18-45		SAT(R) 3-53	

  

SUN ASCDI			
MARS KETU			
SAT(R)	Navamsa		MERC
			JUP
VEN		MOON	RAHU

Taurus rises on the Ascendant with the Sun in it. Venus gets afflicted with Ketu in the 2nd

house. Mars in the 3rd, Moon in the 4th, Saturn in the 5th, Rahu in the 8th, Jupiter in the 11th and Mercury in 12th constitute the full picture. The running Dasa and Bhukti are of Venus and Jupiter respectively. The Antaras were of Saturn, Rahu and Venus. What are the weaknesses of this chart?

The planets for air travel are Mercury and Saturn, while the signs are the airy Gemini, Libra and Aquarius. The 3rd house governs journeys:

i) The airy sign of Gemini is afflicted by the Venus-Ketu conjunction aspected by Saturn. Libra and Aquarius come under the harmful aspect of a debilitated Mars.

ii) Gemini sign, owned by Mercury, specifically is very crucial for air travel. Here the 3rd house from Mercury falls in Gemini which is afflicted.

iii) The 3rd house is heavily afflicted by debilitated Mars, aggravated by the aspect of



8th lord Jupiter. The 3rd from the Moon is also afflicted by the aspect of debilitated Mars. The Moon, a major factor to reckon with in air accidents, is heavily afflicted by a Papakartari Yoga, being caught between Mars and Saturn.

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iv) According to Parasara, the 3rd from the 3rd is also important for judgement of the 3rd Bhava, meaning we need to investigate the 5th house to know about the 3rd house matters. The 5th lord is in the 12th while from the Moon, not only Rahu vitiates the 5th but also the 5th lord is in the 8th.

v) Finally, if Navamsa Ascendant is strong, it indicates success in all ventures. Here, the Navamsa Ascendant is afflicted by three malefics, Sun, Mars and Ketu. The Navamsa Ascendant lord Jupiter is in the adverse 6th in an exchange of signs with 6th lord Sun.

So, it is very clear, that there is not even a single ray of hope for any saving grace in this astrological chart.

### Muhurta Angle

i) No journey should be undertaken in the three Nakshatras whose names have the prefix "Poorva" – that is, Poorvaphalguni, Poorvashada and Poorvabhadrapada. In Kerala, these three stars together are termed as *Mupooram* and belong to a prohibited category of Nakshatras, especially for travel.

ii) The Tithi running was Navami. This is not a new concept even as any tyro in astrology would know that Ashtami and Navami are taboo for almost everything and more especially, for travel.

iii) The week day of the tragedy was Saturday ruled by Saturn, who denotes "grief" (Dukha Karaka).

### Panchaka

This is a very important concept in Muhurta. When a Muhurta is selected, four factors Tithi, weekday, Nakshatra and the Ascendant sign are merged. How does one assess the combined impact of all the four considered together? Here comes the role of Panchaka – a unique way of deciding the combined impact of all the four factors.

Adding the Ascendant sign, Taurus – 2nd sign (2), Tithi – Navami – (9), Weekday – Saturday – (7) and Nakshatra – Poorvaphalguni – (11), the total is 29. Dividing the sum by 9, a quotient of 3 and a remainder 2 is obtained. The remainder denotes Agni Panchaka which stands for fire-accidents — exactly the cause of death of the passengers aboard the aircraft.

### Dasa and Bhuktis

The *Table* shows how the Dasa lord as well as Bhukti lord and how the Antara, Sookshma and Prana lords are placed at this accident.

Lord of Period	Planet	Position	Maraka
Dasa	Venus	2 <sup>nd</sup> from the Ascendant	Maraka
Bhukti	Jupiter	8 <sup>th</sup> from the Moon aspected by Saturn	Maraka
Anthara	Saturn	2 <sup>nd</sup> from the Moon	Maraka
Sookshma	Rahu	8 <sup>th</sup> from the Ascendant aspected by Venus	Maraka
Prana	Venus	2 <sup>nd</sup> from the Ascendant	Maraka

The entire ruling spectrum of planets has Maraka attributes.



### Vara Soola and Kala Hora

I will briefly touch upon two other points relevant to this discussion. One should not travel east or south-east on a Saturday. If necessary, one may travel after 8 Ghatikas (192 minutes or 3 hours, 12 minutes) after sunrise on a Saturday. In this accident, the final landing coincides with the period prohibited for travel. Further Mangalore is exactly south-east of Dubai, a prohibited direction for travel on this weekday. The first hour after sunrise on Saturday belongs to Saturn and so the Kala Hora lord is also inauspicious.

### Annual Chart

The events of a year are clearly predicted in advance using the annual solar chart for each year. The 3rd house falls in Gemini and is occupied by Ketu and aspected by Saturn.

**Solar Ingress into Aries:** April 14, 2010 at 6h. 57m. at Delhi.

SUN 24-37	MERC 17-44 ASC DT 18-15 VEN 22-22	KETU 21-39	SUN	KETU	JUP
MOON 24-37			MOON SAT(R)	Navamsa	
JUP 26-11	Rasi	MARS 12-20			
RAHU 21-39		SAT(R) 5-33	RAHU MARS VEN	MERC ASC DT	

The adverse air crash was well anticipated by the Editor Mrs Gayatri Devi Vasudev, months in advance based on the lunar new year chart when she wrote :

*The 3rd house also rules the media, roadways, posts and telegraphs, airways and satellite communications , .... But Mars aspects the 3rd and its occupant adversely. The media may indulge in highly insensitive reporting. At least two top media names can come under flak. Airways may turn competitive making air travel more popular. But the adverse aspect of Mars cannot be wished away*

*and can show at least 2 air-disasters in the country. The best way to handle this frightening trend is to plan air travel on dates that are astrologically compatible with one's horoscopic positions. It would also be advisable to avoid journeying by air – aeroplane or choppers – on such dates as those that come under major planetary conjunctions and aspects, eclipses, New Moon days and the 9th and 14th days of the lunar fortnights, both bright and dark. Though these tips are extremely simple they can save families avert many a tragedy. (MODERN ASTROLOGY, January 2010, page 12, 13)*

### Timings

I shall focus next on what needs to be done. Some have described the Mangalore tragedy as a “disaster waiting to happen”. The reason is even a small error on the part of the pilot could have serious repercussions. In an ordinary

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runway, overshooting the mark may not be a serious matter but in Mangalore, the moment the pilot overshoots the runway, the craft would fall into a gorge. The media has been discussing the issue of “tabletop airports” with experienced pilots. Actually it is the passengers who must be questioned on how they would feel, if they knew the concerns of pilots while landing in tabletop airports. In my view, the “risk” is not

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to be judged from the pilot's perspective but from the passenger's. The clearest solution that one can astrologically give is "to make the time of commencement of air travel free of afflictions. To do so would be neither expensive nor cumbersome.

One view which is being confirmed by many western thinkers is based on eastern philosophy "Thoughts create reality". All that happens in the outer world is a sequel to the thought sequence in the inner world, the world of thought. In a way, the Universe is a reflector of thoughts and this is endorsed by many spiritually oriented physicists. So, we need to take care of our thoughts. This theory also is seen in this air disaster. It is said the 25-year old Air India air hostess Ms. Sujatha Survase apparently had a hunch about the impending tragedy and is said to have written in a site, "**I hate goodbyes but I guess it's time**" – according to media reports. In hindsight one is tempted to ask: If she had not penned these words, could she have survived? While it was not possible to ascertain whether Ms. Survase merely wrote what she felt at that time or had a hunch – the fact remains that many theories in quantum physics postulate that thoughts do play a role in deciding the future course of events. • (68.10)

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