

# Martian Sojourn in Leo

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**M**ARS is supposed to be a quick-moving planet. But this statement gets falsified in 2012 with Mars choosing to remain in Leo till June 2012. What the astrological implications of this transit are will be discussed in detail here.

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In an overall sense, Mars stands to benefit from the benign aspect of Jupiter and is also having a healthy sextile equation with Saturn. Please note that Mars in the house of Sun is very powerful

Mars, by occupying Leo, will thereby aspect Scorpio, which is its own house. **So the combined influences of Jupiter, Saturn and Mars will become beneficial to the world at large.**

However trouble emanates from Rahu in Scorpio, aspected by Mars. Throughout this period, Rahu is bereft of benefic influences.

According to India's Independence chart, lagna is Taurus, while the Moon is in Cancer.

The presence of Mars in the 4<sup>th</sup> (in Leo) from natal Taurus Ascendant and Saturn in Ardhashtama (4<sup>th</sup> from natal Moon) does not refer well for agriculture, infrastructure plans as well as real estate. Many parts of India become vulnerable to seismic activity, especially Punjab and Rajasthan.

Fissures tend to develop in UPA and lots of restrictive skills are required for the UPA trouble-shooters to keep the flock together. Rahu being a divisive planet in the 7<sup>th</sup> from the natal Ascendant in Indian Independence chart, afflicted by Martian aspect from Leo, could threaten the unity of coalition at the Centre. According to Varahamihira, "When Mars transits Makha star, prosperity accrues to the country" (vide Brihat Samhita, Chapter 6, Verse 13). In the same context, he says that the transit of Mars over Uttaraphalguni will produce drought.

Stock markets in India tend to boom in the initial phase of Martian transit into Leo, while entry of Mars into Uttaraphalguni could trigger a Bearish phase. Traders could take advantage of these fluctuations and book profits, whenever Share prices go up.

With the State elections to Uttar Pradesh, round the corner, Mayawati could be said to be the front runner in the run-up to the State elections. Her assurance of dividing UP into smaller States could tilt the balance in her favour. The move for partition of Uttar Pradesh into four states is unlikely to happen, before the mid-term polls. However the move could gain momentum, when Mars moves over the Virgo. The division of Uttar Pradesh into smaller States looks to be an astrological possibility, in view of the planetary position prevailing at the time of its formation. (26<sup>th</sup> Jan, 1950 with Libra Ascendant, Midnight).

Further hike in petrol and other petroleum-based products is unlikely. In other words, prices of these commodities could come down, as Saturn transits Libra with Mars in Leo. Please note that Mars rules energy and consequently, a well placed Mars is a boon to the Energy Sector.

The Kudankulam project in Tamil Nadu could face obstacles on the technical front, due to the Martian aspect on Rahu. The net result is that the present electricity crisis in the country will not be solved by the Kudankulam project in the short run.

**Imran Khan's Tehreek -e Insaf** will continue to bolster its support within the country. It could become a formidable political force by 2012, in **Pakistan**.

At the time of formation, Aquarius happens to be the rising sign for **Iran** (1 Feb 1979 at 9AM). The 8<sup>th</sup> house comes under a Papa Kartari Yoga, caused by Mars and Saturn. A pre-emptive attack on the Nuclear installations by hostile neighbours appears to be a possibility unless diplomatic initiatives are taken on an urgent basis. The intervention of countries like China and Russia could further aggravate the crisis looming large over the nation.



### current events

The rising sign at the time of formation of **Syria** in Damascus is Virgo (*Midnight of 1 Jan 1944*). The Lagna comes under a Papa Kartari yoga, due to flanking of adjacent houses by Mars and Saturn. The planetary movements do not augur well for the continuity of Bashar-al- Assad at the helm of affairs.

There is a saying

*"When Wealth is lost, nothing is lost;*

*When Health is lost, something is lost*

*When Character is lost, everything is lost"*

But in the tinsel world, the adage requires modification:-

*"When health is lost, everything is lost".*

For the superstar of the South Indian tinsel world, **Rajinikanth**, the Martian transit is over the 8<sup>th</sup>, though it is beneficially aspected by Jupiter. The actor would do well, to safeguard his health, focus more on the task on hand and avoid over- exposure to public. Free-will can overcome Fate; given the super star's spiritual inclinations, we can at least hope that he will be able to overcome the adverse Martian transit.

This year's **Union Budget** would receive support from all quarters. It would focus mainly on infrastructure, cleansing of black money, liberalized regime, thrust on exports and control of inflation. The

middle class would stand to benefit from this budget. Usually cosmetics and luxury goods are taxed heavily, but this budget would reverse the trend and such items would no longer be treated as "condemnable goods". The Stock market sentiment gets a boost on account of this year's Union Budget.

Government's proposal to allow FDI in retail sector may be a Non- starter for a variety of reasons. Ultimately, this subject would be thrown open for debate, but there will be no consensus amongst political parties for implementation. Consequently FDI would not be allowed in retail sector. However, India's loss-making sectors such as Aviation may be thrown open to Foreign companies to tide over present crisis.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> house rules Aviation sector. An exalted Saturn as Yogakaraka for India's natal chart aspects the 3<sup>rd</sup>. During Martian sojourn in Leo, Mars, as the lord of 7, has a friendly sextile aspect with Saturn. Consequently some kind of funding support will help the Aviation sector to come out of its present financial crunch. Please note that this financial support would emanate from a foreign source. (as Mars is lord of 7).

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