

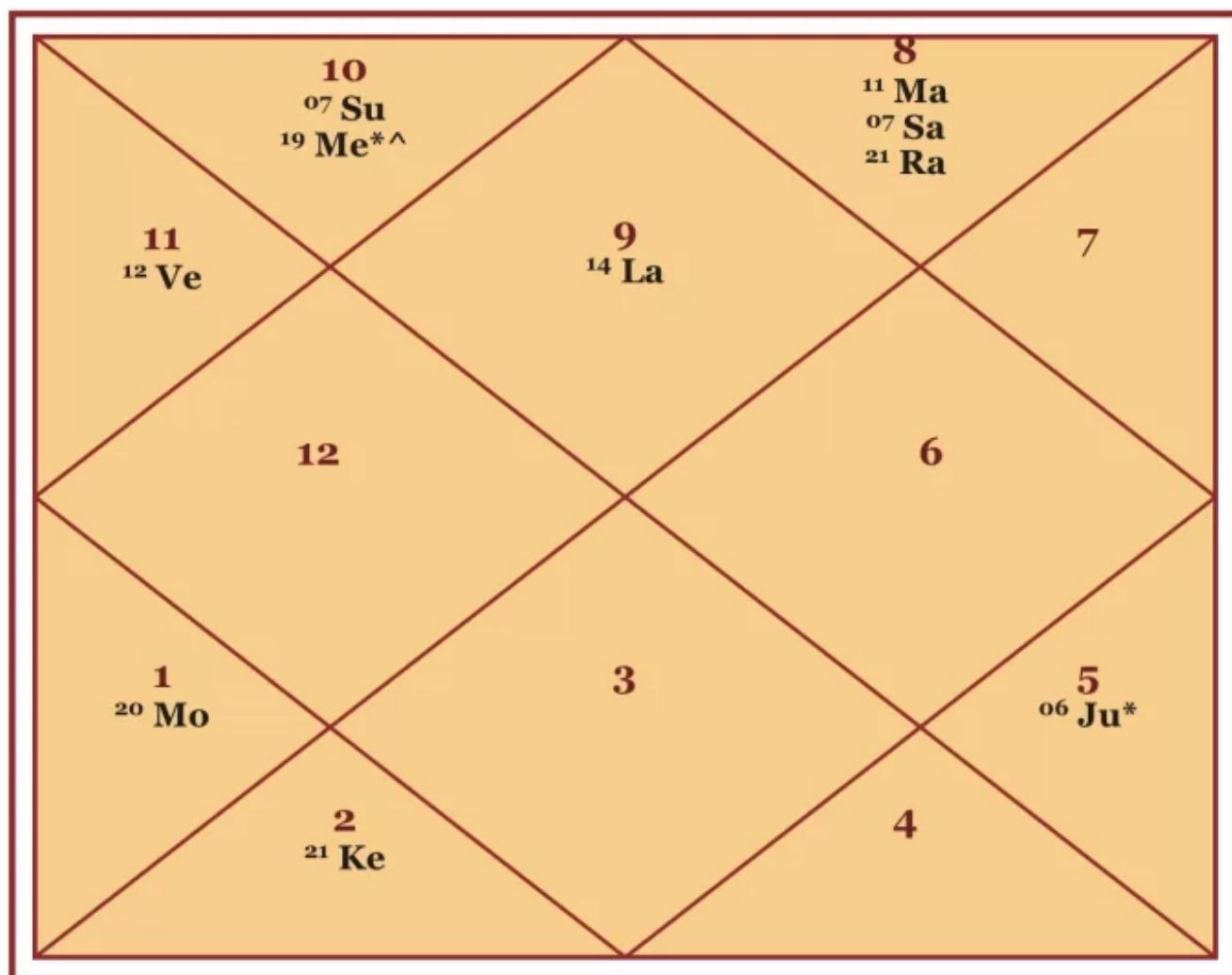


Bandhana Yoga (Confinement) in Kundli: A Case Study of the Combinations

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In Vedic Astrology, Bandhana Yoga (combinations indicating imprisonment, confinement, loss of personal freedom or legal custody) is analyzed through the 12th House (house of confinement, jail, exile and institutionalization), the 6th House (litigation, enemies and criminal charges), the 8th House (sudden entrapment and punishment), and the condition of the Lagna (freedom/body) and its lord.

1. Primary Placements in the Chart

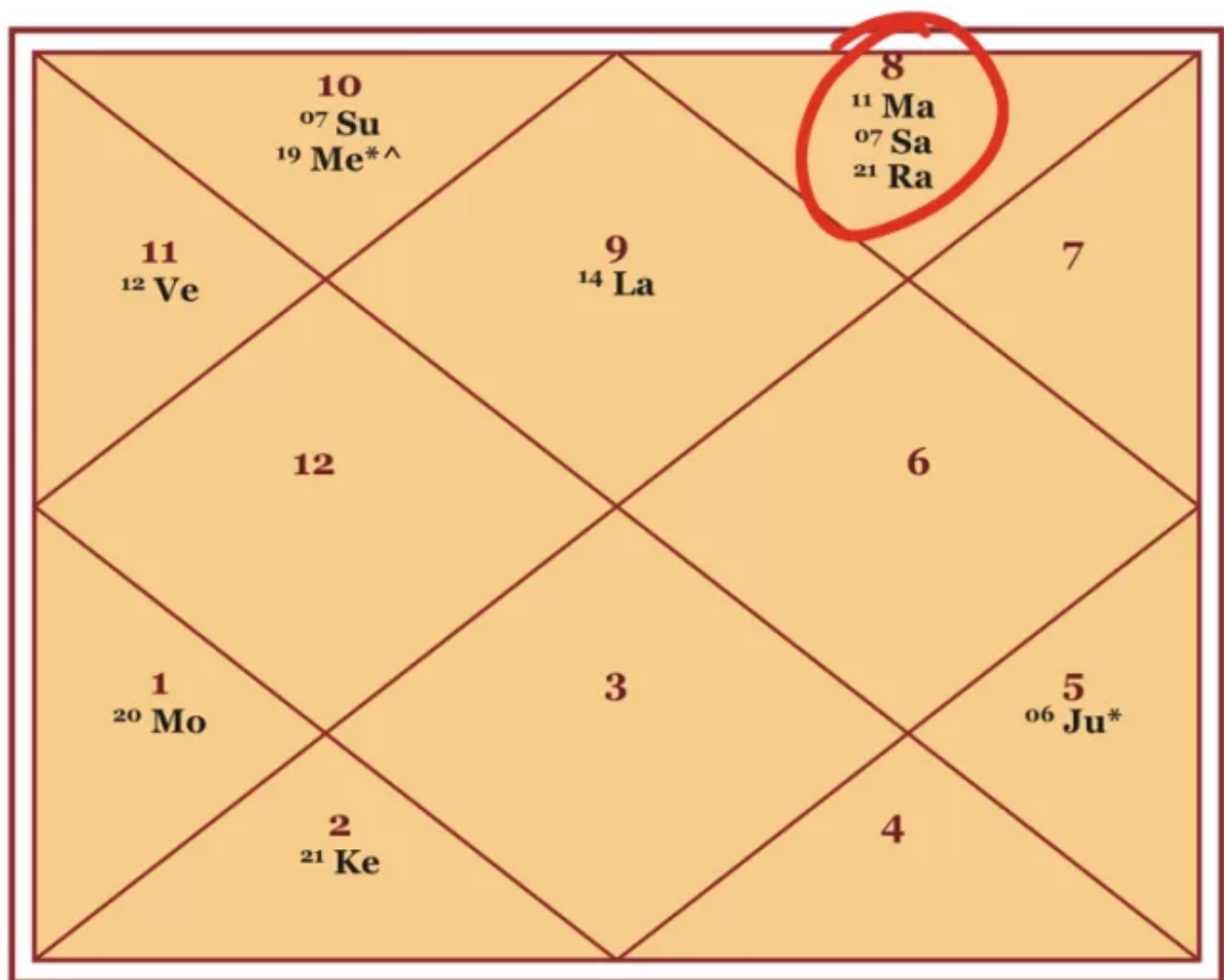


- **Ascendant (Lagna):** Sagittarius (Sign 9) at 14°.

- **Lagna Lord:** Jupiter (Ju*), placed at 06° in Leo (Sign 5) in the 9th House (retrograde).
- **12th House (Confinement / Jail):** Scorpio (Sign 8).
- **Planets in the 12th House:** Mars (Ma) at 11°, Saturn (Sa) at 07°, and Rahu (Ra) at 21°.
- **6th House (Litigation & Punishment):** Taurus (Sign 2), hosting (Ke) at 21°.
- **8th House (Penal Action & Sudden Fall):** Cancer (Sign 4).
- **Sun (Authority & State Law):** Placed at 07° in Capricorn (2nd House) with combust/retrograde Mercury.

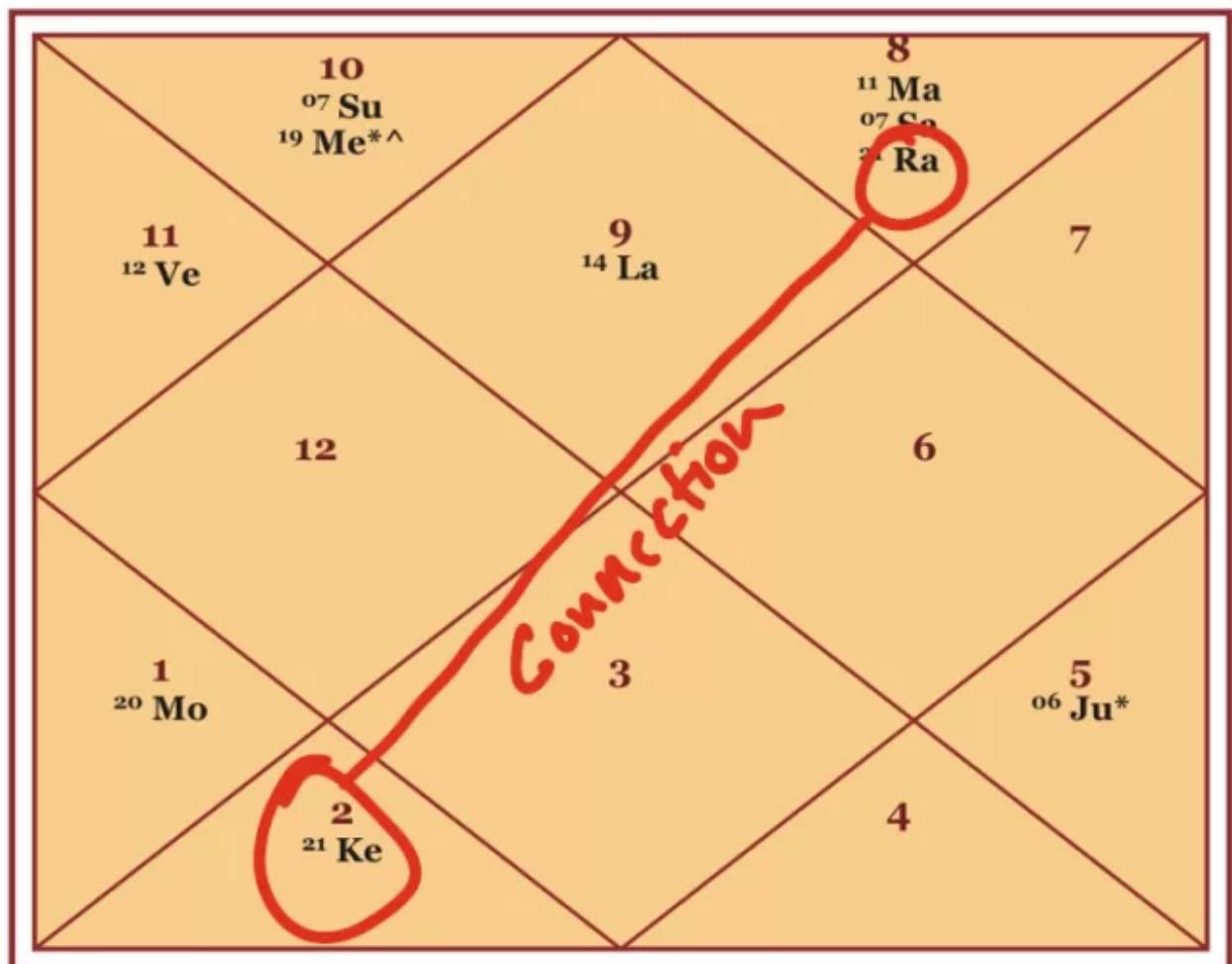
2. Core Indicators of Bandhana / Jail Yoga

*Severe Cluster of Hard Malefics in the 12th House



- The 12th House directly governs jails, lockups, detention centers and loss of liberty.
- In this chart, the 12th House (Scorpio) hosts an exceptionally harsh triple combination: Mars, Saturn and Rahu.
- Mars is the natural planet of conflict, police and physical force; Saturn is the natural signifier of confinement, iron bars and punishment; Rahu represents deception, illegalities and sudden entrapment.
- Having all three first-rate natural malefics occupying the house of confinement creates one of the most potent classical signatures for imprisonment or institutional isolation.

***Activation of the 6th-12th Axis by the Nodal Node (Rahu-Ketu)**

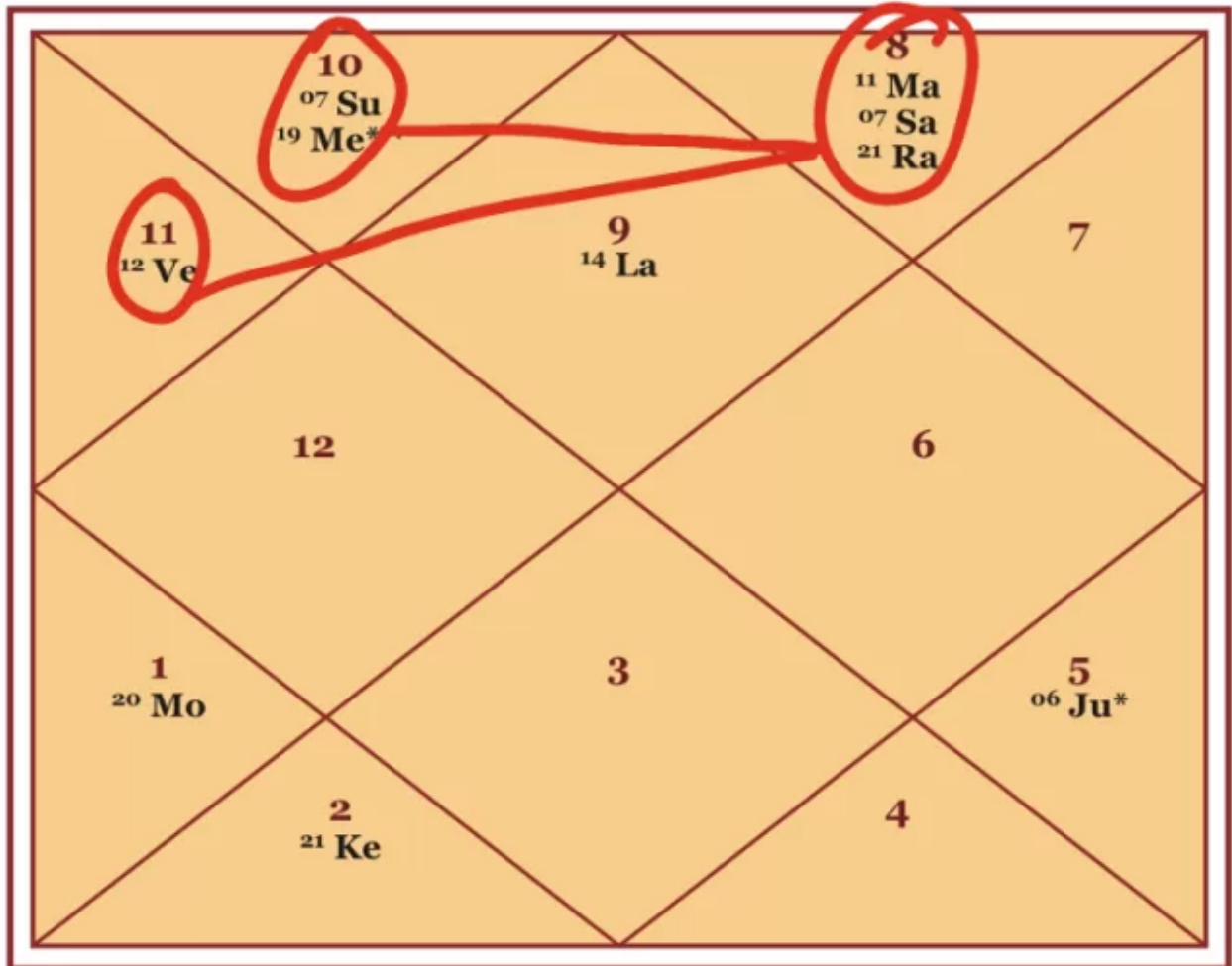


- The 6th House represents legal battles, government accusations, courts and adversaries.
- Here, Ketu occupies the 6th House (Taurus) at 21°, while Rahu sits in the 12th House (Scorpio)

at 21°.

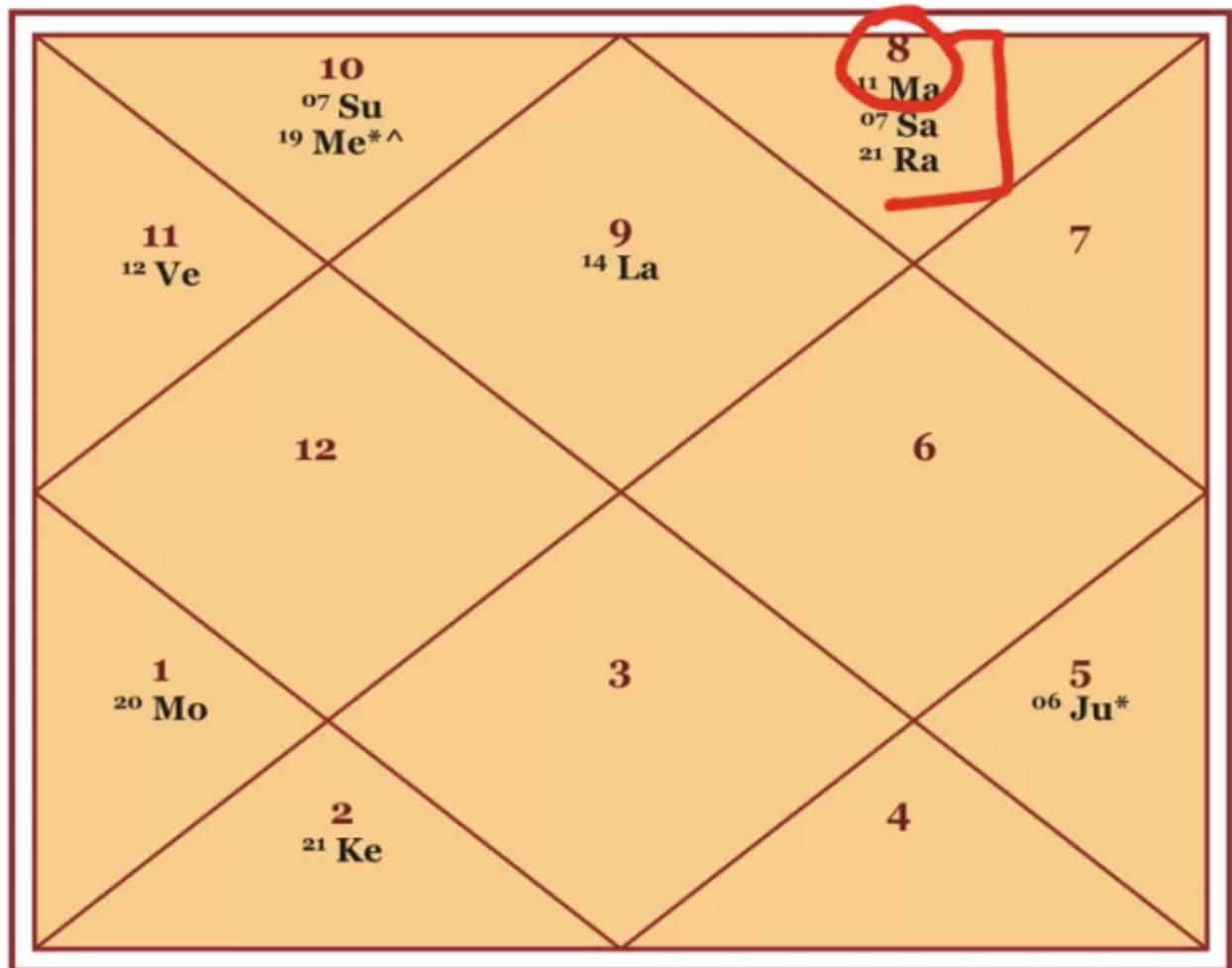
- This forms an exact axis of karmic entanglement directly connecting litigation (6th house) to confinement and detention (12th house).

***Saturn's Direct Role in Imprisonment**



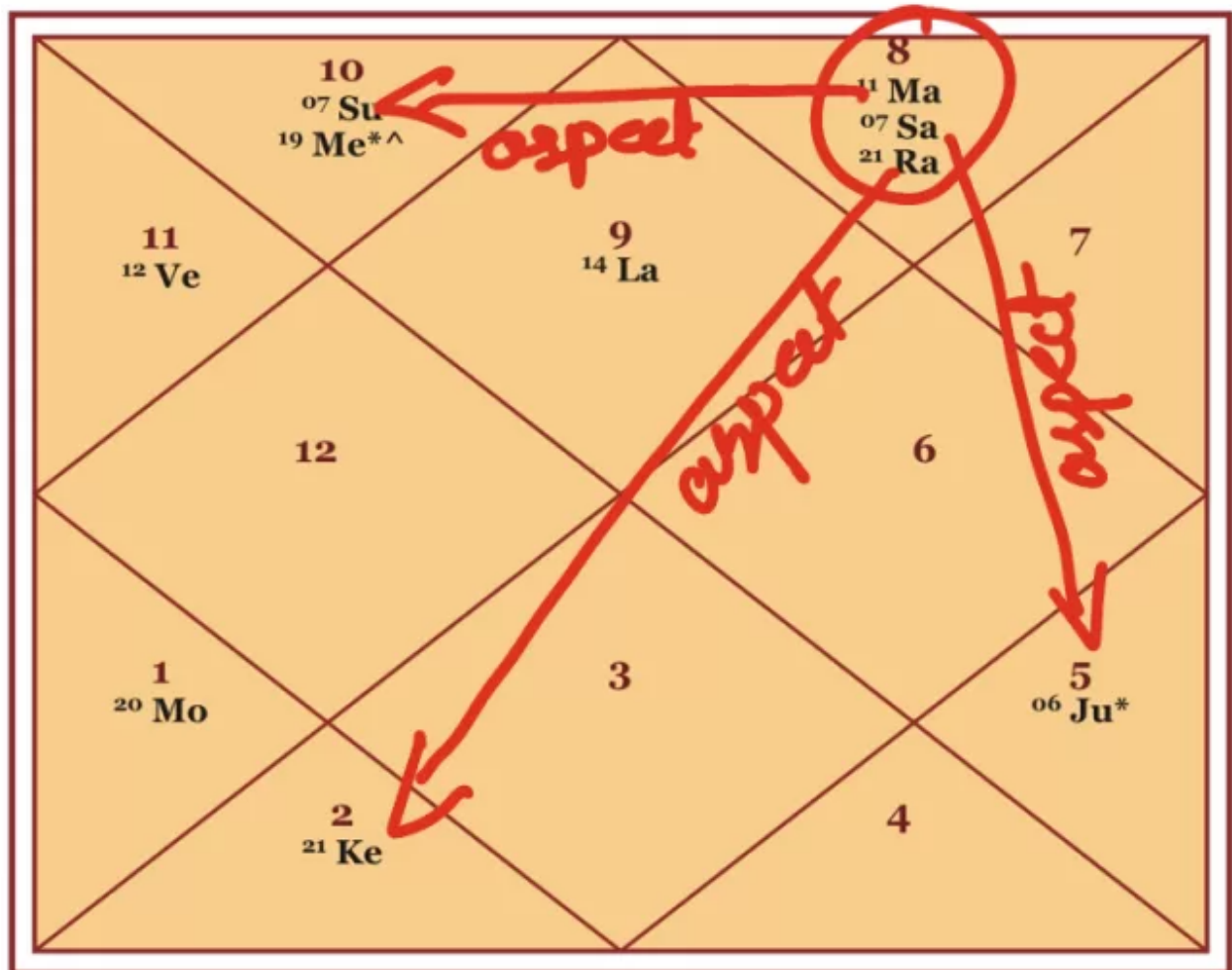
- Saturn rules the 2nd and 3rd houses and sits directly in the 12th house in an inimical sign (Scorpio).
- Classical texts state that when Saturn and Mars join in the 12th house, the native faces punitive confinement, restriction of bodily movement and heavy scrutiny from law-enforcement agencies or authorities.

***Mars in Its Own Sign in the 12th House (12th Lord in 12th)**



- Mars is the ruler of Scorpio (the 12th house itself). While placed in its own sign (Swakshetra), it concentrates immense martial, aggressive energy inside the realm of isolation and loss.
- The conjunction of the 12th lord (Mars) with Saturn and Rahu firmly solidifies the manifestation of 12th-house events - specifically, confinement away from society.

3. Aspectual Pressures and Triggers



- **Direct Aspect on the 6th House:** The malefic cluster in the 12th house casts a direct 7th-house aspect onto Ketu in the 6th house, intensifying open enmity, legal penalties and court-mandated restrictions.
- **Aspect on the 2nd House:** Mars in the 12th house casts its 4th aspect onto the 2nd house (Capricorn), where the Sun (the natural significator of the State and legal authority) is placed. This highlights confrontation with state authorities, fines or punitive government action.
- **Saturn's Aspect on the 9th House (Lagna Lord):** Saturn in the 12th house casts its 10th aspect directly onto the 9th house (Leo), directly hitting Jupiter (the Lagna Lord). Afflicting the Lagna Lord from the house of confinement limits personal sovereignty and indicates periods where freedom of movement is legally curtailed.

This horoscope displays an unmistakable classical Bandhana Yoga. The concentration of Mars, Saturn and Rahu together in the 12th House of confinement, combined with the 6th/12th Rahu-Ketu nodal axis and Saturn's aspect onto the Lagna Lord Jupiter, points to severe risk of legal

penalties, detention or formal imprisonment during the operational Dasha periods of Mars, Saturn or Rahu.

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