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There are difference of opinion among scholars while considering the Chara Karakas to be taken in Jaimini astrology.

1. Pandit Sanjay Rath considers 8 karakas, including Rahu. According to him, in his Jaimini Upadesa Sutras, he has given Rahu also a place as Atma Karak.
2. On the other hand, Dr. K.N. Rao and his followers have taken the 7 planets (excluding Rahu) as Karakas and maintain that Rahu cannot be given the status of Atma Karak.
3. Dr. K.N. Rao has omitted Pitri karak. Instead, he says in “My Seven Step Approach: “What about a karaka for father? The problem is easily solved if you use Bhatrikaraka and Sun for father and Bhatrikaraka and Mars for siblings as has been as shown in some books on Jaimini. Here we must remember that sthirakarakas must always be considered in Jaimini astrology.”
4. Gary Gomes states in “The Structure of Jamini Astrology” as follows:
“These karakas are of extreme importance in judging a chart, especially in terms of career potential and, especially, for judging spiritual potential, as indicated in both the Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra and the Jaimini Sutram. There are karakas in Parasara astrology, but these are based on certain natural karakas of the planets. For example, Venus is the natural karaka for marriage and Mars is the karaka for brothers. However, in Jaimini astrology, the karakas can be any of the planets. (I choose to follow Mr. Rao in choosing to exclude the North and South Lunar Node — Rahu and Ketu — as Jaimini karakas for most purposes. There are seven karakas which are judged in terms of the planet which is highest in degree to that which is lowest in degree, regardless of sign placement.”

The karakas are, in descending order:-

The atma karaka (the indicator of self),

The amatya karaka (the indicator of career);

The bhatri karaka (the indicator of siblings and father);

The matri karaka (the indicator of mother and education);

The putri karaka (the indicator of children, intelligence and creativity);

The gnati karaka (the indicator of strife, disease, and spiritual sadhana);

And the stri or dara karaka, the indicator of marriage (and partnerships in general).

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The Significance of the 7 karakas:

1. **Atma Karak (AK):** - Atma karak is the 1st house indicator. “Atma” means Soul. Atmakaraka is the indicator of the soul or more closely the "soul material". Atma Karaka is related to the 1st / Lagna of the horoscope. AK represents the complete personality, all the significations of the ascendant like Body, build, look, features, mental power, disposition, General Health Longevity, celebrity, and potency & weak points, etc. When there is an influence of planets on the Atmakarka then the person is also influenced by the Karkatavas of these planets.
2. **Amatya Karaka (AmK):** Amatya Karak is the indicator of the 2nd and 10th houses. The planet which attains the Second highest degree of longitude. significations of 2nd House of the horoscope i.e. Speech, attitude, Financial Status, Primary Education, Livelihood/Profession, Speech, Family, Food Habits, Face, Eyes (Right eye in particular), Clothes & Ornaments etc. the 10th House significations which are Career, Honour, Rise in profession, Royalty and Pilgrimage etc. If the Amatya karak is afflicted, then the native suffers in the fields of profession, wealth and education.

Significator of the hoard, collections of wealth and knowledge.

Significator of the career, leadership roles, social rank.

Agents = advisers, counselors, attorneys, partners

A few scholars are of the opinion that The Amatyakarka is the Karaka planet of second house, fifth house, ninth house and tenth house. We can analyse family from second house, education and wealth from fifth house, fortune from ninth house and profession from tenth house. Journeys to a foreign country can also be analysed by the ninth house. The tenth house is also used to analyse authority and sovereignty.

3. **Bhratri Karaka (BK):** It is the representative of the 3rd and 9th houses. The planet which attains the Third highest degree of longitude qualifies for the post of Bhratri Karaka. “Bhratri” means Brothers and BK can be used to judge the significations for 3rd house i.e. Younger Siblings, neighbors, short-journeys, courage, hobbies, communication expertise, ability and death of parents etc. We can also judge the significations of 9th house i.e. Father, Guru, Long-Journeys, Fortune, Dharma, Religion, and Higher Education etc.

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Some state that it also represents the eleventh house. The eleventh house is used to analyse all kinds of profit, elder siblings, promotions and profits.

Significator of small groups.

Agents = Siblings. Significator of priesthood ; Agents = Guru, professor, father

4. **Matri Karaka (MK):** It is the indicator of the 4th house. The planet which attains the Fourth highest degree of longitude qualifies for the post of Matri Karaka. “Matri” means Mother , the analysis of happiness related to a house.. We can extend MK for the significations of the 4th house like Mother, Property, Vehicles, Happiness, Education, Relatives, Land & Agriculture and Throne etc.

Significator of Schooling, landed property, cultural roots.

Agents = mother, parents

5. **Putra Karaka (PK):** It is the indicator of the 5th house. The planet which attains the Fifth Highest degree of longitude becomes the Putra Karaka. “Putra” means Son. We can judge the significations of the 5th House from PK i.e. Children, Wisdom, Romance, Sacred Spells, Intellect, Speculation & Lottery, Mantra, Pregnancy, Creativity etc. We also extend PK for the significations of 9th House, as it is 5th from 5th. The analysis of education, progeny, the knowledge of Mantras, ministership etc. are analysed through the fifth house.

Significator of the children, intelligence, creativity, good luck.

Agents = students, craft apprentice

6. **Gnati Karaka (GK):** The gnati karaka (sixth, eighth and twelfth house indicator) likewise produces difficult patterns in a chart. The planet which comes sixth in descending order from AK becomes the Gnati Karaka. “Gnati” means Relations. It represents 6th house and its significations in a horoscope i.e. Enemies, Maternal-Relatives, Diseases, Debts, Disagreements, Competitions, Legal Proceedings, Servitude etc. Similarly, we can also examine the significations of 8th & 12th house from GK.

Significator of Arguments, Strife and Service, conflict, disease, healing, death-and-rebirth, dissolution of identity, astral bridge.

Agents = physicians, druggists, surgeons, healers, shamans. Agents = enemies, rivals, adversaries, predators

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The sixth house is studied to analyse all kinds of enemy, court-case, rivalry, loans, competitions, accidents, wounds, diseases etc. The eighth house is also studied to analyse all kinds of hurdles and obstacles. The analysis of life span, chronic diseases and conspiracies is also done through the eighth house. The hereditary property and all kind of research work is analysed through the eighth house. The twelfth house is studied to analyse expenses, marital relationship and the possibilities of imprisonment. The analysis of a trip to foreign country, foreign relations and spiritual knowledge is also done through this house.

7. **Dara Karaka (DK):** The seventh and the last in order becomes the Dara Karaka. “Dara” means Wife. All the significations of the 7th House comes under the purview of DK like Spouse, Business-Partner, Trade, Foreign Travel, Pad-Prapti, Enemies in open and Public Image etc.

All kinds of partnership, foreign travel and all kinds of business analysis is seen through this house. The analysis of the popularity of a person is also done through the seventh house. This house is also studied to analyse the behaviour of a life partner.

If the Darakaraka planet is afflicted in the Kundali, then a person may experience difficulties in the subjects related to the seventh house.

Significator of Union = alliances, marriage and partnership.

Agents = spousal partner, devotee, worshipper.

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