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REVATI

- Abundance

Meaning: Growth and
abundance

Symbol: Drum

Deity: Pushan – the demigod
of protection, the herdsman

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DESCRIPTION





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The word Revati comes from of the root rd, which means “she who increases prosperity, success, fortune, wealth, and abundance.” Its alternative translation is “to transcend”, which is more in keeping with this being the final nakshatra.

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Revati is also the name of Sri Balarama's wife. Balarama is an avatara of Vishnu who plays the role of Krishna's elder brother. Since this asterism has a lot to do with duality, it has two and not one main symbol: a "fish swimming in the sea" and a "drum"

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A fish swimming in the water is an obvious choice as a symbol for this nakshatra, as it falls completely in the sign of Pisces, which as we know is represented by two fishes swimming in opposite directions. The symbolism of a fish swimming in the sea has been used from time immemorial to show the soul's journey in the waters of the universe.

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Vishnu, the preserver among the trinity, is often shown sitting atop the sea of consciousness. The fish swimming in the sea also suggests a path. This nakshatra has a lot to do with paths of all kinds, whether it is just a path to one's house or the whole life-path itself.

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***As declared by all wise men
and incarnations, knowing
and following one's path in
life is the biggest penance
of all. In a way it is the one
and only path to liberation.***

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This nakshatra, as we know, is the last among nakshatras and thus has a lot to do with moksha and final enlightenment. It should be noted here that moksha doesn't actually mean liberation from cycles of births and deaths, as is enunciated by many schools of thought.



Even after final enlightenment, one might have to take birth in some cycle of some universe. To find one's true path in life, one has to learn to see the bigger picture. This happens through connecting oneself with the universal mind, which in turn is tuned to the collective consciousness.

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***This nakshatra represents
collective consciousness.***

***This is a little different from
the mass consciousness
represented by the sign***

Cancer.



A drum, as we recall, is the symbol for Dhanishtha as well. There's a lot of similarity between Revati and Dhanishtha. One similarity which stands out immediately is that they are both regarded as wealthy. (Please refer to the symbol section in Dhanishtha for understanding the significance of a drum as a symbol).

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Revati's drum is similar to a Naggada (a type of Indian drum played with two sticks) and other types of modern drums used by marching bands. It can be seen that Revati's drums are always played by sticks of some kind instead of by hand.

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They also have a connotation of bringing news, which the Dhanishtha drum doesn't have. In all the ancient cultures, any news of importance to the community was always announced accompanied by the sound of drums.

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In some cultures, drum beats were even used as a way of sending signals. We can thus infer that communication is one of the key aspects of this nakshatra.



Pushan is the deity of Revati and also means “one who nourishes, bringing growth and abundance.” Pushan is the protector of animals and is significantly wealthy. Scriptures describe that he maintains unlimited cows, and that this brings him bliss and prosperity. His role includes protecting all types of animals and guiding and safeguarding people that are undertaking a journey.



Pushan will ensure that they will be protected in all their travels, especially the journey from this world to the next, if they sincerely take up the spiritual path in life. Therefore this nakshatra indicates a lifetime in which a person should undergo a journey of self-discovery.



Pushan, a solar deity similar to the Sun-god, is considered the main presiding deity of this asterism. He is supposed to light up all paths. This gives him rulership of the inner light of the soul, which lights up one's life-path.



Pushan is always portrayed as standing at the beginning of all paths and beginnings. This is the reason why he became popular as the deity connected with safe travels. Consequently, this nakshatra relates to all kinds of traveling: physical, mental, emotional, astral or causal.

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Pushan is supposed to be a more nourishing, softer deity than our Sun-god and is said to give wealth, prosperity and completion. It is not hard to see how fruitful journeys or fruitful life-paths will bring these to us automatically.



Finally, Vishnu, the preserver among the trinity, is the overseer of this nakshatra.

At the time of the final dissolution, it is Vishnu's job to gather together all of the universal life force and consciousness. It is the gathering quality of this nakshatra which makes it wealthy, whether it be in terms of material wealth, knowledge or experience.



Vishnu, as we know, is the husband of Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and prosperity, which again brings this nakshatra in touch with the principle of abundance. The image of Vishnu and Lakshmi sitting on a snake bed on top of the ocean of celestial waters is an image which can very much sum up this nakshatra.



As the symbol for Revati is a fish, it indicates the potential to develop a rich and deep spiritual life. Revati people often have natural devotion and faith in God. And those who are more evolved will become mystics with deep faith in the power of spirituality, and conviction that they can help improve humanity.

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The fish symbol also indicates their strong attraction to water and that they usually benefit from living near a natural water source such as the ocean. Revati is one of the most pleasing and benevolent of nakshatras. It is an extremely fortunate nakshatra and this helps one to see life in a positive light.

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It is the eternal optimist and remains completely unflustered, even in the face of big setbacks. It has an innate trust in divine providence. It knows how to keep the faith, but in some cases it has a tendency to do nothing else except have faith. In such cases, this usually positive quality turns out to be a detriment.



Revati people are always supportive of others and since one reaps what one sows, they often get supported as well.

The peculiar thing about Revati natives is that they always get support when they need it most. Revati can be seen as the apex of civilization. Its natives place special emphasis on refinement, sophistication, grooming and civilized behaviour.

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They like all the things which constitute civilization, and abhor primitive behaviour. A lot of Revati natives are born into rich, aristocratic or refined families. Unless there are other conflicting factors in the chart, Revati promotes good childhood, upbringing, early education and physical felicity.



Revati natives seem to have pleasing social personalities and are usually well liked within their social sphere. This is to be expected from someone who has had a good upbringing. No other nakshatra comes close to Revati as far as being a socialite is concerned.



They are very good hosts and their friendships last long because of their responsible nature. They are very understanding of other's problems and like to be as helpful to as many people as they can. However, sometimes they take too many people's problems on their shoulders and as a result can exhaust themselves mentally, emotionally or physically.

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They are always soft and polite in conversation and only spiteful if hurt or jealous. Revati is one of the most tender nakshatras and so has a tendency to get hurt very easily. Despite this, they are often good counselors and have a knack for solving people's problems or showing them their right path.



Revati inspires one to follow religious principles, which will also bring prosperity and wealth.

Revati people are highly ambitious, bold, prominent in society and affluent. Their good social position is often combined with a profound appreciation for the fine arts and creative expression.



They can find fulfillment if they pursue counseling, psychology, social work or a venture related to caring for animals. They find satisfaction in social events which give them an opportunity to genuinely connect with other people. This is due to the fact that it comes natural for them to nourish and care for others.



Revati inspires a person to be kind, caring, compassionate and responsible towards others. As they are very focused on caring for others, they may become codependent on others. In their earlier life they may experience significant disappointments, but this will inspire them to develop their sincere compassion and ability to forgive others.



It will benefit them if they can see how difficult times are opportunities for them to become stronger. Just as a person who desires to build muscles needs to lift weights, a person has to go through some hardships to become great.



To reach their fullest potential they should not only be virtuous, but they should focus their energy on attaining liberation to return to the spiritual world. Lord Krishna, who is holding the conch and disc, will give protection and give knowledge to those who try to reach Him. The main reason why Krishna descends to earth is so that He can care for His devotees and fulfill their desire to see Him.

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in the 3 gunas

Under the mode of ignorance, Revati tends to be afraid of the world in extreme ways. They do not engage in any action, fearing consequences which may bring about misery. They can be lazy and dreamy, but eventually it turns into depression and sadness.

Under the mode of passion, Revati people are attached to helping others but carry some motivation in their hearts. When their heart's motivation is not fulfilled, they tend to become frustrated and irritated.

Under the mode of goodness, Revati sees life as a journey of self-discovery and is in an adventurous mood of learning the lessons of life with positivity and passion. They want to be engaged in humanitarian duties and want to make a positive impact in the world.

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When flying an airplane, one cannot take care of other planes. Everyone has to take care of his own plane, and if there is any danger, no other plane can help another in that condition. Similarly, at the end of life, when one has to go back home, back to Godhead, everyone has to take care of himself without help rendered by another. The help is, however, offered on the ground before flying in space.

-Srimad-bhagavatam 1.15.50, purport

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In the Narada-pancaratra, devotional service to the Lord is likened unto a queen.

When a queen gives an audience, many maidservants follow her. The maidservants of devotional service are material opulence, liberation and mystic powers. The karmis are very much attached to material enjoyment, the jnanis are very anxious to become freed from material clutches, and the yogis are very fond of attaining the eight kinds of mystic perfection. From the Narada-pancaratra, we understand that if one attains the stage of pure devotional service, he also attains all the opulences derived from fruitive activities, empiric philosophical speculation and mystic yogic practice.

-Srimad-bhagavatam 4.23.11, purport

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Thus one works very hard within the forest and wanders here and there. He becomes captivated by temporary happiness and becomes aggrieved by so called distress.

-Srimad-bhagavatam 5.13, summary

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If a person unaware of the effective potency of a certain medicine takes that medicine or is forced to take it, it will act even without his knowledge because its potency does not depend on the patient's understanding. Similarly, even though one does not know the value of chanting the holy name of the Lord, if one chants knowingly or unknowingly, the chanting will be very effective.

-Srimad-bhagavatam 6.2.19

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If you become conscious of Me, you will pass over all the obstacles of conditional life by My grace. If, however, you do not work in such consciousness but act through false ego, not hearing Me, you will be lost.

-Bhagavad-gita 18.58