Star matching: the ten poruthams from two birth stars

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Good news

On the thirty-six guna count this is a good match for marriage. It scores 28 out of 36, comfortably above the eighteen families traditionally ask for before a marriage.

The match for this marriage is counted between the bride's star, Swati, and the groom's, Swati. (Why: the bride's Moon sign is Tula (Libra) and the groom's is Tula (Libra).)

Porutham	Signifies	Verdict	What it means
Dina	Health and longevity	Does not agree	This porutham is about health and stamina in the marriage, and it does not agree here. (Why: bride and groom share one birth star, and this is one of the stars families avoid sharing.)
Gana	Temperament and disposition	Agrees	Husband and wife share one temperament: two people who will not have to work to understand each other. (Why: both stars are in the same gana, the temperament group.)
Mahendra	Progeny and prosperity	Does not agree	This porutham looks at children and the family's prosperity, and it does not agree here.
Stree Deergha	The wife's wellbeing and long life	Does not agree	This porutham looks at the bride's wellbeing in the marriage, and it does not agree here. (Why: counting from the bride's star, the groom's comes within the first seven; this porutham asks for more than thirteen.)
Yoni	Physical compatibility	Agrees	The strongest agreement here: a sign of natural physical understanding between husband and wife. (Why: both stars share the same animal symbol.)
Rasi	Family harmony and progeny	Agrees	This holds for family harmony. (Why: the two Moon signs are the same sign, or directly opposite each other.)

Porutham	Signifies	Verdict	What it means
Rasyadhipathi	Mutual understanding	Agrees	Two minds that work the same way, which goes with mutual understanding in the marriage. (Why: both Moon signs have the same lord.)
Vasya	Mutual attraction	Does not agree	This counts for mutual attraction, and it does not agree here. On its own it should not decide the marriage. (Why: both share one Moon sign, and in the vasya table no sign draws itself.)
Rajju	Longevity of the marriage	Does not agree, set aside	This porutham, for the length of the marriage, does not agree. (Why: both stars fall in Kanta rajju, the neck.)
Vedha	Freedom from affliction between husband and wife	Agrees	The two stars do not obstruct each other, so this agrees for the marriage. (Why: the two stars are not one of the pairs that obstruct each other.)

5 of the ten agree in full: Gana, Yoni, Rasi, Rasyadhipathi, Vedha. 1 is set aside by an exception: Rajju. 4 do not agree: Dina, Mahendra, Stree Deergha, Vasya. Five of the ten are the chief ones — Dina, Gana, Yoni, Rasi, Rajju — and 3 of those five agree in full here. Check Dina and Rajju before the rest: they come first in importance, and here neither agrees in full. Your family does not need all ten to agree; families ask for at least 5 in full, and this match has 5.

Present, cancelled

The fault here is in Rajju. For this marriage an exception sets it aside, and your astrologer decides whether to accept it. (Why: one graha, Shukra (Venus), rules both Moon signs.)

So that one is not counted against the five families ask for. Families differ most over Rajju: some set its fault aside for a marriage like this, and some never do.

In North India, families match a marriage by the eight below, which weigh different things from the ten above. Do not expect the two totals to agree. (Why: these eight are the kootas of the northern system.)

Koota	Points	Status	What it means
Varna — the order of the two signs	1 / 1	Agrees	The groom's group is not below the bride's, the order wanted here.

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Vashya — mutual influence	2 / 2	Agrees	Both moon signs fall in the same group, which goes with mutual influence between husband and wife.
Tara — wellbeing	3 / 3	Agrees	The count between the two stars is favourable both ways, which earns full marks for wellbeing in the marriage.
Yoni — physical compatibility	4 / 4	Agrees	Both stars share one animal symbol: the strongest score for physical compatibility in a marriage.
Graha Maitri — friendship of the sign lords	5 / 5	Agrees	One planet rules both moon signs, which gives full marks for friendship between husband and wife.
Gana — disposition	6 / 6	Agrees	Husband and wife share one temperament, which earns full marks here.
Bhakoot — the pairing of the moon signs	7 / 7	Agrees	The distance between the two moon signs is not one counted against a marriage, so this earns full marks.
Nadi — constitution	0 / 8	Does not agree	Husband and wife share one constitution, which is what Nadi dosha means.

> **Nadi dosha is raised for this marriage, because both were born under the same star. It is cleared if the two Moons fall in different quarters of that star. The birth times settle this, so show them to your astrologer.**

The Tamil ten do not include Nadi, so for a Tamil family the southern verdict above already stands without it. If your family follows the North Indian way, settle this line first, as that way weighs Nadi most of the eight.

Your family needs only the two stars for the ten poruthams and the thirty-six points. For the rest, you need both birth dates, times and places. They show whether either side carries Mars dosham, how each chart reads for married life, and when each marriage is due. Ask for the matching report to read all of that from both charts.

If this proposal does not go ahead, these are the stars that clear both lines with each side's star.

Star	Stars that clear both lines
With the bride's Swati	Ashwini, Bharani, Mrigashira in Vrishabha (Taurus), Mrigashira in Mithuna (Gemini), Ardra, Punarvasu in Mithuna (Gemini), Punarvasu in Karka (Cancer), Pushya, Purva Phalguni, Uttara Phalguni in Simha (Leo), Uttara Phalguni in Kanya (Virgo), Hasta, Chitra in Kanya (Virgo), Chitra in Tula (Libra), Swati, Vishakha in Tula (Libra),

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	Anuradha, Mula, Purva Ashadha, Uttara Ashadha in Dhanus (Sagittarius), Uttara Ashadha in Makara (Capricorn), Shravana, Dhanishta in Makara (Capricorn), Dhanishta in Kumbha (Aquarius), Shatabhisha, Purva Bhadrapada in Kumbha (Aquarius), Purva Bhadrapada in Meena (Pisces), Uttara Bhadrapada
With the groom's Swati	Ashwini, Bharani, Mrigashira in Vrishabha (Taurus), Mrigashira in Mithuna (Gemini), Ardra, Punarvasu in Mithuna (Gemini), Uttara Phalguni in Simha (Leo), Uttara Phalguni in Kanya (Virgo), Hasta, Chitra in Kanya (Virgo), Chitra in Tula (Libra), Swati, Vishakha in Tula (Libra), Anuradha, Mula, Purva Ashadha, Uttara Ashadha in Dhanus (Sagittarius), Uttara Ashadha in Makara (Capricorn), Shravana, Dhanishta in Makara (Capricorn), Dhanishta in Kumbha (Aquarius), Shatabhisha, Purva Bhadrapada in Kumbha (Aquarius), Purva Bhadrapada in Meena (Pisces), Uttara Bhadrapada

2 The words and checks behind this reading

The words used above, defined — so you can check the reading against them, or hand these pages to the astrologer your family asks.

The ten poruthams read here are the southern ten, in their classical order: Dina, Gana, Mahendra, Stree Deergha, Yoni, Rasi, Rasyadhipathi, Vasya, Rajju and Vedha. Other lists of ten are in circulation — some put Nadi and a tree match, Vriksha, in place of Stree Deergha and Vasya, and some count twelve — so before comparing two counts, check that both were taken over the same ten. Not all ten have to agree. The rule asks for at least five, names Dina, Gana, Yoni, Rasi and Rajju as the five chief ones, and puts Dina and Rajju first among those.

Rajju sorts the twenty-seven birth stars into five groups named for parts of the body, from the foot upward: Pada, the foot; Kati, the hip and thigh (also called Ooru); Nabhi, the navel; Kanta, the neck; and Siro, the head. Rajju agrees when the two birth stars fall in different groups. When they share one, the higher the group sits on the body, the more weight the fault is given, the head most of all. Each person's own group is named with their birth star earlier in this document.

An exemption, a vilakku, is a rule that sets a fault aside. Two kinds are applied here, only classical ones. In the northern reckoning, the exceptions that clear Nadi and Bhakoot dosham, such as the same star in different padas, or one planet ruling both Moon signs. In the southern ten, the classical vilakku: a fault in Rajju, Vedha, Gana or Rasi is set aside when one graha rules both Moon signs, when the two rulers are friends, or when the two Moon signs face each other. Wherever one applies, it is named above with its rule. Other exemptions pass from family to family — that people born under certain stars need no matching at all, for instance — and none of those is applied, because none of them is a classical rule.

Which of these decides a marriage depends on where the family comes from. Tamil and most South Indian families count the ten poruthams and treat a failed Rajju as the hardest to pass over. Most North Indian families add up the thirty-six gunas, look for eighteen — a convention, not a measurement — and treat Nadi and Bhakoot as the blockers. The Sevvai dosham check differs by region too: by one widely published account, northern lists leave out Mars in the second house and southern lists leave out Mars in the first, so the same chart can be called manglik in Delhi and clear in Chennai. The check in this document counts both houses, which is why it raises more often than either list alone. Both matching systems are printed for the same reason: when the two families come from different regions, each side asks its own question, and both answers are here.

For your family astrologer

The charts, planetary positions and settings behind this report. These pages are for your jothidar, who can check every finding in this report against them.

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