

# Muhūrta and Political Leadership: A Test Across Four Decades of BJP Presidential Appointments Navatārā–Viśeṣa Tārā Patterns, Organisational Outcomes, and a Prospective Study of Nitin Nabin

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## Abstract

This article examines organisational muhūrta as a cultural-astrological technique through the history of presidential transitions in the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), 1980–2026. Using the party's 6 April 1980 foundation as an institutional reference, it reconstructs presidential appointment nakṣatras and evaluates Navatārā and selected Viśeṣa-Tārā relationships against presidential durability, organisational expansion, internal resistance, controversy, crisis and transition. Electoral results are treated as secondary, downstream outcomes rather than direct tests of an appointment moment. The study also examines planetary nakṣatra positions at selected appointments and crisis or resignation dates. Historical counter-examples are retained rather than reclassified to fit astrological expectations. A prospective case study of Nitin Nabin is used as an out-of-sample test: because the exact decisive transfer time lies near the Śravaṇa–Dhaniṣṭhā boundary, Pratyari is specified as the primary model and Sādhaka as a sensitivity model. The findings do not support deterministic prospective expectation, but suggest a testable framework for studying how Indian astrological timing traditions are interpreted in modern organisational and political contexts.

Nakṣatra–Tārā Timing and Political Leadership in the Bharatiya Janata Party, 1980–2026: A Historical-Statistical Study with a Prospective Nitin Nabin Case

## 1. Introduction

Political parties are normally studied through ideology, leadership, social coalitions, campaign strategy, institutions and voter behaviour. Muhūrta introduces a different question: whether the time at which organisational authority is formally transferred bears any systematic relationship to the subsequent character of that leadership period. The appropriate outcome need not be an election result. A national election occurs months or years after a presidential appointment and is influenced by economic conditions, candidates, alliances, government performance, regional competition and campaign effects. Presidential continuity, organisational execution, internal conflict and party-focused controversy are considerably closer to the appointment event.

The revised design therefore asks whether the classical functional character of the appointment Tārā is reflected in the actual BJP presidency: its duration, continuity, achievements, strategic execution,

organisational expansion, internal difficulties, controversies, resistance and manner of transition. Electoral performance remains important, but is treated as a downstream secondary outcome.

## 2. Institutional Janma Nakṣatra of the BJP

BJP archival material records the party's formation at Kotla Ground, New Delhi, on 6 April 1980. Lahiri/Chitrapakṣa reconstruction places the Moon in Jyeṣṭhā for most of that civil day and in Mūla only after the evening ingress. Because the exact constitutive clock time remains unresolved, Jyeṣṭhā is retained as the primary daytime institutional hypothesis and Mūla as a sensitivity alternative. The study therefore avoids claiming a precision that the historical record does not presently support.

## 3. Navatārā as a Functional Organisational Hypothesis

Navatārā counts the target Nakṣatra inclusively from the institutional Janma Nakṣatra through a repeating nine-fold sequence: Janma, Sampat, Vipat, Kṣema, Pratyari, Sādhaka, Vadha, Mitra and Paramamitra. The revised study does not reduce these categories to a single 'good' or 'bad' score. Instead, each is examined according to its classical functional implication. Sādhaka is expected to be more closely associated with execution and accomplishment; Kṣema with protection and stability; Mitra and Paramamitra with cooperation, support and continuity; Vipat with disruption; Pratyari with resistance; and Vadha with breakdown or termination.

**Table 1. Classical Tārā meanings translated into organisational questions**

| Tārā     | Classical functional emphasis | Organisational question                                                                       |
|----------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Janma    | Identity / activation         | Does the tenure centre on reorientation, identity or restructuring?                           |
| Sampat   | Resources / accumulation      | Does the party expand resources, membership or organisational reach?                          |
| Vipat    | Disruption / difficulty       | Does the tenure experience unusual organisational disturbance or crisis?                      |
| Kṣema    | Protection / stability        | Is continuity, protection and orderly functioning prominent?                                  |
| Pratyari | Resistance / opposition       | Does the president encounter sustained internal or external resistance directed at the party? |
| Sādhaka  | Achievement / execution       | Are major organisational objectives implemented effectively?                                  |
| Vadha    | Loss / termination            | Is breakdown, severe damage or premature termination prominent?                               |
| Mitra    | Cooperation / support         | Is alliance, internal cooperation or organisational support prominent?                        |

|             |                               |                                                                                          |
|-------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tārā        | Classical functional emphasis | Organisational question                                                                  |
| Paramamitra | Strong support / facilitation | Does the presidency show continuity, renewal, expansion or broad organisational support? |

## 4. Research Design

The empirical sequence is: BJP institutional Janma Nakṣatra → presidential appointment Muhūrta → presidential durability and organisational experience → electoral outcome. The first outcome layer contains duration in office, completion, re-election or extension, and the circumstances of transition. The second contains major BJP-focused organisational developments. The third contains election results and is intentionally treated as the most distant outcome.

Tenure duration has a dual role. First, it is itself a substantive outcome: a presidency that is renewed, extended or survives for many years may reflect a different organisational experience from one that terminates rapidly amid crisis. Second, duration is an exposure consideration. A six-year president naturally has more opportunity to accumulate both achievements and controversies than a president serving six months. Consequently, the paper does not interpret a larger raw event count as inherently better or worse.

## 5. Presidential Durability

Table 2 presents the presidency sequence in an intentionally readable historical form. Approximate months are used where older transition records do not justify day-level precision. Short tenure is not automatically interpreted negatively: Jana Krishnamurthi moved into government, and Rajnath Singh's second presidency ended after the 2014 victory when he entered the Union Cabinet. Conversely, Bangaru Laxman's very short tenure ended amid the Tehelka crisis and therefore has a fundamentally different organisational meaning.

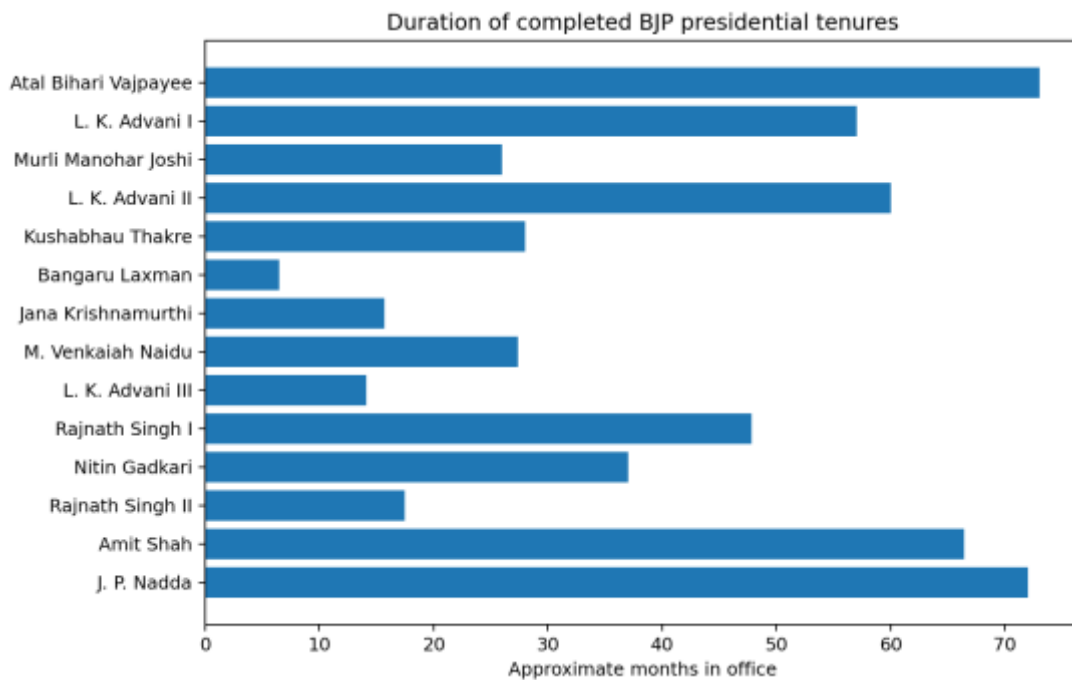
**Table 2. BJP presidential durability and organisational character**

| President / tenure   | Start      | End      | Approx. months served | Appointment Tara                                            | How tenure ended / status              | Organisational character                                                       |
|----------------------|------------|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Atal Bihari Vajpayee | Apr 1980   | May 1986 | 73                    | Not classified: exact transition date/time unresolved       | Founding president; orderly succession | Founding and institutional establishment                                       |
| L. K. Advani I       | May 1986   | Feb 1991 | 57                    | Not classified: exact assumption date/time unresolved       | Orderly transition                     | Rapid national expansion; BJP rose sharply as a parliamentary force            |
| Murli Manohar Joshi  | 1 Feb 1991 | Apr 1993 | 26                    | Vipat for normal daytime; Sampat before the morning ingress | Orderly transition                     | Mobilisation-oriented tenure; Ekta Yatra accompanied by substantial resistance |

| President / tenure | Start       | End         | Approx. months served | Appointment                                                                     | Tenure ended / status                                                  | Organisational character                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| L. K. Advani II    | Apr 1993    | Apr 1998    | 60                    | Not classified: exact assumption time unresolved                                | Orderly transition                                                     | Consolidation as principal national challenger and coalition-era expansion                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Kushabhau Thakre   | 14 Apr 1998 | Aug 2000    | 28.5                  | Mitra for normal daytime on 14 Apr 1998; Vadha around midnight                  | Orderly transition                                                     | Mixed coalition-era outcome: the Vajpayee government already in office when Thakre became president fell by one vote in Apr 1999, but BJP retained 182 Lok Sabha seats in the 1999 election and returned to government at the head of a more durable NDA coalition. |
| Bangaru Laxman     | 27 Aug 2000 | 14 Mar 2001 | 6.5                   | Paramamitra (daytime; Punarvasu/Mitra near midnight, Ashlesha/Janma late night) | Resigned during Tehelka crisis                                         | Exceptionally short tenure; major BJP reputational shock                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Jana Krishnamurthi | 14 Mar 2001 | 30 Jun 2002 | 15.5                  | Mitra for most of 14 Mar 2001; Paramamitra only very late night                 | Moved into Union government                                            | Post-crisis stabilisation and continuity                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| M. Venkaiah Naidu  | 1 Jul 2002  | 18 Oct 2004 | 27.4                  | Mitra for most of 1 Jul 2002; re-election 28 Jan 2004 = Sampat (daytime)        | Resigned after 2004 setback; orderly handover                          | Energetic party-government coordination; strong execution but major electoral/strategic setback                                                                                                                                                                     |
| L. K. Advani III   | 27 Oct 2004 | 31 Dec 2005 | 14.1                  | Sampat for normal daytime on 27 Oct 2004; Janma only before morning ingress     | Leadership transition after Jinnah controversy and internal resistance | Significant ideological and organisational controversy                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

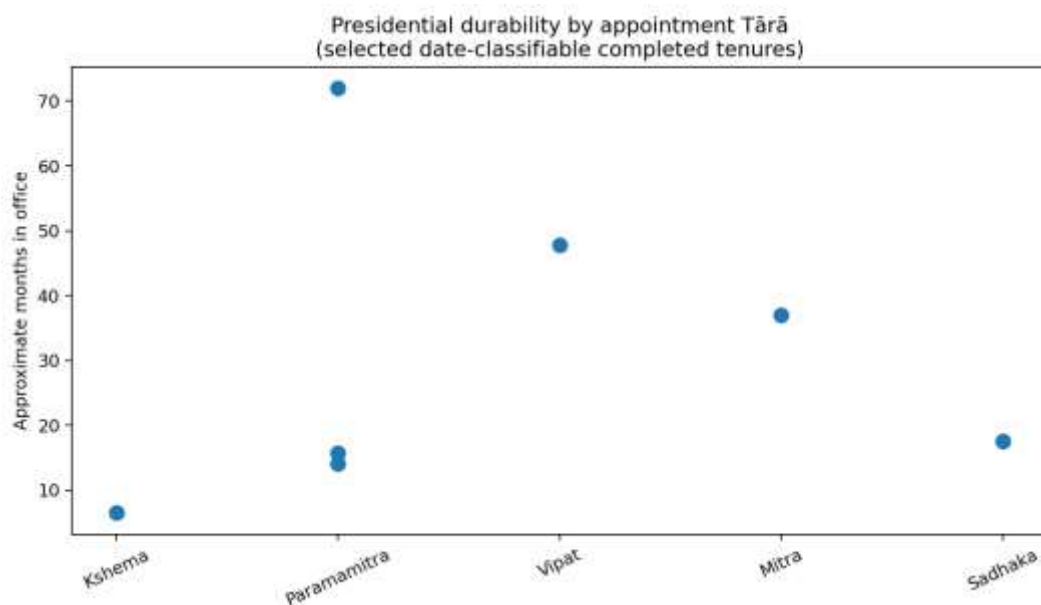
| President / tenure | Start       | End         | Approx. months served | Appointment Tara                                                                                     | How tenure ended / status                                                          | Organisational character                                                                                    |
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| Rajnath Singh I    | 31 Dec 2005 | 19 Dec 2009 | 47.6                  | Vipat for normal daytime; Sampat around midnight before ingress                                      | Orderly transition after difficult 2009 cycle                                      | Late-tenure internal rebellion and leadership criticism                                                     |
| Nitin Gadkari      | 19 Dec 2009 | 23 Jan 2013 | 37.0                  | Kshema (Uttara Ashadha throughout 19 Dec 2009)                                                       | Second term did not materialise amid Puri-related controversy and internal dissent | Organisational initiatives alongside sustained reputational and leadership pressure                         |
| Rajnath Singh II   | 23 Jan 2013 | 9 Jul 2014  | 17.5                  | Sadhaka for normal daytime; Pratyari before the late-morning ingress                                 | Moved into Union government after 2014 victory                                     | Short but highly execution-oriented national campaign and organisational phase                              |
| Amit Shah          | 9 Jul 2014  | 20 Jan 2020 | 66.4                  | Paramamitra for normal daytime 9 Jul 2014; re-election 24 Jan 2016 = Paramamitra through most of day | Re-elected; orderly transition                                                     | Exceptional membership expansion, organisational penetration and sustained national consolidation           |
| J. P. Nadda        | 20 Jan 2020 | 20 Jan 2026 | 72.0                  | Paramamitra through most of 20 Jan 2020; Janma only late night                                       | Tenure extended; orderly transition                                                | Long organisational continuity; major outreach and membership programmes; mixed downstream election results |
| Nitin Nabin        | 20 Jan 2026 | Ongoing     | 7.0                   | Śravaṇa/Pratyari primary; Dhaniṣṭhā/Sādhaka sensitivity (boundary case)                              | Ongoing                                                                            | Prospective presidency; major national-team restructuring in Aug 2026                                       |

**Figure 1. Duration of completed BJP presidential tenures.**



The duration distribution immediately shows why longevity cannot be equated mechanically with auspiciousness. Paramamitra includes the exceptionally durable Shah and Nadda presidencies, but also Bangaru Laxman's exceptionally short 2000–01 presidency. Kṣema includes the longer Venkaiah Naidu period and the Gadkari presidency, demonstrating that even a conventionally protective Tārā does not eliminate organisational pressure. Vipat includes both the approximately 26-month Joshi tenure and the nearly four-year Rajnath Singh first presidency. The relationship therefore has to be interpreted together with the manner of transition and the organisational events occurring during the tenure.

**Figure 2. Presidential durability by appointment Tārā for selected date-classifiable completed tenures.**



## 6. BJP-Focused Organisational Evidence

The organisational evidence is deliberately BJP-specific. A general government controversy is not included merely because BJP was in power. The relevant historical development must materially concern BJP's organisation, leadership structure, cadres, party strategy, internal cohesion, alliances, mobilisation or institutional reputation. This keeps the analysis focused on the entity whose Muhūrta is being studied.

**Table 3. Major BJP-focused organisational developments used in the revised analysis**

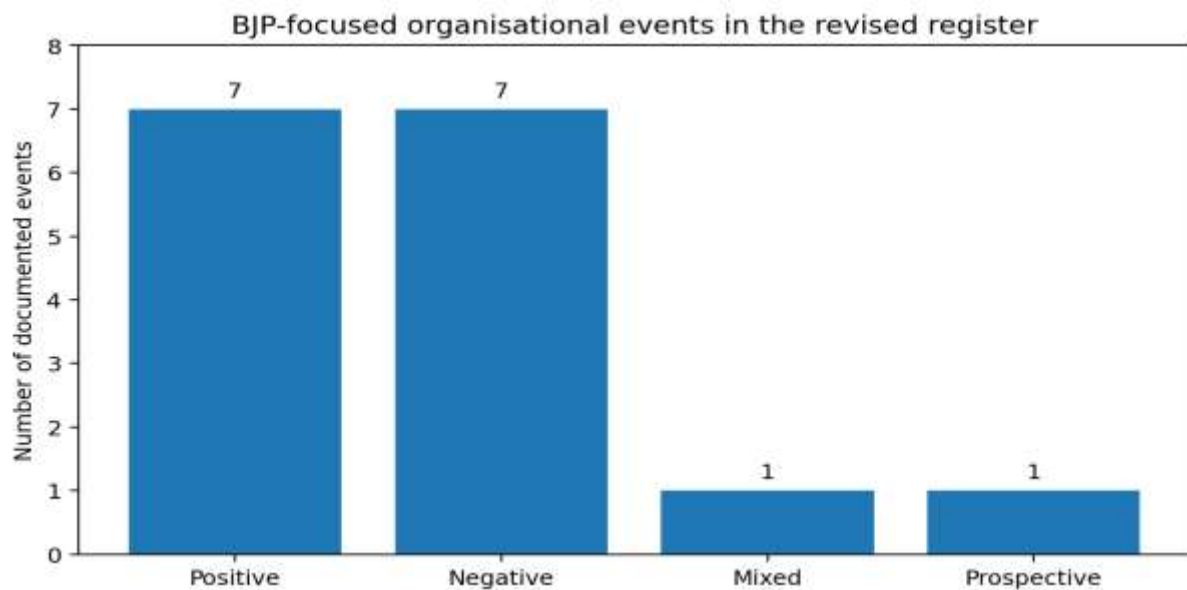
| Presidential tenure | Event                                                              | Organisational dimension                                    | Direction | Historical significance                                                                                                                                                                      | Source                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Murli Manohar Joshi | 1991–92 Ekta Yatra                                                 | Strategic mobilisation / resistance                         | Mixed     | Vipat for normal daytime; Sampat before the morning ingress                                                                                                                                  | <a href="https://www.indiatoday.in/magazine/your-week/story/19911231-sticky-start-756826-1991-12-30">https://www.indiatoday.in/magazine/your-week/story/19911231-sticky-start-756826-1991-12-30</a> |
| Kushabhau Thakre    | 17 Apr 1999: Vajpayee government loses confidence vote by one vote | Coalition stability / governing continuity                  | Negative  | The BJP-led government that was already in office when Thakre became president collapsed after about 13 months; this is a material contradiction to a simple Mitra = stable-support reading. | Indian Express historical review; Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs; IPS                                                                                                                            |
| Kushabhau Thakre    | 1999 general election and 13 Oct 1999 return of Vajpayee-led NDA   | Coalition recovery / electoral-organisational consolidation | Positive  | BJP retained 182 Lok Sabha seats and the NDA returned with a stronger parliamentary position; the same presidency therefore contains both a coalition breakdown and a rapid recovery.        | BJP Party Document; IPU election record; PM India                                                                                                                                                   |

| Presidential tenure | Event                                          | Organisational dimension                      | Direction | Historical significance                                                         | Source                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bangaru Laxman      | Tehelka crisis and resignation                 | BJP-focused controversy / reputational crisis | Negative  | Paramamitra (daytime; Punarvasu/Mitra near midnight, Ashlesha/Janma late night) | <a href="https://www.indiatoday.in/magazine/26-03-2001">https://www.indiatoday.in/magazine/26-03-2001</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Jana Krishnamurthi  | Post-Tehelka stabilisation                     | Internal stability recovery                   | Positive  | Mitra for most of 14 Mar 2001; Paramamitra only very late night                 | <a href="https://www.indiatoday.in/magazine/nation/story/20010409-bjp-begins-life-after-tehelka-expose-with-new-president-combination-of-hope-and-bluster-796774-2002-04-08">https://www.indiatoday.in/magazine/nation/story/20010409-bjp-begins-life-after-tehelka-expose-with-new-president-combination-of-hope-and-bluster-796774-2002-04-08</a> |
| M. Venkaiah Naidu   | 1 Jul 2002                                     | Strategic setback / criticism                 | Negative  | Mitra for most of 1 Jul 2002; re-election 28 Jan 2004 = Sampat (daytime)        | <a href="https://www.indiatoday.in/magazine/cover-story/story/20040322-game-plan-of-congress-bjp-in-elections-2004-790276-2004-03-21">https://www.indiatoday.in/magazine/cover-story/story/20040322-game-plan-of-congress-bjp-in-elections-2004-790276-2004-03-21</a>                                                                               |
| L. K. Advani III    | Jinnah controversy and BJP internal resistance | Internal conflict / ideological controversy   | Negative  | Sampat for normal daytime on 27 Oct 2004; Janma only before morning ingress     | <a href="https://www.indiatoday.in/magazine/cover-story/story/20050627-has-lk-advani-lost-his-grip-over-bjp-that-he-almost-singlehandedly-set-up-787295-2005-06-26">https://www.indiatoday.in/magazine/cover-story/story/20050627-has-lk-advani-lost-his-grip-over-bjp-that-he-almost-singlehandedly-set-up-787295-2005-06-26</a>                   |
| Rajnath Singh I     | Post-2009 internal rebellion                   | Internal conflict                             | Negative  | Vipat for normal daytime;                                                       | <a href="https://www.indiatoday.in/headlines-today-">https://www.indiatoday.in/headlines-today-</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

| Presidential tenure | Event                                             | Organisational dimension                   | Direction | Historical significance                                                                              | Source                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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|                     |                                                   | leadership criticism                       |           | Sampat around midnight before ingress                                                                | top-stories/story/bjp-will-spring-back-rajnath-55189-2009-08-25                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Nitin Gadkari       | 19 Dec 2009                                       | BJP-focused controversy / internal dissent | Negative  | Kshema (Uttara Ashadha throughout 19 Dec 2009)                                                       | <a href="https://www.indiatoday.in/india/north/story/mahesh-jethmalani-quits-as-bjp-national-executive-council-member-120583-2012-11-04">https://www.indiatoday.in/india/north/story/mahesh-jethmalani-quits-as-bjp-national-executive-council-member-120583-2012-11-04</a> |
| Nitin Gadkari       | 19 Dec 2009                                       | Leadership continuity setback              | Negative  | Kshema (Uttara Ashadha throughout 19 Dec 2009)                                                       | <a href="https://www.indiatoday.in/india/north/story/bjp-nitin-gadkari-party-president-second-term-120751-2012-11-06">https://www.indiatoday.in/india/north/story/bjp-nitin-gadkari-party-president-second-term-120751-2012-11-06</a>                                       |
| Rajnath Singh II    | 2013–14 national campaign execution               | Strategic execution                        | Positive  | Sadhaka for normal daytime; Pratyari before the late-morning ingress                                 | <a href="https://library.bjp.org/jspui/handle/123456789/1">https://library.bjp.org/jspui/handle/123456789/1</a>                                                                                                                                                             |
| Amit Shah           | Mass membership drive                             | Organisational expansion                   | Positive  | Paramamitra for normal daytime 9 Jul 2014; re-election 24 Jan 2016 = Paramamitra through most of day | <a href="https://library.bjp.org/jspui/bitstream/123456789/991/1/Issue-1%20%281st%20February%2C%202015%29.pdf">https://library.bjp.org/jspui/bitstream/123456789/991/1/Issue-1%20%281st%20February%2C%202015%29.pdf</a>                                                     |
| Amit Shah           | Membership milestone and organisational expansion | Organisational expansion                   | Positive  | Paramamitra for normal daytime 9 Jul 2014; re-                                                       | <a href="https://www.indiatoday.in/india/north/story/bjp-largest-">https://www.indiatoday.in/india/north/story/bjp-largest-</a>                                                                                                                                             |

| Presidential tenure | Event                                                                    | Organisational dimension           | Direction   | Historical significance                                                                         | Source                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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|                     |                                                                          |                                    |             | election 24 Jan 2016 = Paramamitra through most of day                                          | party-88-crore-members-modi-amit-shah-246322-2015-03-29                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| J. P. Nadda         | National outreach programme across Lok Sabha and Assembly constituencies | Strategic execution / outreach     | Positive    | Paramamitra through most of 20 Jan 2020; Janma only late night                                  | <a href="https://library.bjp.org/jspui/bitstream/123456789/3165/2/KS_ENG_June%202023_2_Web.pdf">https://library.bjp.org/jspui/bitstream/123456789/3165/2/KS_ENG_June%202023_2_Web.pdf</a>                                                         |
| J. P. Nadda         | Sanghatan Parva membership drive 2024                                    | Organisational expansion / renewal | Positive    | Paramamitra through most of 20 Jan 2020; Janma only late night                                  | <a href="https://library.bjp.org/jspui/bitstream/123456789/3202/1/BJYM%20Magazine%20September%20.pdf">https://library.bjp.org/jspui/bitstream/123456789/3202/1/BJYM%20Magazine%20September%20.pdf</a>                                             |
| Nitin Nabin         | National office-bearer restructuring                                     | Strategic restructuring            | Prospective | First major national-team restructuring of the ongoing presidency; outcome remains prospective. | <a href="https://theprint.in/india/10-women-six-leaders-from-minority-communities-find-place-in-bjp-national-team/3017214/">https://theprint.in/india/10-women-six-leaders-from-minority-communities-find-place-in-bjp-national-team/3017214/</a> |

**Figure 3. Distribution of major BJP-focused organisational events documented in the revised register.**



## 7. Historical Patterns by Presidency

### 7.1 Murli Manohar Joshi: Vipat and mobilisation under resistance

Joshi's 1 February 1991 transition is provisionally Vipat under the noon reconstruction, with time sensitivity retained. His tenure was not simply a failure: BJP continued to expand as a national force. However, the Ekta Yatra illustrates why Vipat may be better tested against disruption and resistance than against seat totals. The campaign was a major BJP mobilisation initiative but encountered substantial political resistance and contemporary criticism. The case therefore contains both organisational ambition and difficulty, which is closer to a functional Vipat hypothesis than a binary win/loss reading.

### 7.2 Kushabhau Thakre: Mitra, coalition collapse and rapid recovery

Kushabhau Thakre was elected BJP president on 14 April 1998, after the Vajpayee-led government had already taken office on 19 March 1998. His appointment Moon is Vishākhā, the 26th position from the BJP's working Jyēsthā reference and therefore Mitra. The tenure cannot, however, be classified as uniformly supportive. On 17 April 1999 the BJP-led government lost a confidence vote by a single vote, ending a government of roughly thirteen months. At the collapse, the Moon was Bharanī/Vipat; Mars was Swātī/Vadha and simultaneously Mānasa; Venus was Rohiṇī/Pratyari; Jupiter was Revatī/Janma-Karma; and Rāhu was Āśleṣā/Janma-Ādhāna. This creates a genuine contradiction to any static reading of the favourable Mitra appointment. Yet the same presidency also contains the counter-movement: in the 1999 general election BJP retained 182 seats and the NDA returned to office on 13 October 1999. At the renewed government formation, the Moon was Anurādhā/Paramamitra-Abhiṣeka and the Sun Chitrā/Sādhaka, although Mercury remained Vadha-Mānasa and Saturn Vipat. Thakre's tenure therefore supports the paper's dynamic model particularly well: a favourable appointment did not prevent an acute coalition crisis, while the crisis and recovery moments themselves carried markedly different Tārā configurations.

### 7.3 Bangaru Laxman: short Paramamitra tenure and a major counter-example

Bangaru Laxman's 27 August 2000 daytime National Council assumption is classified as Paramamitra in the date-level reconstruction, yet his presidency lasted only about six and a half months and ended during the Tehelka crisis. Contemporary reporting described the episode as shattering BJP's self-image, and Laxman resigned as party president. This is a major counter-example to any simplistic proposition that

Paramamitra guarantees stability or durability. It is retained prominently because a credible study must preserve observations that contradict the expected classical pattern.

#### **7.4 Jana Krishnamurthi: Mitra and post-crisis stabilisation**

Krishnamurthi took over immediately after the Tehelka shock. On 14 March 2001 the Moon remained in Vishākhā through most of the day, giving Mitra from Jyeshthā; only a very late-night assumption would move to Anurādhā/Paramamitra. The main table therefore records Mitra with a time-sensitivity note. His tenure was relatively short, but its termination was not crisis-driven: he moved into the Union government. Contemporary accounts portrayed his role as part of BJP's effort to restore calm and organisational continuity. This illustrates why tenure length must be read together with transition character.

#### **7.5 Rajnath Singh I: Vipat and late-tenure internal crisis**

Rajnath Singh's first presidency is classified as Vipat. Following the 2009 Lok Sabha defeat, BJP experienced visible internal rebellion: Jaswant Singh was expelled, Sudheendra Kulkarni left the party, Arun Shourie publicly attacked the leadership, and B. C. Khanduri challenged the handling of responsibility for the defeat. Contemporary coverage explicitly described an internal crisis. This is one of the clearer historical correspondences between a Vipat appointment and a disruption-heavy organisational period, although the crisis emerged late rather than defining the entire four-year tenure.

#### **7.6 Nitin Gadkari: Kṣema but substantial organisational pressure**

Gadkari's 19 December 2009 appointment is classified as Kṣema, yet his tenure supplies another important counter-example. In 2012 allegations concerning the Purti group generated sustained BJP-focused reputational pressure and open dissent from senior party figures. Mahesh Jethmalani resigned from the national executive while demanding Gadkari's resignation, other senior figures opposed his continuation, and contemporary reporting described uncertainty over a second term. Thus Mitra did not prevent a serious leadership-continuity crisis.

#### **7.7 Rajnath Singh II: Sādhaka and execution**

Rajnath Singh returned as president on 23 January 2013 under Sādhaka. His second presidency lasted only about seventeen and a half months, but this is precisely why longevity alone would be misleading. The tenure encompassed the organisational transition to Narendra Modi's national campaign and culminated in the 2014 expansion, after which Rajnath Singh moved into the Union government. The appropriate classical comparison is therefore execution and accomplishment rather than duration. Among the modern observations, this is one of the strongest examples supporting a functional Sādhaka interpretation.

#### **7.8 Amit Shah: Paramamitra, renewal and organisational expansion**

Amit Shah's 9 July 2014 appointment and 24 January 2016 re-election both fall in Paramamitra under the Jyeshthā model. His presidency lasted approximately five and a half years and included formal renewal. BJP documentation records an ambitious membership drive aimed at expanding from roughly 3.5 crore members toward 10 crore, with explicit emphasis on strengthening the party in regions where it had historically been weaker. This combination of durability, renewal and large-scale organisational expansion is consistent with the support-and-facilitation hypothesis attached to Paramamitra, although individual electoral setbacks during the period prevent a deterministic interpretation.

#### **7.9 J. P. Nadda: Paramamitra and prolonged continuity**

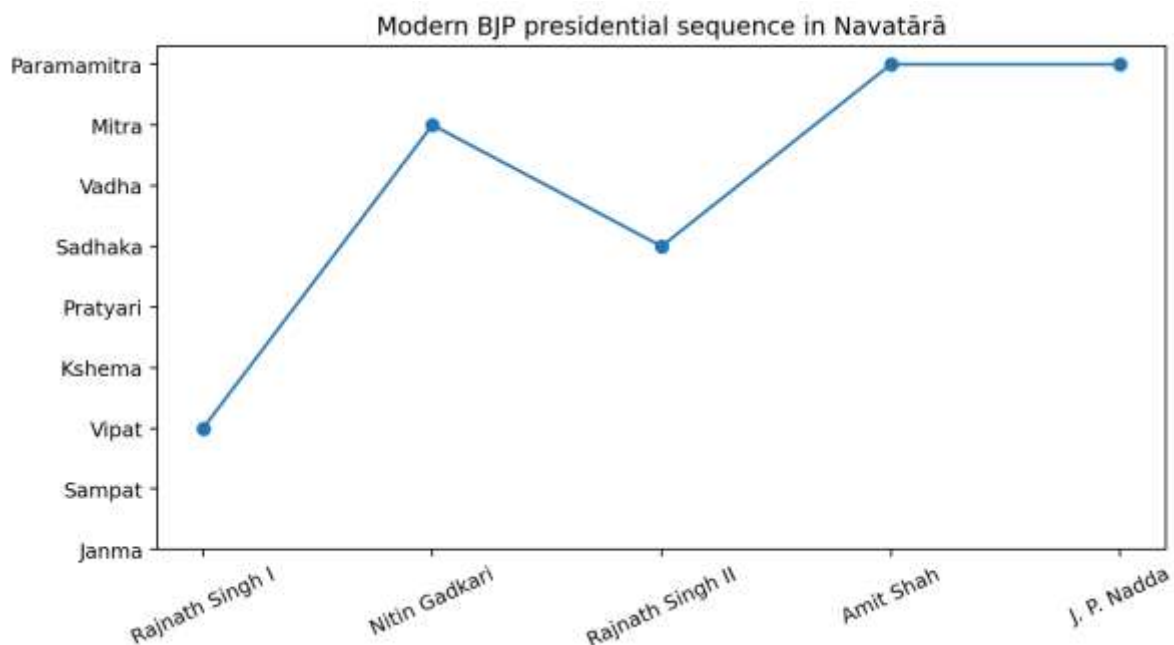
Nadda's 20 January 2020 appointment is also Paramamitra. His presidency continued for approximately six years, including extension beyond the initial cycle. BJP documentation records large national outreach programmes and the 2024 Sanghatan Parva membership drive. At the same time, the 2024 Lok Sabha

election produced a substantial seat decline from 2019. The contrast again supports the revised framework: organisational continuity and electoral outcome are related but distinct dependent variables.

## 7.10 Nitin Nabin: boundary-sensitive appointment as a prospective test

Nitin Nabin's current presidency provides the study's most useful prospective observation. The exact constitutionally decisive instant on 20 January 2026 has not yet been recovered from a primary record carrying a precise clock time, and the Moon crossed from Śravaṇa to Dhaniṣṭhā near the broader reported programme window. The study therefore pre-specifies Śravaṇa/Pratyari as the primary model on the presently stronger pre-ingress chronology and Dhaniṣṭhā/Sādhaka as a sensitivity model if the decisive act occurred after the ingress. The national office-bearer restructuring announced on 17 August 2026 occurred in Chitrā, itself Sādhaka from Jyeṣṭhā. Because the presidency is ongoing, no retrospective verdict is assigned; resistance, organisational execution, Bihar recovery, functioning of the new national team and later electoral preparedness are tracked prospectively against both models.

**Figure 4. Modern BJP presidential sequence in Navatārā.**



## 8. Electoral Outcomes as a Secondary Test

The earlier version of this study tested whether favourable appointment Tārās predicted larger subsequent Lok Sabha gains. That hypothesis was not supported in the clean exposure sample. This negative result is retained rather than discarded. It indicates that national seat totals are too distant from the presidential appointment to function as a reliable standalone test of organisational Muhūrta. The revised study therefore treats election performance as downstream evidence: important for historical context, but not the primary measure of whether a presidency displayed the functional character associated with its appointment Tārā.

## 9. Statistical Interpretation

The sample of national BJP presidencies is necessarily small, and several older transitions lack exact clock times. Formal statistical claims must therefore remain modest. An exploratory durability comparison among selected date-classifiable completed tenures does not justify a strong general conclusion because

individual Tārās contain very few observations and because the reason a presidency ended is as important as its raw duration. The historical tables are consequently the primary evidentiary surface, while statistical tests are treated as supporting rather than decisive evidence.

The revised evidence rejects two simplistic propositions: first, that every conventionally favourable Tārā produces a stable or controversy-free presidency; and second, that a disruptive Tārā necessarily produces electoral failure. Bangaru Laxman's Paramamitra tenure and Gadkari's Kṣema tenure are clear counter-examples to the first proposition, while early BJP expansion under Vipat-classified periods complicates the second.

## 10. Contradiction Cases: Viśeṣa-Tārā and Crisis-Time Analysis

Where the ordinary Navatārā at appointment appears favourable but the subsequent tenure contains an abrupt resignation, major BJP-focused controversy or serious organisational criticism, the study adds a second layer: the Viśeṣa-Tārās counted from the same BJP institutional Jyeṣṭhā reference. The conservative core used here is Karma (10th), Saṅghātika (16th), Samudāyika (18th), Ādhāna (19th), Vaināśika (22nd), Mānasa (25th) and Abhiṣeka (27th). Traditions that additionally identify the 12th and 13th positions are noted separately rather than mixed into the principal comparison. This layer is not used to retroactively force a match. It asks two distinct questions: whether the appointment Nakṣatra itself overlaps a Viśeṣa-Tārā, and whether the planetary sky at the later crisis or resignation places important planets in adverse Navatārā or Viśeṣa-Tārā positions.

**Table 4. Favourable-Navatārā contradiction cases and Viśeṣa overlap**

| Case             | Appointment Navatārā | Viśeṣa overlap           | Contradictory outcome                                                                                                       | Interpretive implication                                                                                                                                               |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Kushabhau Thakre | Mitra                | None at appointment Moon | Vajpayee government fell by one vote on 17 Apr 1999; BJP/NDA then recovered and returned to office after the 1999 election. | A favourable Mitra appointment did not ensure uninterrupted coalition stability. The crisis-time and recovery-time skies must be analysed separately.                  |
| Bangaru Laxman   | Paramamitra          | Samudāyika (18th)        | ~6.5-month tenure; Tehelka crisis; resignation                                                                              | Paramamitra did not guarantee durability. Samudāyika makes the collective/public dimension of the tenure especially relevant, but does not by itself explain the fall. |

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| Venkaiah Naidu   | Mitra; re-election Sampat | None at primary appointment/re-election | 2004 setback followed by resignation offer/exit                                                                             | Requires crisis-time planetary analysis rather than appointment Viśeṣa alone.                                                                         |
| L. K. Advani III | Sampat                    | None                                    | Jinnah controversy; internal resistance; announced exit                                                                     | Contradiction remains at appointment level; crisis date becomes the more informative layer.                                                           |
| Nitin Gadkari    | Kṣema                     | None                                    | Purṭi controversy; internal dissent; second term abandoned                                                                  | Kṣema did not ensure continuity; crisis-time transits are essential.                                                                                  |

## 10.1 Planetary Positions at Crisis and Resignation

The resignation or crisis date is treated as a second institutional event. The Moon shows the immediate Navatārā climate, while the remaining planets are mapped by their Nakṣatras to the same Jyēṣṭhā reference. This does not establish causation, but it allows the study to test whether an apparently favourable appointment was later accompanied by a concentration of adverse or special positions at the moment the organisational problem crystallised.

**Table 5. Selected planetary patterns at contradiction-event dates**

| Event                                                              | Moon                            | Notable adverse Navatārā placements                                  | Notable Viśeṣa-Tārā placements                          | Key observation                                                                                                                                            | Historical basis                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Vajpayee government collapse during Thakre presidency, 17 Apr 1999 | Bharanī = Vipat                 | Moon Vipat; Mars Vadha; Venus Pratyari                               | Mars in Mānasa; Jupiter in Karma; Rahu in Ādhāna        | The favourable Mitra appointment coexisted with a sharply more adverse configuration at the actual coalition collapse.                                     | Government lost confidence vote 269–270 and Vajpayee resigned.                          |
| Vajpayee-led NDA returns to office, 13 Oct 1999                    | Anurādhā = Paramamitra          | Mercury Vadha; Saturn Vipat; Ketu Pratyari                           | Moon in Abhiṣeka; Mercury in Mānasa; Rahu in Samudāyika | The recovery event shows a much stronger lunar configuration: Paramamitra with Abhiṣeka, alongside Sun in Sādhaka.                                         | Following the 1999 election BJP retained 182 seats and Vajpayee began the new NDA term. |
| Bangaru Laxman resignation, 13 Mar 2001                            | Vishākhā = Mitra                | Jupiter Pratyari; Rahu Vadha; Ketu Vipat                             | Rahu in Saṅghātika; Venus in Karma                      | The Moon itself was not adverse, but the nodal axis and Jupiter show a markedly more difficult background than the appointment Paramamitra alone suggests. | Resigned at night following release of Tehelka sting.                                   |
| Venkaiah Naidu resignation offer, 18 Oct 2004                      | Jyeṣṭhā = Janma                 | Mars Pratyari; Jupiter Pratyari; Venus Vipat; Mercury and Ketu Vadha | Mercury and Ketu in Mānasa                              | A strong cluster of adverse Navatārās appears at the resignation-offer moment.                                                                             | Offer followed Maharashtra defeat and internal party squabbles.                         |
| Advani exit decision, 18 Sep 2005                                  | Uttara Bhādrapadā = Paramamitra | Venus Vadha; Ketu Pratyari                                           | Sun and Mercury in Vaināśika; Venus in Mānasa;          | This is the clearest example where a favourable Moon coexists                                                                                              | Decision to leave by year-end followed Jinnah-related                                   |

| Event                                                              | Moon                   | Notable adverse Navatārā placements                                          | Notable Viśeṣa-Tārā placements                          | Key observation                                                                                                        | Historical basis                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Vajpayee government collapse during Thakre presidency, 17 Apr 1999 | Bharanī = Vipat        | Moon Vipat; Mars Vadha; Venus Pratyari                                       | Mars in Mānasa; Jupiter in Karma; Rahu in Ādhāna        | The favourable Mitra appointment coexisted with a sharply more adverse configuration at the actual coalition collapse. | Government lost confidence vote 269–270 and Vajpayee resigned.                          |
| Vajpayee-led NDA returns to office, 13 Oct 1999                    | Anurādhā = Paramamitra | Mercury Vadha; Saturn Vipat; Ketu Pratyari                                   | Moon in Abhiṣeka; Mercury in Mānasa; Rahu in Samudāyika | The recovery event shows a much stronger lunar configuration: Paramamitra with Abhiṣeka, alongside Sun in Sādhaka.     | Following the 1999 election BJP retained 182 seats and Vajpayee began the new NDA term. |
|                                                                    |                        |                                                                              | Saturn in Samudāyika                                    | with severe special-Tārā activation: Sun and Mercury occupy Vaināśika while Venus occupies Mānasa.                     | BJP/RSS conflict.                                                                       |
| Advani final resignation, 31 Dec 2005                              | Pūrvāṣāḍhā = Vipat     | Sun Vipat; Moon Vipat; Mars Vipat; Jupiter Vadha; Ketu Pratyari              | Jupiter in Mānasa; Saturn in Samudāyika                 | By the actual transfer of office, the immediate lunar and multi-planet Navatārā picture is substantially adverse.      | Final resignation accepted and Rajnath Singh took over.                                 |
| Nitin Gadkari withdrawal, 22 Jan 2013                              | Rohiṇī = Pratyari      | Moon Pratyari; Mercury Pratyari; Jupiter Pratyari; Venus Vipat; Saturn Vadha | Saturn in Mānasa                                        | The Kṣema appointment is followed at the second-term collapse by a dense adverse cluster,                              | Announced he would not seek a second term amid Purti controversy.                       |

| Event                                                              | Moon                   | Notable adverse Navatārā placements        | Notable Viśeṣa-Tārā placements                          | Key observation                                                                                                        | Historical basis                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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|                                                                    |                        |                                            |                                                         | including three Pratyari placements and Saturn in Vadha/Mānasa.                                                        |                                                                                         |

## 10.2 Interpretation of the Contradiction Layer

The contradiction analysis changes the role of Navatārā in the study. A presidential appointment is no longer treated as a permanent astrological condition governing the entire tenure. It is the starting institutional Muhūrta. Later organisational turning points have their own lunar and planetary configurations. This is particularly important in Bangaru Laxman's and Gadkari's cases: a favourable appointment Tārā did not prevent a later crisis, while the crisis dates themselves contain substantially more adverse Navatārā concentrations. Advani's 2005 case is especially instructive for the Viśeṣa layer. On the date he announced that he would leave the presidency after the Jinnah dispute, the Moon was Paramamitra, which by ordinary Navatārā alone appears favourable. Yet the Sun and Mercury were in the 22nd position, Vaināśika, Venus occupied the 25th Mānasa position while simultaneously falling in Vadha, and Ketu was Pratyari. The later final resignation on 31 December occurred with both Sun and Moon in Vipat and Jupiter in Vadha/Mānasa. Thus the special-Tārā and crisis-time analysis is capable of revealing structures that a single appointment-Moon classification misses.

The appropriate conclusion is not that Viśeṣa-Tārā automatically 'fixes' every contradiction. Bangaru Laxman's appointment itself remains Paramamitra with Samudāyika overlap and still produced a severe crisis. Rather, the data suggest that organisational Muhūrta should be treated dynamically: appointment timing describes the beginning of a presidency, while crisis, resignation, re-election and team-formation moments should be analysed as separate institutional events.

## 11. Full Planetary Navatārā and Viśeṣa-Tārā at Appointment

The appointment analysis is now extended beyond the Moon. For each presidential transition, the Sun, Moon, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus, Saturn, Rāhu and Ketu are placed by sidereal Nakṣatra and counted from the BJP's working Jyēṣṭhā institutional reference. This creates two simultaneous layers at the beginning of the tenure: ordinary Navatārā for every planet and any overlap with the special positions Karma (10th), Saṅghātika (16th), Samudāyika (18th), Ādhāna (19th), Vaināśika (22nd), Mānasa (25th) and Abhiṣeka (27th). The purpose is not to replace the appointment Moon, but to determine whether an apparently favourable lunar Tārā began under a more complicated planetary background.

**Table 6. Appointment-time planetary background**

| Appointment       | Moon / Navatārā          | Adverse planetary Navatārās             | Viśeṣa-Tārā overlaps                           | Interpretive use                                                                                                       |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Kushabhau Thakre  | Vishākhā / Mitra         | Venus Vadha; Rahu Vipat; Ketu Vadha     | Mercury Karma; Saturn Karma                    | The Mitra Moon was not an unqualified favourable field: Venus/Ketu were in Vadha and Rahu in Vipat at the appointment. |
| Bangaru Laxman    | Pushya / Paramamitra     | Mercury Vipat; Jupiter Pratyari         | Moon Samudayika; Mars Adhana; Venus Vainashika | Tests whether the lunar appointment signal is reinforced or qualified by the wider planetary field.                    |
| M. Venkaiah Naidu | Purva Bhadrapada / Mitra | Sun Vadha; Rahu Pratyari                | Sun Sanghatika; Venus Adhana                   | Tests whether the lunar appointment signal is reinforced or qualified by the wider planetary field.                    |
| L. K. Advani III  | Ashwini / Sampat         | Sun Vadha; Jupiter Pratyari; Ketu Vadha | Sun Manasa; Venus Vainashika; Ketu Manasa      | Tests whether the lunar appointment signal is reinforced or qualified by the wider planetary field.                    |
| Nitin Gadkari     | Uttara Ashadha / Kshema  | Mercury Vipat; Saturn Pratyari          | Mars Adhana                                    | Tests whether the lunar appointment signal is reinforced or qualified by the                                           |

| Appointment           | Moon / Navatārā                                         | Adverse planetary Navatārās                                   | Viśeṣa-Tārā overlaps               | Interpretive use                                                                                                       |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Kushabhau Thakre      | Vishākhā / Mitra                                        | Venus Vadha; Rahu Vipat; Ketu Vadha                           | Mercury Karma; Saturn Karma        | The Mitra Moon was not an unqualified favourable field: Venus/Ketu were in Vadha and Rahu in Vipat at the appointment. |
|                       |                                                         |                                                               |                                    | wider planetary field.                                                                                                 |
| Rajnath Singh II      | Mrigashirsha / Sadhaka                                  | Mercury Pratyari; Jupiter Pratyari; Venus Vipat; Saturn Vadha | Saturn Manasa                      | Tests whether the lunar appointment signal is reinforced or qualified by the wider planetary field.                    |
| Amit Shah I           | Anuradha / Paramamitra                                  | None                                                          | Moon Abhisheka; Jupiter Samudayika | Tests whether the lunar appointment signal is reinforced or qualified by the wider planetary field.                    |
| J. P. Nadda           | Anuradha / Paramamitra                                  | Mercury Pratyari; Jupiter Vipat; Venus Vadha; Rahu Vadha      | Moon Abhisheka; Rahu Sanghatika    | Tests whether the lunar appointment signal is reinforced or qualified by the wider planetary field.                    |
| Nitin Nabin president | Śravaṇa/Pratyari primary; Dhaniṣṭhā/Sādhaka sensitivity | Rahu Vadha; Ketu Vipat                                        | None                               | Boundary-sensitive appointment: wider planetary field is compared under both lunar timing conditions.                  |

This appointment-level planetary matrix is particularly important for contradiction cases. A favourable Moon accompanied by several planets in Vipat, Pratyari or Vadha, or by planets occupying Vaināsika, Mānasa or Saṅghātika, should not be described as an unqualified favourable Muhūrta. Conversely, a Sādhaka or Paramamitra Moon accompanied by supportive planetary placements provides a stronger appointment hypothesis than the Moon alone.

Because exact clock times are unavailable for several older appointments, the study distinguishes stable daily placements from time-sensitive ones. Slow-moving planetary Nakṣatras are effectively stable across the civil day, while the Moon—and occasionally a fast-moving Mercury placement near a boundary—requires explicit time qualification. Full planet-by-planet results are provided in Supplementary Sheets S9 and S10. Nitin Nabin is uniquely valuable to this study because his presidency is ongoing. Unlike the historical cases, the interpretive framework can therefore be stated before the final outcome is known. He was elected unopposed as BJP national president on 20 January 2026 for a three-year term. Contemporary reporting described the appointment as a generational transition and noted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi publicly emphasised Nabin's authority within the party. One factual distinction is essential. Nabin did not personally lose Bankipur. He won the constituency in the 2025 Bihar Assembly election and later vacated it following his elevation and move to the Rajya Sabha. BJP subsequently lost the July 2026 Bankipur by-election to Prashant Kishor. Because Bankipur had been Nabin's own five-term base, the defeat was nevertheless widely interpreted as a reputational and organisational setback for the new national president. It is therefore relevant to this study as an early organisational outcome, but not as a personal electoral defeat.

## 12.1 Appointment Muhūrta: 20 January 2026

Re-verification of the appointment timing changes an important earlier result. Contemporary live reports place Nitin Nabin's formal declaration and taking charge at approximately 11:53 AM–12:30 PM IST on 20 January 2026. Under Lahiri sidereal calculation the Moon remained in Śravaṇa until approximately 1:07 PM IST; Dhaniṣṭhā began only afterward. The correct appointment Moon is therefore Śravaṇa, the fifth position from BJP's working Jyēṣṭhā institutional Nakṣatra, giving Pratyari—not Sādhaka. This is the central appointment signal: the presidency should be judged primarily by execution, restructuring, completion of organisational tasks and the ability to convert authority into operational results, rather than by longevity alone.

| Planet  | Nakṣatra       | Navatārā | Viśeṣa Tārā | Interpretive emphasis                                                                                                                                   |
|---------|----------------|----------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun     | Uttara Ashadha | Kshema   | —           | Leadership identity and institutional visibility.                                                                                                       |
| Moon    | Śravaṇa        | Pratyari | —           | Pratyari: leadership begins under resistance/opposition; execution must be demonstrated against pressure rather than assumed from the appointment Moon. |
| Mars    | Uttara Ashadha | Kshema   | —           | Operational drive, conflict-management and organisational aggression.                                                                                   |
| Mercury | Uttara Ashadha | Kshema   | —           | Communication, negotiation, messaging and                                                                                                               |

| Planet  | Nakṣatra          | Navatārā    | Viśeṣa Tārā | Interpretive emphasis                                               |
|---------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
|         |                   |             |             | organisational decisions.                                           |
| Jupiter | Punarvasu         | Mitra       | —           | Institutional guidance, legitimacy and strategic judgement.         |
| Venus   | Uttara Ashadha    | Kshema      | —           | Coalition/social accommodation and public acceptability.            |
| Saturn  | Uttara Bhadrapada | Paramamitra | —           | Structure, discipline, durability and organisational burden.        |
| Rahu    | Shatabhisha       | Vadha       | —           | Mass politics, unconventional strategy and reputational volatility. |
| Ketu    | Purva Phalguni    | Vipat       | —           | Separation, correction                                              |

## 12.2 Early Real-World Test: Bankipur

The Bankipur by-election provides an unusually early test of the distinction between personal stature and organisational execution. Nabin entered the national presidency as a five-time MLA who had himself won Bankipur comfortably in 2025. After he vacated the seat, BJP lost the by-election in August 2026. Contemporary political reporting described the result as a blow to Nabin's aura and as raising questions about BJP organisation in a constituency closely identified with him. For the corrected Pratyari presidency this does not by itself determine the appointment hypothesis, but it creates a clear benchmark: subsequent organisational restructuring should produce observable recovery or improved execution rather than merely symbolic leadership.

## 12.3 Current Transit Environment and Transit Windows

As of 27 August 2026, the slow-moving background remains mixed but has changed from the earlier 21 August snapshot. Jupiter remains in Āśleṣā (Janma + Ādhāna), Saturn in Revatī (Janma + Karma), Mars in Ārdrā (Vadha + Saṅghātika), and Rāhu in Dhaniṣṭhā (Sādhaka). Mercury has moved to Maghā/Sampat and Venus to Chitrā/Sādhaka, while Ketu remains Maghā/Sampat. The combination therefore still contains structural pressure through Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, but communication/coordination and Venusian accommodation are less adverse than in the 21 August snapshot.

| Planet | Current Nakṣatra | Navatārā | Viśeṣa | Research interpretation                                               |
|--------|------------------|----------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun    | Maghā            | Sampat   | —      | Supportive/background factor; institutional visibility and resources. |
| Moon   | Dhaniṣṭhā        | Sādhaka  | —      | Immediate climate only; rapidly changing                              |

| Planet  | Current Nakṣatra | Navatārā | Viśeṣa     | Research interpretation                                                                                 |
|---------|------------------|----------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|         |                  |          |            | and not used for long-range inference.                                                                  |
| Mars    | Ārdrā            | Vadha    | Saṅghātika | Conflict-management and collective friction remain the clearest short-term adverse signal.              |
| Mercury | Maghā            | Sampat   | —          | Communication and organisational coordination are comparatively more supportive than earlier in August. |
| Jupiter | Āśleṣā           | Janma    | Ādhāna     | Strategic/ideological reset and re-foundation remain prominent.                                         |
| Venus   | Chitrā           | Sādhaka  | —          | Accommodation, alliances and image-management have moved into a more execution-oriented phase.          |
| Saturn  | Revatī           | Janma    | Karma      | Organisational responsibility, discipline and sustained workload remain central.                        |
| Rahu    | Dhaniṣṭhā        | Sādhaka  | —          | Unconventional mass strategy and ambitious execution remain activated.                                  |
| Ketu    | Maghā            | Sampat   | —          | Corrected: Maghā is the 20th position from Jyeṣṭhā and therefore Sampat, not Vipat.                     |

## 12.4 Prospective Expectations for the Nabin Presidency

The prospective hypothesis should remain specific enough to be falsifiable. The corrected Pratyari appointment suggests that Nabin's presidency should ultimately be judged by implementation: whether the new national team improves organisational coordination, electoral preparedness, membership/cadre activation and the party's ability to correct weak state units. The August 2026 national-team overhaul—65 office-bearers with 51 new faces—provides an early test of whether a Pratyari presidency can convert resistance and organisational pressure into effective restructuring. The Bankipur loss, however, prevents the study from treating restructuring itself as success. The meaningful test is whether the restructuring produces measurable organisational recovery.

The 27 August 2026 transits still describe a demanding operational phase, but not an uniformly adverse one. Mars remains Vadha/Saṅghātika, Jupiter Janma/Ādhāna and Saturn Janma/Karma, keeping conflict-

management, strategic reset and organisational workload prominent. At the same time Mercury is Sampat, Venus Sādhaka and Rāhu Sādhaka, providing a comparatively more supportive background for communication, coalition-building and execution. The prospective test is therefore whether the presidency can convert this mixed field into measurable organisational delivery.

## 12.5 What Should Be Tracked Prospectively

| Observable outcome                                | Why it matters                                                                                        | How it tests the Muhūrta hypothesis                                                               |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Performance of BJP in forthcoming state elections | Tests whether the new organisation converts restructuring into execution.                             | Direct Sādhaka test; results should be compared with organisational preparation, not seats alone. |
| Recovery in Bihar/Bankipur organisational base    | The former stronghold has become an early reputational challenge.                                     | Tests whether the presidency can correct a visible organisational setback.                        |
| Functioning of the new 65-member national team    | The team is Nabin's first major national organisational architecture.                                 | Tests execution, coordination and internal support.                                               |
| Major internal dissent or leadership friction     | Current Mars/Venus positions indicate a period worth watching for resistance and collective friction. | Would provide a direct comparison with Vadha/Saṅghātika and Pratyari transits.                    |
| Membership/cadre and state-unit strengthening     | These are organisational outcomes closest to the president's mandate.                                 | A sustained rise would support Sādhaka more directly than a single election result.               |
| Re-election/term completion in 2029               | Durability remains a separate outcome.                                                                | Tests whether execution is accompanied by institutional continuity.                               |

Because this section is prospective, later editions of the study should preserve these expectations exactly rather than rewriting them after events occur. That makes the Nabin presidency the paper's strongest opportunity for an out-of-sample test.

## 12.6 Verification of Appointment Time and Transit Windows

Rechecking the historical timing materially changes the appointment classification. Nitin Nabin was formally declared and took charge as BJP national president on 20 January 2026. Contemporary live coverage records him as the new president at approximately 11:53 AM, while other same-day reports place the formal taking-charge event around 12:30 PM. The ceremony had been scheduled for after 11:30 AM. Lahiri sidereal calculation places the Moon in Śravaṇa throughout this documented interval. The Moon entered Dhaniṣṭhā only at approximately 1:07 PM IST. Accordingly, the earlier 1:46 PM assumption should not be used.

From BJP's working Jyēṣṭhā Janma Nakṣatra, Śravaṇa is the fifth position and therefore Pratyari. This is a significant correction. The prospective interpretation should consequently focus more strongly on resistance, challenge, criticism, contestation and the president's ability to establish authority under pressure. The subsequent Dhaniṣṭhā/Sādhaka ingress later that afternoon remains relevant to later events occurring after 1:07 PM, but it is not the formal presidential appointment Tārā.

**Table 7. Ongoing transit windows used in the Nitin Nabin prospective analysis**

| Planet  | Current Nakshatra | Navatara from BJP Jyeshtha | Vishesh Tara | Transit start (IST) | Transit end (IST) |
|---------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Sun     | Maghā             | Sampat                     | —            | 17 Aug 2026 07:59   | 31 Aug 2026 03:59 |
| Moon    | Dhaniṣṭhā         | Sādhaka                    | —            | 27 Aug 2026 00:48   | 28 Aug 2026 02:16 |
| Mars    | Ārdrā             | Vadha                      | Saṅghātika   | 12 Aug 2026 22:34   | 2 Sep 2026 13:17  |
| Mercury | Maghā             | Sampat                     | —            | 22 Aug 2026 19:32   | 29 Aug 2026 12:57 |
| Jupiter | Āśleṣā            | Janma                      | Ādhāna       | 19 Aug 2026 03:12   | 31 Oct 2026 12:02 |
| Venus   | Chitrā            | Sādhaka                    | —            | 25 Aug 2026 12:50   | 11 Sep 2026 23:10 |
| Saturn  | Revatī            | Janma                      | Karma        | 17 May 2026 14:38   | 9 Oct 2026 20:52  |
| Rahu    | Dhaniṣṭhā         | Sādhaka                    | —            | 2 Aug 2026 03:13    | 10 Apr 2027 17:52 |
| Ketu    | Maghā             | Sampat                     | —            | 29 Mar 2026 07:53   | 5 Dec 2026 22:32  |

The dates in Table 7 are the contiguous Lahiri-sidereal Nakṣatra transit windows containing 27 August 2026. They are important because a transit interpretation should not be presented without specifying when that condition begins and ends. The most persistent current background is Rāhu in Dhaniṣṭhā/Sādhaka (2 August 2026 to approximately 10 April 2027), while Saturn remains in Revatī/Janma-Karma until approximately 9 October 2026. Jupiter's Āśleṣā/Janma-Ādhāna phase runs from approximately 19 August to 31 October 2026. Mars in Ārdrā/Vadha-Saṅghātika ends around 2 September 2026, while Mercury is in Maghā/Sampat from 22–29 August and Venus in Chitrā/Sādhaka from 25 August to 11 September. This produces a more precise prospective model: the presidency itself begins under Pratyari, while the August 2026 operational environment combines a long Sādhaka Rāhu transit with Saturn in Janma/Karma, Jupiter in Janma/Ādhāna, and a temporary Mars Vadha/Saṅghātika phase. The research prospective expectation should therefore distinguish the president's foundational appointment signature from the changing transit environment rather than merging them.

## 12.7 Śravaṇa–Dhaniṣṭhā Boundary-Sensitivity Analysis

The exact legally or constitutionally decisive instant of the 20 January 2026 presidential transfer has not yet been recovered from a signed certificate, minute book, or other primary record carrying a precise clock time. This matters because the Lahiri sidereal Moon crossed from Śravaṇa to Dhaniṣṭhā at approximately 1:07 PM IST. Contemporary reporting strongly supports a pre-ingress public assumption/taking-charge event, but the research design should not silently equate a public ceremony with the precise constitutional instant if the latter cannot be documented. Accordingly, the Nabin presidency is treated as a formal boundary-sensitivity case.

**Table 8. Competing appointment models around the Śravaṇa–Dhaniṣṭhā boundary**

| Model                           | Decisive time condition                                     | Moon Nakṣatra       | BJP-relative Tārā  | Expected organisational signature                                                                                     | Evidence status                                                                                              |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A — Primary                     | Decisive transfer before ~1:07 PM IST                       | Śravaṇa             | Pratyari (5th)     | Resistance, criticism, contestation, obstacles; authority must be established under pressure.                         | Currently stronger historical support: contemporary reports describe taking charge before the lunar ingress. |
| B — Sensitivity                 | Decisive signing/constitutional transfer after ~1:07 PM IST | Dhaniṣṭhā           | Sādhaka (6th)      | Execution, implementation, accomplishment, organisational delivery and completion of objectives.                      | Retained because the exact signed/constitutional transfer time has not been independently recovered.         |
| C — Boundary-process hypothesis | Institutional transfer unfolded across the ingress          | Śravaṇa → Dhaniṣṭhā | Pratyari → Sādhaka | Resistance followed by execution: leadership legitimacy is tested through opposition and then by capacity to deliver. | Exploratory only; must not be preferred retrospectively merely because later events fit it.                  |

## 12.8 Comparative Prospective Predictions

The two principal models generate different prospective expectations and therefore can be compared without changing the hypothesis after outcomes are known. Model A expects resistance to be unusually salient: criticism, internal or external contestation, difficult early tests, pressure on authority, and the need to overcome organisational obstacles. Model B is expected to correspond with that the presidency should be distinguished more strongly by implementation: restructuring should translate into measurable organisational delivery, campaign preparedness, cadre activation, correction of weak state units, and completion of strategic objectives.

| Observable development                   | If Pratyari model is stronger                            | If Sādhaka model is stronger                                                          | Boundary-model expectation                                                        |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Early criticism / challenge to authority | Expected to be prominent and persistent.                 | May occur, but should not define the presidency.                                      | Resistance appears early, followed by increasing operational control.             |
| Bankipur/former Bihar base setback       | Consistent with an early resistance/challenge signature. | A negative early observation that should subsequently be corrected through execution. | Functions as the resistance phase; later Bihar recovery becomes the crucial test. |

| Observable development                  | If Pratyari model is stronger                                                             | If Sādhaka model is stronger                                                                     | Boundary-model expectation                                                                                    |
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| New national-team restructuring         | May itself generate resistance, negotiation or internal contestation.                     | Should become a principal vehicle of accomplishment.                                             | Restructuring begins amid resistance but later produces demonstrable organisational gains.                    |
| Forthcoming state-election organisation | Difficult contests and criticism may continue even with competent leadership.             | Preparation and execution should become visibly stronger than the initial political environment. | Results improve after an initially difficult organisational phase.                                            |
| Internal cohesion                       | Requires active management of opposition and competing interests.                         | Coordination should improve as implementation becomes established.                               | Early friction declines as the new structure begins functioning.                                              |
| Tenure durability                       | Not necessarily short; durability depends on successfully overcoming Pratyari resistance. | Longevity is secondary to accomplishment and delivery.                                           | Survival through the difficult opening phase followed by productive continuity is the strongest combined fit. |

## 12.9 How the Models Will Be Adjudicated

The paper therefore adopts Śravaṇa–Pratyari as the primary historical model because the presently available public chronology favours a pre-1:07 PM assumption of office, while Dhaniṣṭhā–Sādhaka is retained as a formal sensitivity model. The models will be evaluated against the same pre-specified observations: frequency and persistence of leadership resistance; functioning of the new national team; recovery or further weakening in the Bihar organisational base; state-election preparedness; cadre and membership activation; internal cohesion; major criticism or organisational controversy; and eventual term completion or renewal.

The boundary-process interpretation will be considered only if the longitudinal sequence itself displays the predicted temporal ordering—an identifiable resistance-dominated opening followed by a demonstrably stronger execution phase. It will not be treated as a third opportunity to obtain a favourable retrospective fit. If later evidence supports neither Pratyari nor Sādhaka expectations, the Nabin case must be recorded as a non-confirming observation.

The revised organisational model is more closely aligned with what an appointment Muhūrta could plausibly describe. Presidential durability, renewal, internal support, strategic execution and organisational disruption arise within the party's own institutional life. Election results occur farther downstream and combine the behaviour of millions of voters with numerous political and economic factors.

The evidence is mixed but structured. Paramamitra is associated with two exceptionally durable modern presidencies—Amit Shah and J. P. Nadda—and with significant organisational continuity and expansion. Yet Bangaru Laxman's Paramamitra presidency ended after only about six and a half months amid the Tehelka crisis, demonstrating that the category does not guarantee durability or harmony. Sādhaka appears more promising when interpreted through execution: Rajnath Singh's short 2013–14 presidency was organisationally consequential, while the Nitin Nabin cycle creates a prospective test. Vipat shows notable disruption in Rajnath Singh's first tenure, but it cannot be reduced to failure because Joshi's period also

coincided with continued BJP growth. Kushabhau Thakre adds a particularly important mixed case: his Mitra appointment coincided with a presidency during which the BJP-led government collapsed by one vote, yet the party rapidly recovered, retained 182 Lok Sabha seats in 1999 and returned to government under a more durable NDA coalition. This sequence argues against treating either appointment Tārā or a single downstream event as sufficient on its own.

The central conclusion is therefore not that Navatārā 'is expected to correspond with' BJP success. The more defensible proposition is that some Tārā categories may correspond with recurring organisational characteristics, but the relationship is probabilistic, historically contingent and subject to strong counter-examples. A larger comparative study across multiple political parties would be required before any general theory of organisational Muhūrta could be sustained.

- The exact clock time of the BJP's constitutive act on 6 April 1980 remains unresolved. Lahiri calculation keeps the Moon in Jyēṣṭhā through the normal daytime conference period, with the ingress into Mūla occurring only later in the evening; Jyēṣṭhā is therefore a strong daytime working reference, but the paper does not claim an exact founding minute.
- Several older presidential transitions have reliable dates but not exact times. Boundary-sensitive classifications are therefore qualified.
- National presidential tenures are few in number, limiting conventional statistical power.
- Long presidencies naturally contain more observable events; raw event totals should never be read without reference to time served.
- Historical organisational developments are multidimensional. The same presidency can contain expansion, controversy and electoral setbacks simultaneously.
- The study identifies association and historical correspondence, not causal astrological effect.

Reframing the study from election seats to presidential durability and BJP-focused organisational outcomes materially changes the research question. The evidence no longer asks whether an auspicious Tārā mechanically produces electoral victory. It asks whether the temporal classification of a presidential appointment corresponds with the character of the organisational period that follows.

The historical record does not permit a simple favourable-versus-unfavourable conclusion. It contains supportive patterns, especially Sādhaka with execution and modern Paramamitra with continuity and expansion, but also important counter-examples. Those counter-examples are analytically valuable because they prevent retrospective confirmation. The strongest future test is prospective: Nitin Nabin's boundary-sensitive Śravaṇa/Pratyari-primary versus Dhaniṣṭhā/Sādhaka-sensitivity appointment model, together with the later Chitrā/Sādhaka team-formation event are now documented before the eventual outcome, allowing subsequent organisational performance to be assessed without changing the hypothesis after the fact. The Thakre case reinforces this conclusion because the same Mitra presidency contains both a severe coalition breakdown and a rapid electoral-governing recovery.

### Data Availability

The accompanying supplementary workbook contains the presidential-tenure table, appointment-level astronomical calculations, BJP-focused organisational event register, source register, statistical summary and methodological notes.

### Supplementary Material

- S1\_Presidential\_Tenures — presidency duration, appointment Tārā, transition and organisational character.
- S2\_Appointment\_Astrology — date/time, Nakṣatra, Pada, relative position, Tārā and cycle.

- S3\_BJP\_Event\_Register — BJP-focused organisational developments with source URLs.
- S4\_Source\_Register — research source list.
- S5\_Statistical\_Summary — limited descriptive/exploratory statistics.
- S6\_Vishesh\_Overlap — contradiction cases and appointment-level Viśeṣa-Tārā overlaps.
- S7\_Crisis\_Planets — planet-by-planet Navatārā and Viśeṣa-Tārā positions at crisis/resignation events.
- S8\_Vishesh\_Method — conservative special-Tārā definitions and variant-counting note.
- S9\_Appointment\_Planets — full planetary Nakṣatra/Navatārā/Viśeṣa matrix at appointments.
- S10\_Appointment\_Summary — presidency-level summary of appointment planetary backgrounds.
- S11–S17\_Nabin — appointment verification, current and upcoming transits, observed outcomes, boundary models and prospective tests.
- README — methodological scope and cautions.

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