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What is Ascendant Sign (Lagna Rashi)

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When people talk about Astrology, they usually mention their Moon sign or Sun sign. But in Vedic astrology (Jyotish), the single most critical point in your birth chart (Kundli) is your Ascendant Sign, known in Sanskrit as the Lagna.

If your Moon sign represents your internal mind and your Sun sign represents your soul's purpose, your Lagna is the doorway through which you enter the physical world.

What Is the Ascendant (Lagna)?

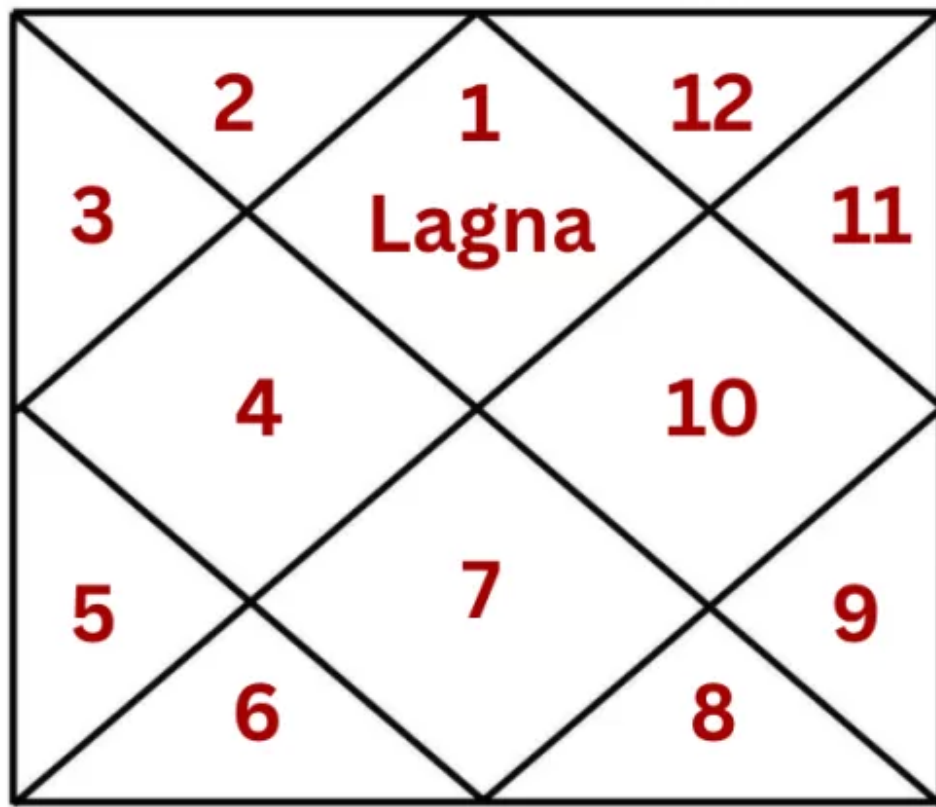
Astronomically, the Ascendant is the exact zodiac sign that was rising on the eastern horizon at the precise minute and location you took your first breath.

Because the Earth completes a full rotation every 24 hours, all 12 zodiac signs pass over the eastern horizon each day. This means the Ascendant sign changes roughly every two hours.

- **Why exact birth time matters:** A difference of just a few minutes can completely shift your Lagna, altering the entire framework of your birth chart!

Why Is the Lagna So Important in Jyotish?

House Numbers in Kundli



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1. It Frames Your Entire Birth Chart: Your Lagna automatically becomes the 1st House of your birth chart. From there, all other 11 houses fall into place sequentially. It determines which planet rules your life path, which houses represent your career or wealth and where your life's key challenges will emerge.

2. It Represents Your Physical Being & Identity: The 1st House and its ruling planet (**Lagnadipati**) govern -

- Physical appearance and overall health Vitality and stamina
- Temperament and initial reaction to the environment
- Self-image and how the world sees you

3. It Shapes Your Life Path: A strong, well-placed Lagna lord grants resilience, self-confidence and physical vitality. Even if other planets in your chart face difficult alignments, a solid Lagna acts as an anchor that helps you navigate life's storms.

Ascendant vs. Moon Sign vs. Sun Sign

- **Lagna (Ascendant):** The Body & Physical Destiny (How you operate in the tangible world)
- **Chandra (Moon Sign):** The Mind & Emotion (How you perceive and feel the world)
- **Surya (Sun Sign):** The Soul & Ego (Your core willpower and spirit)

Summary

Think of your birth chart as a house. The Lagna is the foundation and front door. Without knowing your exact Ascendant, it's impossible to map out your true physical path, health potential or cosmic destiny in Vedic astrology.

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