

Future 24 Tirthankara (next chouvisi) Naam-gotra Bandh Analysis



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Introduction

Probably all Jain sects in the world believe that all next 24 Tirthankara Naam-gotra of Bharat Kshetra (where we live) has already been done by some 24 souls in their past lives and they are already either in devlok or narak. That means after coming out of devlok or narak they will immediately live the life of Tirthankara and that will be therefore their last life. In other words, it means they just have two lives to go before attaining moksha, i.e. the current life in devlok or narak, and then the last life of Tirthankara. We will see in this study if this understanding sounds entirely correct or partly questionable.

Understanding time calculation

The fourth era (choutho aaro) is of 'ek koda kodi saagaropam', meaning in today's calculations it is 1 crore multiplied by 1 crore saagaropam¹ long, which means the total length of 4th Era is 100,000,000,000,000 (100 trillion) saagaropam long, whereas, the life in highest devlok is only 33 saagaropam. **So how can the future 24th Tirthankara be in Sarwarthsiddha Vimaan Devlok now itself?** If we divide 100 trillion saagaropam by 33 saagaropam, then 3 trillion souls will arrive, live and then leave, one after the other in sequential order, in the highest devlok, so naturally one single soul of next 24th Tirthankara can't be there right now itself.

Similarly, there's extremely long time remaining for the 23rd, 22nd, 21st, 20th, 19th, etc. next Tirthankaras. So based on that, the above understanding, which is generally believed until now that all 24 future Tirthankaras have already done the bandh of Tirthankara naam-gotra cannot be correct for all 24 future Tirthankaras.

For quick understanding,

- 4th Era of Avsarpini Kaal is same as 3rd Era of Utsarpini Kaal (1 kodadodi saagaropam)
- Similarly, 4th Era of Utsarpini Kaal is same as 3rd Era of Avsarpini Kaal (2 kodadodi saagaropam)
- Timelines, age, etc. details of 24th Tirthankara of Avsarpini Kaal is same for 1st Tirthankara of Utsarpini Kaal.
- Similarly, timelines, age, etc. details of 1st Tirthankara of Avsarpini Kaal is same for 24th Tirthankara of Utsarpini Kaal, due to reversal of Kaal Chakra. Same reversed sequence applies for all other Tirthankaras from 2 to 23.
- The 24th Tirthankara of the next third aaro of Utsarpini Kaal (same like fourth aaro of Avsarpini Kaal), will be 'in existence' when third aaro is coming closer to end and fourth aaro of Utsarpini Kaal will be starting soon (same like third aaro of Avsarpini Kaal, but in opposite time cycle).

Innumerable lives yet to live

The jiv (soul) of the next 24th Tirthankara (Shri Bhadrakirat Ji) need to actually live for innumerable more lives for another 100 trillion saagaropam (*in next third era*) minus 33 saagaropam (*in highest devlok*) minus 84 lac purva² (*age of last life*) before taking his last birth as Tirthankara. As the time passes the knowledge keeps getting diluted, so probably same thing happened with this knowledge and we are living with misinterpreted / incorrect information. The 24th Tirthankara of next chouvsi, meaning, has not yet done the bandh of Tirthankara Naam-gotra. Based on that, and as mentioned above, similar model will apply for many other Tirthankara jivs that will come before the last and 24th Tirthankara.

So essentially, many of the next chouvsi Tirthankara jivs will do the bandh of Tirthankara Naam-gotra in their some future life.

Currently where?

There's a column in the below table as 'Currently where?' This data is extracted from other Jain books, but with this analysis it means that either,

1. That Tirthankara's jiv is currently in the stated devlok or narak. This also means that Tirthankara's jiv may actually come from different a devlok or narak to take birth finally as Tirthankara.

OR

2. Such Tirthankara's jiv may be anywhere else currently in any other form (devlok, manushya, tiryanch, or narak), but will arrive from the below mentioned respective devlok or narak to take his last birth as the stated Tirthankara.

To sum both the above, those Tirthankaras who have already done the bandh of Tirthankara Naam-gotra will be rightly in the stated devlok / narak currently, and those who have not yet done the bandh of Tirthankara Naam-gotra,

1. may be in that devlok / narak currently and come from elsewhere before last birth, or,
2. are elsewhere currently and may come from the stated devlok / narak to their last birth.

So 'currently where' actually interprets as either (1) actually currently in that devlok / narak, or (2) will come from that devlok / narak to take birth as Tirthankara.

How is it analyzed?

Based on that, below is the analysis of all the next 24 Tirthankaras on who may have already done the bandh of Tirthankara naam-gotra and who has not yet, i.e. who will do it in some of their respective future life. The analysis is done by calculating the maximum life of devlok and narak, and how much time after which each Tirthankara is born. If the 'Approx. time remaining for birth of this Tirthankara' column is more than minimum age devlok / narak or less than maximum age at devlok / narak column then only it can be valid, otherwise it is not possible to do Tirthankara Naam-gotra by that Jiv in his last previous life.

It shows what we all Jains believing until now may not be entirely correct (due to lost knowledge), but there's much more to that. This is only a small and humble attempt to bridge the lost gap and bring back the lost knowledge to complete the currently available incomplete knowledge. Even if it is not accurate, it will bring us closer to reality and true understanding.

The below table will show the complete analysis that will tell us,

1. Who have really already done the bandh of Tirthankara Naam-gotra and who are yet to do in some next their lives?
2. Who really have their next life as last life as Tirthankara and are in devlok or narak as mentioned in Jain books?
3. Tirthankara no.12 (Shri Amam Ji (Vasudeva Krishna's Jiv)) may be possibly the last one who has done the bandh of Tirthankara Naam-gotra already. There's minor time mismatch though unless he also has to live more lives before doing bandh of Tirthankara naam-gotra.
4. But from Tirthankara no.13 to 24, certainly there's huge time remaining (far more than max devlok age of 33 saagaropam) and so it can't be possible for any of those Jivs to already have done bandh of Tirthankara Naam-gotra. They must live a few, to innumerable more lives, before they can do bandh of Tirthankara Naam-gotra.
5. Simplest example to accept this fact is from the Jiv of Lord Mahavir. He lived innumerable lives from the Jiv of Marichi onwards including 33 saagaropam in 7th Narak then again went to 4th Narak and also spent lives of Vasudeva, Chakravarti, etc., many lives, and all these in the same previous 4th Aaro of 100 Trillion Saagaropam.

Dilution of knowledge with passage of such a long time may have made us believe that all have already done the bandh of Tirthankara Naam-gotra, and so it is now extremely difficult to accept the fact if many of them have not done so yet.

Analysis of 24 Tirthankaras' bandh of Tirthankara naam-gotra

SN	Tirthankara Name	Jiv of	Currently where?	Min-Max age at devlok / narak	Approx. time remaining for birth of this Tirthankara	Valid or time mismatch	Tirthankara Naam-gotra already done or not yet?
1	Shri Mahapadma Ji	King Shrenik	1 st narak	Min 10,000 yrs. Max 1 saagaropam	39,000 years	Valid	Yes, done.
2	Shri Surdev Ji	Suparshwa (Bhagwan Mahavir's kaka)	2 nd devlok	Min little over 1 palyopam. Max little over 2 saagaropam	39, 250 years	Invalid. Min age at devlok far more than time for birth remaining. Time calcs. mismatching, less time remaining than min age of 2 nd devlok.	Probably done, but devlok time not matching. Unidentifiable mismatch. Or is some different Jiv.
3	Shri Suparshwa Ji	King Uday (Son of King Konik)	3 rd devlok	Min 2 saagaropam. Max 7 saagaropam	123,000 years	Invalid. Min age at devlok far more than time for birth remaining. Time calcs. mismatching, less time remaining than min age of 3 rd devlok.	Probably done, but devlok time not matching. Unidentifiable mismatch. Or is some different Jiv.
4	Shri Swayamprabhu Ji	Pottila (Wife of Tetli minister)	3 rd devlok	Min 2 saagaropam. Max 7 saagaropam	623,000 years	Invalid. Min age at devlok far more than time for birth remaining. Time calcs. mismatching, less time remaining than min age of 3 rd devlok.	Probably done, but devlok time not matching. Unidentifiable mismatch. Or is some different Jiv.
5	Shri Sarvanubhuti Ji	Drudketu (Bhagwan Mallinath's kaka)	2 nd devlok	Min little over 1 palyopam. Max little over 2 saagaropam	1,223,000 years	Invalid. Min age at devlok far more than time for birth remaining. Time calcs. mismatching, less time remaining than min age of 2 nd devlok.	Probably done, but devlok time not matching. Unidentifiable mismatch. Or is some different Jiv.

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6	Shri Devgupt Ji	Kaartik (businessman)	Indra of 1 st devlok	Min 1 palyopam. Max 2 saagaropam	6,623,000 years	Invalid. Min age at devlok far more than time for birth remaining. Time calcs. mismatching, less time remaining than min age of 1 st devlok.	Probably done, but devlok time not matching. Unidentifiable mismatch. Or is some different Jiv.
7	Shri Udayaan Ji	Shank shravak (Father of King Pardesi)	12 th devlok	Min 21 saagaropam. Max 22 saagaropam	10,006,623,000 years	Invalid. Min age at devlok far more than time for birth remaining. Time calcs. mismatching, less time remaining than min age of 12 th devlok.	Probably done, but devlok time not matching. Unidentifiable mismatch. Or is some different Jiv.
8	Shri Pedhal Ji	Anand shravak	1 st devlok	Min 1 palyopam. Max 2 saagaropam	0.25 palyopam	Invalid. Min age at devlok far more than time for birth remaining. Time calcs. mismatching, less time remaining than min age of 1 st devlok.	Probably done, but devlok time not matching. Unidentifiable mismatch. Or is some different Jiv.
9	Shri Pottil Ji	Sudarshan (businessman)	5 th devlok	Min 10 saagaropam. Max 10 saagaropam	0.5 palyopam	Invalid. Min age at devlok far more than time for birth remaining. Time calcs. mismatching, less time remaining than min age of 5 th devlok.	Probably done, but devlok time not matching. Unidentifiable mismatch. Or is some different Jiv.
10	Shri Shatkirti Ji (Shattak)	Shatak shravak	3rd narak	Min 3 saagaropam. Max 7 saagaropam	3 saagaropam	Valid	Yes, done.

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11	Shri Munisuvrat Ji	Devki (Mother of Shri Krishna (vasudeva))	8 th devlok	Min 18 saagaropam. Max 18 saagaropam	4 saagaropam	Invalid. Min age at devlok far more than time for birth remaining. She/he may be in 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , or 4 th devlok max.	Yes, done.
12	Shri Amam Ji	Shri Krishna (vasudeva)	3rd narak	Min 3 saagaropam. Max 7 saagaropam	9 saagaropam	Mismatch. unless possible unidentifiable time calcs. error for 'Time remaining...' column. Time for birth more remaining.	Probably done or may be some lives to live before Tirthankara naam-gotra bandh.
13	Shri Nishkashay Ji	Harsaaki (Purohit of Raavan (prativasudev))	6 th devlok	Max 14 saagaropam	30 saagaropam	Mismatch	Not done. A few more lives yet to live.
14	Shri Nishpulaak Ji	King Balbhadra	6 th devlok	Max 14 saagaropam	54 saagaropam	Mismatch	Not done. A few more lives yet to live.
15	Shri Nirmam Ji	Sulsa shravika	5 th devlok	Max 10 saagaropam	<10 million saagaropam (1 crore - 100 saagaropam - 55,39,000 yrs)	Mismatch	Not done. Many more lives yet to live.
16	Shri Chitragupt Ji	Rohini (Mother of Baldev (baldev))	2nd devlok	Little over 2 saagaropam	90 million saagaropam (9 crore)	Mismatch	Not done. Innumerable more lives yet to live.
17	Shri Samadhi Ji	Revati (gathapati)	12 th devlok	Max 22 saagaropam	900 million saagaropam (90 crore)	Mismatch	Not done. Innumerable more lives yet to live.
18	Shri Samvar Ji	Shatalikumar (Son of Rahneemi)	8 th devlok	Max 18 saagaropam	9 billion saagaropam (900 crore)	Mismatch	Not done. Innumerable more lives yet to live.
19	Shri Yashodhar Ji	Dipaayan Rishi	Agnikumar dev	Far less	90 billion saagaropam (9,000 crore)	Mismatch	Not done. Innumerable more lives yet to live.
20	Shri Vijay Ji	Jaraakumar	12 th devlok	Max 22 saagaropam	900 billion saagaropam (90,000 crore)	Mismatch	Not done. Innumerable more lives yet to live.

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21	Shri Vimal Ji (Mali)	Malla Naarad	5 th devlok	Max 10 saagaropam	9 trillion saagaropam (900,000 crore)	Mismatch	Not done. Innumerable more lives yet to live.
22	Shri Devchandra Ji	Ambad Taapas	5 th devlok	Max 10 saagaropam	10 trillion saagaropam (10 lac crore)	Mismatch	Not done. Innumerable more lives yet to live.
23	Shri Anantvirya Ji	Anjana Sati	9 th devlok	Max 19 saagaropam	30 trillion saagaropam (30 lac crore)	Mismatch	Not done. Innumerable more lives yet to live.
24	Shri Bhadrakirat Ji	Swayambudha	Sarwarthsiddha devlok	Max 33 saagaropam	100 trillion saagaropam minus 33 saagaropam minus 84 lac purva	Mismatch	Not done. Innumerable more lives yet to live.

¹Saagaropam is defined in various Jain books so we won't elaborate here.

²Purva is defined in various Jain books so we won't elaborate here.

³The 'Approx. time remaining for birth of this Tirthankara' column may not be 100% accurate, but as close as possible and is derived from other Jain texts.

Conclusion

What it all means is that we only know which souls are going to become next Tirthankaras but that certainly does not mean they all have already done bandh of Tirthankara naam-gotra. We know the names of all and stories of previous life of some of those jivs who will be the future Tirthankaras of next (upcoming) Utsarpini Kaal of Bharat Kshetra. These names and stories are coming from the times of Lord Mahavir, and His disciples who later became Kevalis.

Disclaimers

1. Based on my Kshayopkshayam (limited knowledge that my soul has currently) I have analyzed and written everything here, if there's any mistake then I humbly apologize all Tirthankaras, their current form soul wherever they are, Kevalis, and I apologize to the Chaturvigh-sangh (sadhvi, sadhu, shravak, shravika). Michhami Dukkadam. The objective of this analysis is only to possibly bridge the missing / forgotten gap of knowledge and understanding.
2. Source of information extracted and collated from various Jain books, e.g. the columns '**Tirthankara Name**', '**Jiv of**', and '**Currently where?**' are taken from the book '**Charittanuvali**', column '**Min-Max age at devlok / narak**' is taken from '**Jain Tatva Prakash**'. Column '**Approx. time remaining for birth of this Tirthankara**' is reverse calculated by me based on details in the book '**Charittanuvali**'. Columns '**Valid or time mismatch**' and '**Tirthankara Naam-gotra already done or not yet?**' are done by me as the final analysis.
3. **Profile brief:** Author of this analysis document is Jain and working as a software consultant. Author has been keenly studying Jainism since over 20 years. Author has read many books on Jainism, read a few Aagams, memorized the Pratikraman Sutra, been part of various religious and socio-religious activities, etc. When author discussed this topic

with 2-3 Jain sadhu-sadhvis about the 24th next Tirthankara (Shri Bhadrakirat Ji) and after they were being agreeing to this thought, author decided to write it in detail and also analyze the same for all the 24 next Tirthankaras.



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