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Title: “Cosmological and Human Framework of Political Astrology within Indian Knowledge System (Bhartiya Gyan Parampara Ke Antargat Rajnitik Jyotish Shastra Ka Brahmandeey Ewam Manveey Praroop).”

Recommendation:

Accept with Minor Revisions.....

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality	✓			
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity		✓		
Significance		✓		

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Reviewer Report

Overall Assessment

The manuscript entitled “Cosmological and Human Framework of Political Astrology within Indian Knowledge System (Bhartiya Gyan Parampara Ke Antargat Rajnitik Jyotish Shastra Ka Brahmandeey Ewam Manveey Praroop)” presents an ambitious interdisciplinary attempt to conceptualize Political Astrology (*Rajnitik Jyotish Shastra*) as an independent academic discipline grounded in the Indian Knowledge System (IKS). The paper proposes a theoretical framework termed **Cosmo-Political Realism**, later formalized as the **Cosmo-State Equilibrium Theory (CSET)**, which argues that political stability, leadership behaviour, governance outcomes, and geopolitical transformations are influenced by interactions between cosmological cycles, planetary movements, collective human psychology, and

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political institutions. Using what the author describes as an inductive methodology, the manuscript seeks to integrate concepts drawn from classical Indian texts such as the *Surya Siddhanta*, *Arthashastra*, *Brihat Samhita*, and Vedic philosophy with selected theories from modern political science, including realism, biopolitics, power transition theory, and structural-functionalism. The study further attempts to demonstrate the explanatory and predictive potential of this framework through selected geopolitical developments occurring between 2016 and 2026.

The subject matter is highly original and undoubtedly thought-provoking. The effort to introduce indigenous intellectual traditions into contemporary political science reflects ongoing scholarly interest in epistemological pluralism and the decolonization of social science knowledge. The manuscript demonstrates considerable intellectual ambition by attempting to bridge astronomy, political theory, psychology, history, philosophy, and governance within a unified analytical framework. The extensive engagement with classical Indian literature alongside contemporary political theory illustrates the author's commitment to constructing a comprehensive conceptual model.

The manuscript is well structured, systematically organized, and supported by numerous conceptual diagrams, theoretical propositions, and interdisciplinary references. The formulation of the four concentric layers, the introduction of the X–I–Y analytical sequence, and the development of the Cosmo-State Equilibrium Theory provide the paper with an identifiable theoretical identity.

However, despite these strengths, the manuscript currently raises significant methodological and epistemological concerns. The central claims regarding causal relationships between planetary configurations and political outcomes are presented with a degree of certainty that is not sufficiently supported by verifiable empirical evidence or established scientific methodology. Many of the examples provided rely on retrospective interpretation rather than systematic hypothesis testing, making it difficult to distinguish correlation from causation. While the paper has considerable conceptual originality, greater methodological rigor, stronger evidentiary support, more cautious academic language, and clearer differentiation between philosophical interpretation and empirically verifiable claims are necessary before the framework can be evaluated as a scientific contribution. These concerns primarily affect the presentation and validation of the proposed theory rather than the originality of the research itself. Therefore, the manuscript may be considered suitable for publication following **minor revisions**.

Strengths of the Paper

One of the most significant strengths of the manuscript is its originality. The author proposes a novel interdisciplinary framework that attempts to establish Political Astrology as a legitimate field of inquiry

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within political science by drawing upon the philosophical foundations of the Indian Knowledge System. Rather than merely revisiting traditional concepts, the manuscript attempts to formulate an entirely new theoretical model capable of explaining governance, political behaviour, and geopolitical transformation through the interaction of cosmological, psychological, and political variables. This degree of theoretical ambition is commendable.

Another notable strength is the extensive engagement with classical Indian intellectual traditions. The discussion of concepts such as *Yat Pinde Tat Brahmande*, *Kala Chakra*, *Ram Rajya*, *Surya Siddhanta*, *Varahamihira*, and *Kautilya* demonstrates considerable familiarity with indigenous knowledge systems and seeks to reinterpret them within the vocabulary of modern political science. This contributes to ongoing discussions concerning the incorporation of non-Western epistemologies into contemporary academic scholarship.

The manuscript also deserves appreciation for its interdisciplinary scope. It successfully integrates perspectives from political science, astronomy, philosophy, psychology, international relations, history, governance studies, and comparative political theory. The attempt to establish conceptual dialogue between thinkers such as Kautilya, Varahamihira, Hobbes, Weber, Foucault, Agamben, Mearsheimer, Jervis, Gramsci, Lijphart, and Organski reflects substantial intellectual effort and demonstrates the author's broad engagement with diverse scholarly traditions.

The development of the **Cosmo-State Equilibrium Theory (CSET)** constitutes another important contribution of the manuscript. Presenting governance as a dynamic interaction between Cosmic Vector (X), Psychological Mediation (I), and Political Outcomes (Y) provides readers with a coherent conceptual structure that is consistently applied throughout the paper. The accompanying diagrams further enhance the clarity of the proposed framework and make complex theoretical relationships easier to understand.

The paper is also commendable for attempting to operationalize abstract philosophical concepts into a structured analytical model. Rather than remaining entirely speculative, the author seeks to connect theoretical propositions with selected historical and contemporary political events, thereby providing readers with concrete illustrations of how the proposed framework is intended to function.

Areas to be Improved

The principal area requiring improvement concerns the methodological foundation of the manuscript. Although the study repeatedly describes itself as employing an inductive scientific methodology, the procedures through which empirical validation is achieved remain insufficiently developed. The manuscript frequently asserts causal relationships between planetary configurations and geopolitical

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events but does not explain how competing explanations have been controlled, how alternative hypotheses have been evaluated, or how causal inference has been established. As currently presented, many of the examples rely on retrospective interpretation of historical events rather than systematic empirical testing. Greater methodological transparency is therefore essential if the framework is to be evaluated within conventional academic standards.

Closely related to this issue is the distinction between correlation and causation. Throughout the manuscript, planetary transits are frequently presented as direct explanatory factors for political developments such as Brexit, the election of Donald Trump, the COVID-19 pandemic, the Russia–Ukraine conflict, coalition governments, and regional political instability. While these correlations are described in considerable detail, the manuscript does not sufficiently demonstrate that these political outcomes resulted from the proposed cosmic variables rather than from the numerous social, economic, institutional, historical, and geopolitical factors already documented within existing scholarship. The author should adopt more cautious language and clarify that the proposed relationships represent theoretical hypotheses requiring further empirical investigation rather than established causal laws.

The discussion of scientific validation also requires refinement. The manuscript repeatedly characterizes Political Astrology as a "scientific discipline" and refers to its framework as a "scientific paradigm." However, the criteria normally associated with scientific theory—including falsifiability, replicability, predictive accuracy, and independent verification—are not fully demonstrated. A more balanced discussion acknowledging the exploratory nature of the proposed framework would strengthen the academic credibility of the paper and avoid overstating the current level of empirical validation.

The literature review would benefit from broader engagement with existing scholarship on indigenous knowledge systems, philosophy of science, comparative epistemology, political cosmology, and the sociology of knowledge. At present, much of the literature review emphasizes the limitations of Western political theory while giving comparatively little attention to contemporary scholarship that has already examined indigenous methodologies, decolonial approaches, or alternative epistemological traditions. Incorporating these discussions would position the manuscript more effectively within existing academic debates.

The comparative treatment of Western political theories occasionally appears overly generalized. The manuscript frequently characterizes Western political science as entirely materialistic, reductionist, or incapable of explaining political change. While such critiques have been advanced within certain strands of scholarship, contemporary political science encompasses a broad range of approaches including

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constructivism, historical institutionalism, complexity theory, interpretive political science, and critical theory. Recognizing this diversity would provide a more balanced comparison and strengthen the manuscript's intellectual credibility.

Several sections of the paper also contain repetition. The conceptual relationship between the Cosmic Vector (X), Psychological Mediation (I), and Political Outcomes (Y) is explained repeatedly across different sections using similar terminology. Likewise, the argument concerning the limitations of Western political science recurs throughout the manuscript with only minor variation. Consolidating these discussions would improve readability and reduce redundancy without weakening the central argument.

The empirical illustrations presented in Section Eight would benefit from greater methodological rigor. The selection criteria for the historical events analysed between 2016 and 2026 are not clearly explained, raising concerns regarding case selection bias. It would strengthen the analysis if the author explained why these particular events were selected, whether contradictory cases were examined, and how unsuccessful predictions or inconsistent observations were addressed.

The manuscript also includes several declarative statements concerning originality and authorship within the main body of the article. While the originality of the proposed theory is important, declarations of originality are generally more appropriate within author declarations or submission documentation rather than within the substantive discussion of a research article. Relocating these statements would improve the scholarly presentation of the manuscript.

Finally, the paper would benefit from careful editorial revision. There are several formatting inconsistencies, uneven citation styles, repetitive expressions, occasional grammatical errors, and variations in terminology throughout the manuscript. Standardizing technical terminology, improving sentence structure, and ensuring consistency in references would substantially enhance the overall quality of presentation.

Recommendation

This manuscript presents an original and intellectually ambitious attempt to develop a new interdisciplinary framework connecting the Indian Knowledge System with contemporary political science through the concept of Political Astrology and the proposed Cosmo-State Equilibrium Theory. The effort to introduce indigenous epistemological traditions into debates concerning governance, political behaviour, and geopolitical change represents a valuable contribution to ongoing discussions surrounding decolonization and epistemological diversity within the social sciences. While the

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manuscript requires significant improvements in methodological clarity, empirical validation, theoretical balance, and editorial presentation, its originality and conceptual innovation make it a potentially valuable contribution to interdisciplinary scholarship. The revisions required are primarily developmental and concern the strengthening of academic rigor rather than the fundamental structure of the research. Therefore, I recommend that the manuscript be **accepted with minor revisions**.