Saturn is the most feared and revered planet among the nine planets. Its gemstones too have a similar attraction and mystery attached to them. And, all astrologers also advice that a gem for Shani must never be worn without a proper analysis of the horoscope. Here, we take a look at the various gemstones which can be used as remedial gems for Shan. These gems are also known as Shani Ratnas in Jyotish.

Neelam: The term 'Neelam' or 'Neelmani' was originally used for a blue diamond. But, as the blue diamonds are extremely rare the dark coloured corundum also began to be called Neelam. A Neelam mine has mostly only blue gems.

The Neelams found in the mines in Kashmir in India are considered to be the best in the world. They have a peacock blue colour, often called as 'Sunflower Blue', and a soft velvety texture. There are Neelams found in mines in Nepal, Pakistan, China and Afghanistan but they are not comparable in beauty with the Neelams of Kashmir.

Blue Sapphire: A Blue Sapphire is a blue coloured sapphire which is mined along with other sapphires from a sapphire mine. Usually, this variety of Sapphire has less intensity of blue

colour as compared to a Neelam. They have more clarity and transparency than the pure Neelams. Such Blue Sapphires are mostly found in mines in Sri Lanka, Thailand and Madagascar.

Aquamarine: Aquamarine is a variety of beryl. The Beryl which is bluish green is called an Aquamarine. It usually originates from the Emerald mines in Zambia, Columbia, USA, Russia and Brazil. Aquamarine is used as a remedial gemstone for both Saturn and Mercury. For Saturn, it is worn on a silver ring on the middle finger. But, for Mercury it is worn on a gold ring on the little finger.

An Aquamarine should be worn only when both Saturn and Mercury are yogkaraks and well placed in the horoscope.

Amethyst: Another popular gemstone for Saturn is Amethyst. It is a form of Quartz and is counted as a semi-precious gemstone. It is found in almost all parts of the world. It has a rich violet colour and is widely used in jewelery. Figurines made out of it can also be used as Vastu items by the people who have a yogakarak Shani.

Amethyst changes colour to Yellow or Orange when it is heated and such a heated Amethyst is often sold as Citrine in the gemstone markets.

Lapis Lazuli: Lapis Lazuli is an opaque gemstone with very intense dark blue colour. It is mainly sourced from the mines in Badakhshan province in Afghanistan. Lapis is a semi-precious stone and its bigger sizes are often carved into beautiful figurines and carvings. Those who have a yogakarak Shani can even use idols and figurines in their places of worship or as other Vastu items in their homes and workplaces.

It can be worn in gemstone sizes as a remedial gemstone for Saturn. Lapis Lazuli often has specks of pyrite which look like specks of Gold on it. This gives it a beautiful sheen enhances the depth of its naturally blue colour.

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