



ARIES (MAR. 21- APRIL 20)

Sudden changes of heart may cause disruptions in your domestic scene. Your communication skills may win you points. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



TAURUS (APR. 21- MAY 21)

You could entertain, host a multitude of social events. You will do well to mingle with the top brass this week. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



GEMINI (MAY 22-JUNE 21)

You can evade the issue as usual by being affectionate. Try to bounce back to your fun loving and exciting self. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.



CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22)

Make new friends while attending social events. You will meet people who will be more than just a friend. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



LEO (JULY 23-AUG 22)

You may not be pleased with the actions of your loved ones. Emotional situations could bring out your stubborn nature. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 23)

Family members may try to put unreasonable demands on you. Your charisma will attract a lot of attention. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.



LIBRA (SEPT. 24-OCT. 23)

Communications with loved ones may be strained. Take your time to reevaluate your motives regarding friendships. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



SCORPIO (OCT. 24-NOV. 21)

Throw yourself into your profession. Your competitive nature will enable you to win any contest you enter. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Focus your efforts on details; keep to yourself in order to finish your work. Uncertainties are still prevailing. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 20)

Pleasure trips will be favourable and bring about romance. You might find a co-worker has been two faced. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.



AQUARIUS (JAN. 21-FEB. 19)

Proceed with caution if operating equipment or vehicles. Your fight for less fortunate will end in victory. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



PISCES (FEB. 20-MARCH. 20)

If lover tries to curtail your freedom, it may lead to conflict. Financial affairs are not favourable today. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

EVENT

French gala evening at Radisson

It was a cheerful mix between France and Bangladesh at the French Annual Gala 2014 that was held last Saturday, 6 December 2014 at Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel. The event is organised every year by the France Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCIFB). Established in 1996, the Chamber aims to promote trade between France and Bangladesh by facilitating the process in every way possible. The event commenced with a display of items for sale by fair trade organizations, who have created products

of innovative designs using Bangladeshi sourced materials. This was followed by a dinner arrangement for the guests while the cultural processions took place on the stage.

Popular singer Adity Mohsin dazzled the crowd with her Rabindra Sangeet renditions, and there was a dance performance by Warda Rihab. Renowned French artist Tab performed in the event as well.

Lafarge Surma Cement was the main sponsor of the event. Tarek Elba, President of CCIFB and also the CEO of Lafarge Surma Cement Ltd; Bernard Regembal, Consul of

the French Embassy; Pierre Lignot, Trade Commissioner of the French Trade Commission in India and also the Regional Head of Ubifrance; Rifat Rashid, Director of CCIFB along with the other distinguished guests were present at the event.

The event was also co-sponsored by Alcatel Lucent, Bangladesh General Insurance Company Ltd., Knit Concern Group, Spie Oil and Gas Services (Thailand) Ltd., Aamra, Dana Group, Energypac, Paragon Group, Total & Stand Tall or Naught. **LS DESK**



Ponds-Naksha Wedding Festival

COLOURFUL decorations, traditional songs, and a glamorous guest list made up the Ponds-Naksha Wedding Festival that was held all day last Tuesday, 9 December 2014 at the Grand Ballroom of Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel in the city.

As the guests entered through the doors of the venue, they were greeted with stalls of numerous organisations who were all associated with the Big Fat Bangladeshi Wedding. This included florists, sweetmeat sellers, hotels and resorts, catering services, event planners and photographers. The stalls were present throughout the day, open for all.

Come evening, a fashion and cultural show was organised in the Grand Ballroom, resplendent with models and celebrities alike, both on the stage and as the audience. Tahsan and Mithila hosted the show, where the theme was promoting deshi fashion and craftsmanship at the forefront and encouraging brides and grooms to buy Bangladeshi. Popular local fashion houses provided the outfits and jewellery for the fashion show, where outfits for all occasions were presented, from engagement to the final reception. Designers also displayed outfits and looks of different religious and cultural backgrounds, to represent a more inclusive reflection of Bangladeshi fashion.

Designers who participated in the event were Mayasir, Dressy Dale, Lubnan, Tangail Saree Kutir and Manick Benarasi. Jewellery was presented by Arabian's and Diamond World. After the models concluded their part of the fashion show, some celebrities like Mehzabin, Apu Biswas, Ferdous, Hridoy Khan, Suzana and Arefin Shuvo walked the ramp dressed in wedding wear.

Renowned film actress Kobori, TV personality Bindu, beautician Kaniz Almas Khan and designer Maheen Khan came onstage to present their speeches at the event, highlighting the importance of promoting the local industries. Remarks were also made by Motiur Rahman, Editor in Chief of Prothom Alo and Javed Akhtar, Brand Building Director, Unilever. Some musical performances were also added to the mix.

It is commendable that local companies are highlighted through such events, promoting further growth and creativity. We hope to see more use of local products and services in our grand weddings in the future.

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