



ARIES
(MAR. 21- APRIL 20)

Don't bother complaining, do the work yourself. Sudden disruptions will cause upset and a change of routine in your home. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



TAURUS
(APR. 21- MAY 21)

Your friends, relatives may not understand your needs. Don't be quick to let friends and relatives know what you're up to. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



GEMINI
(MAY 22-JUNE 21)

Everyone is doing their own thing, let them. You may be frustrated by the way situations are being handled in your personal life. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.



CANCER
(JUNE 22-JULY 22)

Risks will not be profitable. You may have to take a short trip to visit someone who hasn't been well. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



LEO
(JULY 23-AUG 22)

Some of your new friends may not be that trustworthy. Residential moves will be hectic and may be unsatisfactory. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 23)

Romantic opportunities are evident. Loved ones may be annoyed if they feel restricted. Stick to your own projects, you'll shine. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



LIBRA
(SEPT. 24-OCT. 23)

Bend to their wishes if you want to avoid conflict. Take care of the needs of youngsters. Don't let your partner bully you. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



SCORPIO
(OCT. 24-NOV. 21)

Tie up your personal papers or push to have legal settlements completed. Show what a dedicated person you can be. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Try to calm down emotionally about personal financial matters. Your involvement in interest groups may bring you popularity. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.



CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 20)

Don't be shy; show your abilities! It won't take much to upset your lover. You need some rest. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



AQUARIUS
(JAN. 21-FEB. 19)

Don't be shy to promote own interests. You can pick up additional responsibility that will lead to higher wages and a better position. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



PISCES
(FEB. 20-MARCH. 20)

Don't lend to people who have given you negative vibes. You may want to put your creative thinking cap on. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

EVENT

Where creative minds thrive: Colours of Boishakh by Koral Events

KORAL Events organised an exhibition and fashion show featuring the works of contemporary Bangladeshi women fashion designers on March 26th, 2015 at the atrium of Home and Décor mall in Progoti Shoroni. The exhibition began at 11:30 am followed by the fashion show at 7 pm. The event was organised to celebrate the arrival of the Bengali New Year on April 14th with the latest summer designs.

The participants of the event were Koral Klauset, Kimaya Design Store, Payera, Shahnaz Hamid Kid's Wear, Rida Boutique, D. Nizam's Jewellery, Nubyra's, Athena Furniture, Kabab Factory, Turkish Bazar, Kazi & Kazi Tea and Meena Herbal. The beauty partner of the event was Women's World.

Most of the fashion boutiques such as Koral Klauset, Payera and Rida focused on the use of hand and machine embroidery and screen and block printing. Fabrics such as silk, cotton, linen and rubia georgette were used frequently. For Boishakh, the boutiques emphasised on using comfortable fabrics such as cotton and used block and screen printing techniques paired with detailed buttons and stone, sequence and patch work. Traditional colours of Boishakh, such as red and whites dominated the clothing line. However, there were also outfits in soothing pastels and dazzling purples, blacks and blues.

Some fashion boutiques designed only a particular type of outfit. For instance, Nubyra's only had Western inspired gowns and tops with zardosi and machine embroidery work. Fashion brand,



Exquisite Untucked Casuals had only panjabis for men. These were made mostly in cotton and silk with simple yet stylistic cuts, and detailing on cuffs, buttons and collars. Parisa fashion had only unstitched screen print kurtis and shalwar kameezes. Just Kids had dresses only for girls aged 0-12 years made from imported cottons, linens and silks.

There were some non-clothes based shops too. Hair and beauty brand, Meena Herbal presented its products that ranged from face scrubs and foot creams to shampoos and conditioners. Food stalls of Kabab Factory, Turkish Bazar and Kazi & Kazi Tea Roll offered delicious food and beverages to entertain the customers throughout the day.

The fashion show was choreographed by Ashikur Rahman Pony. It was attended by dignitaries, celebrities, artists and admirers of exquisite designs. The ambassador of the Republic of Korea, Lee Yun-young, Deputy High Commissioner of Pakistan, Samina Mehtab, Vice President of Bangladesh

Employers, Sabrina Islam and past President of SAARC Women's Association, Sonia Imran were present at the fashion show. Renowned artists, fashion designers and actresses such as Kuhu Plamondon, Tootli Rahman, Shomi Kaiser and Tarin Ahmed were also present.

All the boutique shops run online via Facebook and websites. For more information about the event and products, contact Rupo Shams of Koral Events at 01711100091.

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Photo courtesy: Koral Klauset

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Travel quota - More relaxation by Central Bank

THANKS to the growth in personal incomes and consumer credit, the number of Bangladeshi travellers visiting foreign countries for holiday or medical reasons is increasing every year. A few important tips may be of benefit particularly to new or infrequent travellers.

On the question of travel foreign currency entitlement, always remember to get updates from your bank manager before embarking on an overseas trip, there could always be new developments regarding your travel quota.

As we know, a passenger is allowed USD seven thousand per year for travel to non-SAARC countries and USD five thousand to SAARC countries.

The amount of cash allowed was three thousand and the balance could be used against your credit card. Recently the cash allowance has been increased to USD five thousand, which in effect means that for non-SAARC countries (if you so want) you only need to use two thousand against your credit card and for SAARC countries the full amount can be taken as cash foreign currency.

For frequent travellers I am sure it is wiser to break up the amount and use it over the year. Despite the new enhancement of cash foreign currency always be wary about carrying too much of it, there is always the chance of it being stolen and we all know that there is no recourse to 'lost' cash.

Although I have mentioned this before I have been requested to repeat this important information. As per Bangladesh Bank regulations (Chapter 6, Para 1(A) APP. 5) any amount of foreign currency may be brought in by an incoming passenger with declaration to the customs authorities in the relevant form. However, up to USD five thousand (or equivalent) can be brought in without declaration.



The same amount can be (a) deposited in the person's Resident Foreign Currency Account (RFCDA) provided he or she has opened one, (b) can be retained and taken out freely while proceeding on a new journey. Sometimes airport customs officials are unaware of this and passengers have been questioned as to why they are carrying this cash amount.

This right to information will empower the passenger to defend himself/herself. He/she can carry a copy of the relevant Bangladesh Bank Circular and more importantly, it should be ensured by authorities that the customs officials at the airport have up-to-date knowledge on passenger entitlements.

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