

HOROSCOPE



ARIES
(MAR. 21-APRIL 20)

Try to vent your excess stress carefully. Don't wait for others and get started. Helping others will win you points. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



TAURUS
(APR. 21-MAY 21)

You will enjoy socialising. Nightmares can cause sleeplessness. Accomplishment is yours if you direct yourself accordingly. Your lucky day this week will be



GEMINI
(MAY 22-JUNE 21)

Don't force your opinions on others. Overindulgence could lead to problems with digestion. Travel will be most enticing. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.



CANCER
(JUNE 22-JULY 22)

You will crave entertainment. Stick to your own projects and they will succeed. Annoyances from the home front are likely. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.



LEO
(JULY 23-AUG 22)

Your confidence will stabilise your position. Changes in career direction will pay off. Travel could include problems. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 23)

Get into self-improvement projects. You will find yourself tied to the phone. Interesting individuals may spark curiosity. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



LIBRA
(SEPT. 24-OCT. 23)

Try to go with the flow. Purchases will be well worth it. Keep alert for any evasive or deceptive statements. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



SCORPIO
(OCT. 24-NOV. 21)

Go to the boss if you're being harassed. Organisations may cost you. Property investments should payoff. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.



SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Travel will be exciting. Favours will be offered readily. Drastic changes regarding your personal attitude are likely. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 20)

Don't discuss private affairs. You may be frazzled this week. Don't let others make you feel guilty. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



AQUARIUS
(JAN. 21-FEB. 19)

Go on business trips if at all possible. Uncertainty regarding your mate may emerge. Self-deception is likely. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



PISCES
(FEB. 20-MARCH. 20)

Secret affairs will only lead to heartache. Get help setting up a reasonable budget. Channel your efforts into achieving your goals. Your lucky day this week will be

LS SUGGESTS

Spice up your Valentine's

It's Valentine's Day and just like every other year you have planned out a romantic lunch or dinner with your partner. You've bought gifts, wrapped them up neatly, organised your outfit for the day, bought a bouquet of roses and are completely prepared to make sure everything goes as planned, just the way it always does every year. Sounds clichéd doesn't it? It's high time you change this ritual which you have been following for years now and spice up this year's Valentine's Day.

Book your entire day with your partner and try doing some fun activities with them because effort and time is the way to a woman's heart. Begin the day by planning out a picnic together at Zinda Park for example. The night before, pack your jute basket with a clean white cloth, rose petals to decorate the cloth with, plastic cups and plates and her favourite bar of dark chocolate. Put the gift that you bought for her in a simple plain pink paper bag made by yourself and don't forget to top it off by adding a short sweet note for her in it.

Wondering what you should get her for breakfast? Try out a mixture of American and English breakfast. Wake up early in the morning and toast a few

bread and cover them well with a clean cloth to keep them warm. If possible, make pancakes and carry along maple syrup to add to those warm set of delicacy. In addition, fry some sausages and omelettes with tomato which helps accentuate its taste. Don't forget to add pudding to your long list of food, for a delicious dessert is always the right way to end a mouth-watering meal.

Too much of a hassle? Well, if you have vowed to love her forever, then there is no better way of proving it than this.

Don't forget to take lots of pictures there and enjoy the spellbinding beauty which it offers, away from the hustle and bustle of Dhaka City.

On your way to your next destination in Banani, you'll get to drive through the long, empty roads of Purbachal. A good excuse to go on a long drive!

They say that pottery is a very romantic form of art and the 14th of February is the perfect day to take part in such an activity. Fortunately for us, there is a wonderful place in Banani by the name of Clay Station. With the help of the instructors, together with your partner create anything which represents your love for each other so that it stands as a souvenir for one of the best and most memorable

days of both your lives. Yes, it can get a little messy and will be difficult to make something out on your first attempt but believe me, it's totally worth it. You are together enjoying the true essence of love through such a romantic activity, that too on such an auspicious day. This will take a few hours and by the time you will be done; it will be close to 4 PM.

Drive your way towards 300ft where you have a sea of food stores. Grab two rice bowls, wedges and cold coffee and drive down the roads towards Purbachal once again but this time parking the car at a serene and empty place on the road. Both of you get out of the car, sit on the trunk of the car and enjoy your food as you watch the sunset. It's going to be magical.

Many of you might say that you will be overdoing it by doing the aforementioned, but if you truly love your partner and mean it when you say that they are the love of your life, then this tiny bit of effort is nothing but the size of a grain. Your girlfriend, fiancé or wife deserves to be loved because they are like a pearl in the ocean in your eyes, and you will always treasure a pearl.

By Ali Sakhi Khan

THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY

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LANTERN FESTIVAL

Date: Tuesday, 14 February

Time: 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Venue: Abahoni Matth, Dhanmondi

This Valentine's celebrate love in a novel way - by launching a paper lantern in the sky. This event is surely going to be the talk of the town this love season. Participate with your loved ones, and invite all your friends as well.

FLAVOURS OF LOVE

Date: Tuesday, 14 February

Time: 6 p.m. - 3 a.m.

Venue: The Westin Dhaka

This is one of the most eagerly anticipated events of the season, which will include a fashion show, to be followed by a party that will feature famed DJs like Sonica, Jenifar and Sunny. Buy tickets, priced at Tk3500 and Tk5500, from jetchao.com while they last.

PITHA PULI UTSHAB 2017

Date: Tuesday, 14 February

Time: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Venue: Robindro Shorobor, Dhanmondi

As winter draws to an end, it is time to relish the delicious pithas for the last time. This is the perfect opportunity to have the most delectable pithas from across the

country. The event will also feature a cultural show.

SONGS OF LOVE AND TRAVELS

Date: Saturday, 18 February

Time: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Venue: EMK Centre, Midas Centre Building (9th Floor) House 5, Road 16, Dhanmondi 27

Vincent, a French singer and guitarist, has put together a small band from Bangladesh, called "The Vincent Meyer World Music Quintet". It comprises a back-up vocalist (Humayra Jahan, sometimes playing the harmonium), a bass player (Arif Sadab Khan, sometimes playing the electric guitar), a tenor saxophone (Rahin Haider, sometimes playing the bass) and a tabla player (Sanjib Mazumder), giving support to Vincent's voice and acoustic guitar.

Together, they will perform Vincent's musical experiments. Tickets are priced at Tk100 and will be available at the venue before the musical soiree. (Free for EMK Centre and American Centre Members upon showing ID card).

PAINTING EXHIBITION BY TILOTTOMA BHOWMICK

Date: 14 February to 17 February

Time: Daylong

Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise

For Tilottoma Bhowmick, what started as a hobby soon translated into a four-year certificate course in drawing and painting at Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts. In those initial years, her work comprised experimentation with charcoal, pastel, watercolour, acrylic, oil and mixed media. However, for the 35 paintings in this upcoming exhibition titled 'The Naked', Bhowmick used acrylic and mixed media. Through this exhibition, she endeavoured to portray the essence of living— simply naked. There are also congruent concept series with titles such as 'Behind the Scene', 'Trifling', 'Power of Eternity', 'Quest in Rebirth', 'Domestic Animal', 'You and I've Come to Face Consequences' that are going to be exhibited.

Nature, scent, sound, and texture have appealed to Bhowmick since her childhood. The confluence of spirituality with mythology intrigued her deeply, as well. Her conscious and subconscious mind speak about this marriage between the two through symbolisms like lotus, snake, representation of entity, masks, human beings, creatures, water, and textures.