

HOROSCOPE

ARIES
(MAR. 21-APRIL 20)

Tempers may flare. Evade issues by being affectionate, and fun loving. Solidify your relationship with an evening out. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

TAURUS
(APR. 21-MAY 21)

Secret affairs will backfire. Your confidence is growing and advancement is apparent. Your home environment may be hectic. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

GEMINI
(MAY 22-JUNE 21)

Think twice before you say anything. Your emotional state could leave you vulnerable. Make plans to mix business with pleasure. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

CANCER
(JUNE 22-JULY 22)

Channel your energy carefully to achieve your goal. Don't put limitations on yourself. Take time to listen other's problems. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUG 22)

Don't be too hard on yourself. Get back to basics. Generosity will put you in the poorhouse. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 23)

Secret affairs may be tempting. Expect to experience a reversal of fortune. Money can slip through your fingers. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

LIBRA
(SEPT. 24-OCT. 23)

Use your creative flair. It's time to let loose. Deep discussions may only lead to friction. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

SCORPIO
(OCT. 24-NOV. 21)

Environmental organisations will lead to good connections. You may meet potential lovers. You're best to avoid disputes. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Delays are evident. It might be best to work on your own. You are best to keep hard feelings to yourself. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 20)

Avoid any misunderstandings and arguments. Be there for someone in need. You will find their philosophies worth exploring. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

AQUARIUS
(JAN. 21-FEB. 19)

You can do well in group endeavours. Take advantage of your attributes and lure the mate of your choice. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

PISCES
(FEB. 20-MARCH. 20)

You will attract potential lovers. You need to enjoy yourself. Resist any idle chatter. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

LISTICLE

5 things you did not know about the Mongol Shobhajatra

Pohela Baishakh is around the corner, and it is more than just dressing in red and white and singing 'Esho hey Baishakh' for one day. While sometimes we are partially guilty of not staying in touch with the entire cultural history, we can make the use of a refresher from time to time.

For this Baishakh, the highlight is on the Mongol Shobhajatra- a colourful procession that is an integral part of today's Baishakhi celebrations.

The Shobajatra turns 28 this year

You may have this notion that the Mongol Shobhajatra is being held for ages. But in fact, it only started in 1989, and the people behind it are Mahabub Jamal Shamim, Moklesur Rahman and Heronmay Chanda.

UNESCO recognises it as 'cultural heritage'

Officially, on 30 November 2016, it was inscribed in the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by the UNESCO. The works for this significant inclusion began in in 2014 when the Bangla Academy compiled a nomination file that was approved by the Ministry of

Cultural Affairs of Bangladesh and submitted to UNESCO.

Preparations start a month prior

Although held throughout Bangladesh, the procession in Dhaka has its own grandeur and all-encompassing presence. It's no wonder since the preparations are well planned and executed



within a specific time line. From the masks to painting the shora (clay shallow bowls) to making the big float sculptures - everything is made by the students of Dhaka University's Fine Arts Institution.

Must-have representative themes

The Mongol Shobhajatra literally means

'procession for well-being' and that well-being is resonated through three themes. One set of decorations are meant to show oppression and evil, the second set is representative of the people's courage and strength to overcome said evil. The final third theme reflects peace and solidarity of the people.

You can take a part of the procession home with you!

After the procession the masks are often given away or sold as part of a charity fund drive. It is best to check beforehand to avoid any disappointments. Also artworks portraying the day are sold to connoisseurs as well as interested people.

There you have it, for the coming Bangla New Year 1424, you are now two steps ahead of your peers in terms of know-how. As far as understanding one's own culture goes, valid and sensible sources are your best friends for reference.

By Iris Farina

Photo: Sheikh Mehedi Morshed



www.kaykraft.com

শ্রীমঙ্গল
শোভাজাত্রা
১৪২৪



— Outlets —

Sobhanbagh 01922117401	Mirpur 01922117407	Banani 01922117404	Rankin Street, Wari, 01922117410	DESHIDOSH Gulshan 01922117431
Shimanto Square 01922117408	Uttara Tower 01922117413	Bailey Road 01922117402	Ring Road Mohammadpur 01922117447	DESHIDOSH Sylhet 01922117446
Aziz Super Market 01922117412	Malibagh 01922117405	Jamuna Future Park 01922117433	DESHIDOSH-CTG. 01922117429	DESHIDOSH Basundhara City 01922117403