

## HOROSCOPE

**ARIES**  
(MAR. 21-APRIL 20)

Look into real estate. Spend time with relatives. Networking will be a necessity. Your lucky day this week is Sunday.

**TAURUS**  
(APR. 21-MAY 21)

Renovating your home will please everyone. Be self-reliant at work. Don't upset your partner. Your lucky day this week is Thursday.

**GEMINI**  
(MAY 22-JUNE 21)

Entertain friends at home. Focus on self-improvement. Emotional situations could bring out your stubborn nature. Your lucky day this week is Wednesday.

**CANCER**  
(JUNE 22-JULY 22)

Don't play on your partner's emotions. Don't put your professional reputation on the line. Make sound financial investments. Your lucky day this week is Wednesday.

**LEO**  
(JULY 23-AUG 22)

Make plans with the family. Focus on your health. Put some trust in others. Your lucky day this week is Saturday.

**VIRGO**  
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 23)

Bring creativity to work. Resolve nagging personal issues. Be tolerant of others around you. Your lucky day this week is Saturday.

**LIBRA**  
(SEPT. 24-OCT. 23)

Job changes are apparent. Reach your highest potential at work. Travel for yourself. Your lucky day this week is Thursday.

**SCORPIO**  
(OCT. 24-NOV. 21)

Avoid idle chatter. Learn how to ask for help. Practice patience with erratic family members. Your lucky day this week is Monday.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

You may find yourself caught in a conundrum. Listen to other's complaints. Entertain those you wish to close deals with. Your lucky day this week is Saturday.

**CAPRICORN**  
(DEC. 22-JAN. 20)

Get involved in the activities of children. Don't push your opinions on others. Help your partner reach their potential. Your lucky day this week is Tuesday.

**AQUARIUS**  
(JAN. 21-FEB. 19)

Your family may be feeling neglected. Be wary of those who gossip. Choose your battles wisely. Your lucky day this week is Monday.

**PISCES**  
(FEB. 20-MARCH. 20)

Take up a sport with your partner. There will be uncertainties with new love interests. Learn how to cook. Your lucky day this week is Monday.



## BY THE WAY

## Mosquitoes on the Loose!

A common misconception is that with the rainy season, the prevalence of mosquito-borne diseases such as Dengue and Chikungunya falls. The logic behind that statement is that rain disrupts stagnant water bodies causing damage to mosquito breeding grounds.

Unfortunately, these little enemies of humans can breed anywhere with still water such as the indoor plants that are grown in water or when rain water accumulates in your plant pots on the roof.

Dengue and Chikungunya spread the most during the rainy season between the months of June and October. But since rain has arrived a little earlier this year, precautions must be taken accordingly.

Before we talk about methods of prevention for these dangerous viral diseases, let's talk about how the viruses are transmitted. These viruses can infect female mosquitoes, more specifically of the *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* species, when they feed on an infected person. But the viruses cause no harm to the mosquitoes while replicating inside them. When a female mosquito bites another human, it injects its saliva containing anti-blood clotting agents, it unknowingly also injects the virus particles into the human's blood system. The mosquito can then go on to infect other human beings for the rest of their lives. These mosquitoes are known to feed on human blood during the day time.

So how do you prevent the spread of infection? Well, mosquitoes are getting stronger and more dangerous with time. The more precautions that are taken against them, the more they evolve to tackle against those precautions. Hence, you need to be more alert than usual this season. Since it rains often these days, make sure you throw away water accumulating anywhere in or around your house. If you have house plants that grow on water, change the water frequently or at least once a week. Install nets on your windows to keep mosquitoes from entering your home. Use mosquito repellent on the regions of your

body that are exposed and do not forget to reapply every couple of hours according to the given instructions.

If someone around you gets down with a fever accompanied with a runny nose and joint pain, immediately isolate the patient so that mosquitoes cannot further introduce infection to other people living with the patient. The individual suspected of the infection must get tested promptly to confirm the diagnosis and to get treatment. It is always better to be safe than to be sorry.

Mosquito bites are painful and annoying themselves. But when diseases are associated with their bites, they are the real nightmare, as if it wasn't enough for them to be blood sucking tiny vampires! So this summer kill as many as those parasites you see in sight, and let them starve by keeping them out of your homes. About time we form a rebellion to wipe mosquitoes off the face of the earth.

### TIPS TO STAY SAFE FROM AN OUTBREAK

Plant pots and water bowls for pets should be frequently cleaned and emptied.

Wear socks, long pants, long-sleeved shirts and closed-toe shoes especially in areas where there are a lot of mosquitoes.

Use proper insect repellent such as lemon eucalyptus oil patches, spray or ointment.

Use air conditioning as much as possible, keeping windows and screens locked.

Use mosquito net, coil, or electric repellants for a good night's sleep.

## CHECK IT OUT

# Uber's commitment to safety of riders and partners

From 4 September, 2018, Uber, the world's largest on-demand ride-sharing company, started distributing helmets and safety jackets to driver - partners on UberMOTO, reiterating its commitment to the safety of both riders and driver-partners.



Less than a week of launch of their unique global safety toolkit, Uber started distributing Safety Packs to partners who use

UberMOTO to get riders from A to B. More than 3000 Safety packs will be distributed by the end of the month. Each Safety Pack includes:

2 Helmets (one for the driver and one for the rider)

Fluorescent Safety Windbreaker jacket

Brightly coloured T-shirt

Additionally, partners who received these packs were also given a special session on road safety practices. Uber also ensures that the Moto service is not available from 12AM-6AM, ensuring that moto partners are not taking trips very late at night. UberMOTO also has no forward dispatch (available on rides) to ensure uberMOTO partners are not distracted by beeps or phone calls about the next trip while already on one trip.

Previously, Uber has also introduced a first-of-its-kind insurance program for riders and driver partners. The policy will provide both riders and driver partners with free coverage for accidental death, permanent disablement and hospitalisation in case of an accident while on-trip using the Uber App.

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