

SACRED BLOOMS, ETERNAL LOVE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP AND PUJA FASHION

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from their neat hairdo to wearing floral bracelets and waistbands.

Some go for a solitary bloom tucked behind the ear. While roses are a clear favourite, orchids are a new addition to this classic look. Then some prefer to go for the more refined "sleek look" — parting their hair at the top and having floral garlands adorning the parted lines and encircling the bun. For those who prefer to wear a braid, garlands are often intertwined with the plaits enhancing the overall look.

While hopping between puja mandaps, women often embrace a more carefree style clad in sarees, adorned with glass bangles, a teep on the forehead, and a floral crown. The beauty of this boho-chic look lies in its versatility. She truly "walks in beauty" as she effortlessly carries the look all day, from one pandal to another, while navigating Dhaka's notorious traffic.

Flowers are not mere decorations, they have a deeper connection with the human soul and the higher powers. Each bloom offered during the festival carries the essence of

spiritual meaning, whether it be the power of the hibiscus, the purity of the lotus, or the joyful celebration embodied by the marigold.

Wearing flowers as fashion accessories is just an extension of that expression. Embracing flowers in our entire existence is just another way of connecting to that one power that nurtures and governs the entire universe.

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ARIES (MAR. 21-APR. 20)

Be careful not to divulge secret information this week. Your diplomatic approach will enhance your reputation. Overindulgence will mean poor health. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



TAURUS (APR. 21-MAY 21)

Don't rely on others. You'll look guilty if you don't lay your cards on the table. Don't lend or borrow money. Your lucky day this week will be



GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN. 21)

You won't be pleased with those you live with. Changes in your home will be positive. Back away from commitment. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



CANCER

(JUN. 22-JUL. 22)

Older family members may take advantage of you. Discuss your problems if you wish to rectify them. Update any outdated investments. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



(JUL. 23-AUG. 22)

Unreliable people will be negative about your ideas. Try not to be too emotional with those around you. Travel for business or



VIRGO

(AUG. 23-SEP. 23)

Your co-worker may have been two-faced. Look into some personal changes. Enhance your earning by picking up additional skills. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



HOROSCOPE

LIBRA (SEP. 24-OCT, 23)

You can come into money this week. Avoid confrontations with colleagues. Ask your friends to help you move. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



SCORPIO

(OCT. 24-NOV. 21)

Get back to basics. Make gains by working with others. Listen to the advice given by others. Your lucky day this week will be



SAGITTARIUS

(NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Make some changes to your life. Don't turn down invitations. Ideas may sound good, but be careful. Your lucky day this week will be



CAPRICORN

(DEC. 22-JAN. 20)

Talk about your intentions and confirm mutual feelings. Entertainment can include physical activities. Try to visit an exciting country. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



AQUARIUS

(JAN. 21-FEB. 19)

Keep up your responsibilities. Secret affairs may be tempting but risky. Discuss problems if you wish to fix them. Your lucky day this week will be



PISCES

(FEB. 20-MAR. 20)

Talk to loved ones about personal problems. A past romantic infatuation may surface. Sudden changes in your friend circle could be interesting. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

