

horoscope

ARIES: (Mar. 21–Apr. 19)



This week, you might hear a brilliant idea. You could be furiously channeling energy. Your guides and angels are talking to you. This communication could come through books, videos, or song lyrics. One of your more free-spirited friends might have a brilliant idea. They might ask you to go with them on a trip abroad or a road trip across the country.

TAURUS: (Apr. 20–May 20)



This week, you're looking at choices. You could be surprised and delighted by a friend's suggestion. You might have told them that you want to do something new, and now they're testing your resolve. You could be in the right place at the right time. This could help you with a career or business opportunity. But this is conditional energy. It requires you to take action for the synchronicity to happen. So this is a good time to follow through with an email or phone call.

GEMINI: (May 21–Jun. 21)



This week, you're heading in a new direction. You light up the room. Other people notice you whether the spotlight is on you or not. This is a good day to be social, go to events, or attend a party. You could meet interesting people and make good connections. This is a good day for a first date, especially if you want to meet someone. Your angels and guides might be speaking to you through someone at your job. This could be a positive message telling you that you're in the right place at the right time.

CANCER: (Jun. 22–Jul. 22)



This week, you give a gift to yourself. You could take a risk in love. You might call someone and ask them on a date. You might be ready to say yes to an invitation to run off away. You could find someone to work with now. This might be a mentor or someone who will back you up in meetings. This is a good time to look for an influencer or celebrity to work with. Consider sending direct messages to people you want to connect with. The more seeds you plant, the bigger your harvest can be.

LEO: (Jul. 23–Aug. 22)



This week, you are magnetic. This is a good day to ask the babysitter to take the kids. You and your sweetheart could make for a wonderful evening. If you're looking for love, light a red candle to attract passion. You might come across a job opportunity that feels like a good fit. And even if you've changed jobs recently or just got promoted, this is worth exploring. It might be more in line with your training or just feel right. This could be a message that it's time to make a big shift.

VIRGO: (Aug. 23–Sept. 22)



This week, you're looking for something new. While you are good at consistency, you want to change it up today. Tear up the list of chores, skip the boring errands, and do something different. This is a good day to attend a festival or concert, or at least go to a new restaurant where they serve food you've never tried before. A lot more could come to you if you ask. Look at what you need in your life. That might mean help with a resume or application, or perhaps you need some financial assistance or help navigating investment options. You can find someone who is quite helpful today.

LIBRA: (Sept. 23–Oct. 23)

This week, the path becomes clear. You could meet someone who is just dazzling. This might be a date set up for you by a friend or family member, or it could be someone you pass on the



street. There might be something about their hair or scent that drives you wild. You could have an encounter worthy of a fantasy. You might be very interested

in going back to school. While that might be a great idea for you, also consider short-term programs where you can get a certificate or programs offered by large companies to attract new employees. There are also video courses for accelerated learning. You could find more than one way to reach your goal.

SCORPIO: (Oct. 24–Nov. 21)



This week, you're seeing the future. Today's energy is a recipe for impulse spending. You might have your eye on something shiny and beautiful.

You normally stick to a budget, but now you could covet a dazzling object that makes your heart sing. All that glitters is not gold—sometimes it comes with gemstones too. Someone in the family might have some big news. Perhaps they bought a house or are announcing a pregnancy. One of your siblings could get a new car or a great new job, and this could set off an impromptu celebration. Or there might be a flurry of phone calls between family members.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov. 22–Dec. 21)



This week, you know what you want. You could be sending and receiving some very romantic texts. You and your sweetheart might exchange

some very special pictures. If you're looking for love, you could meet someone you find very attractive, and the feeling could be mutual. A creative project can go very well. The different components come together beautifully. You find the color you're looking for and the material you need. You could finish something and show it off. Or you could receive the go-ahead to display your art or play your music in front of an audience.

CAPRICORN: (Dec. 22–Jan. 19)



This week, you could have some very enjoyable moments. You might feel a strong urge to redecorate. You might go to the furniture store and try out new sofas. You might get a can of paint for an accent wall in the living room. Or you could whip up some colourful new pillows with fabric you have around the house. You might have a new co-worker who seems like someone you've known before. You might make an instant connection with a vendor or new supervisor. You have an opportunity to find someone who could be really helpful on the job.

AQUARIUS: (Jan. 20–Feb. 18)



This week, you're in touch with your inner self. Your intuition is extremely strong right now, and you might have flashes of insight about the future. You might do a little astral travel

and see where people are at the moment, or send them a psychic message with words of love. It's likely you've been working to get your finances on track, and you can make some real headway. This is a good day to look at what you can automate when it comes to tracking income and paying bills. Or you might find a system to pick stocks that helps you make better decisions with your money.

PISCES: (Feb. 19–Mar. 20)



This week, you're attracting positive attention. You might wear something that is showstopping, like a new hat or a cool new jacket. You are walking taller and feeling great because of something you're wearing. You might need to take a quick trip. It could be for work, or there could be a great new restaurant in the next county that you and a friend want to check out. Or maybe you have a new car and you want to see how it drives on the open road. This is a good day to go somewhere.

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## Konkani writer Vincy Quadros to release two books



Renowned Konkani writer and journalist is all set to release his two books for children on March 2 at Raicho Ambo, Raia. The books to be released are 'Avoi' and 'Moidan'. Both the books are for children in Roman script. There are 16 stories each in the books with different fictional subjects. The programme will be followed by 'Ghumatt Gazota' and 'Raikaranchi Sanz', a presentation by Snobs Akademi and Goa Konkani Akademi. The function is organized by Snobs Akademi of Raia in association with Goa Konkani Akademi.

Vincy is a national Konkani writer who has won Sahitya Akademi award for children's literature. Recently, his translation work 'Alcoholics Anonymous' was released in Margao. He has published around 64 books, 10 being released on his 60th birthday at a time. He writes in both Devnagri and Roman scripts. He is a visiting professor at Rachol Seminary. He is the Editor of 'Konknni Daiz' a weekly paper and a magazine 'Divine Voice, Kerala'. He has earned many awards in literature and felicitations at national and international levels.

## Magic is in the air

Magician Jitendra Raghuvver is in Goa with many new magic tricks. This is an unique opportunity to watch famous magic and special new magic experiments brought from abroad as he brings new magic from Europe, Singapore, America along with a 9-foot Japanese dinosaur to his shows in Goa.

Magicians Raghuvver-Vijay-Jitendra Raghuvver are the record 16089th, 16090th and 16091st experiments of the father-son duo. The special attraction of this show is the fight between magician Jitendra Raghuvver and the monstrous Japanese dinosaur on stage along with the dance of ghosts.

Apart from this, in this show, you

will see many new magic tricks like cutting a person in two in a new way, camera magic, 3 ghosts of Japan, Ring O Magic, as well as one-by-one cool experiments like a girl in the audience raining notes in the air, French Guillotine, a man on stage disappearing in an instant.

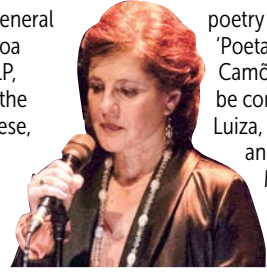
A 2.5-hour magic experiment can be enjoyed with melodious music, dazzling lights, attractive costumes and 50 Egyptian, American, Japanese, Arabic magic tricks can be experienced during this time. With my 4 generations and 86 years of Raghuvver family in the world of magic and theatre, Raghuvver has been honored with last year's Purushottam Award and other awards for this show.



**SPECIAL SHOWS IN GOA THIS WEEKEND**  
March 2: Ravindra Bhavan, Margao 7 pm  
March 3: Kala Academy, Panjim 7pm

## Portuguese poetry reading session

The Consulate-General of Portugal in Goa and Camões-CLP, in collaboration with the Discipline of Portuguese, Shenoi Goembab School of Languages and Literature, Goa University, are organising a



poetry reading session titled 'Poetas Em Diálogo Com Camões'. This session will be conducted by Natália Luiza, Portuguese actress and Art Director of Teatro Meridional, Portugal. In this session, one will witness a poetic dialogue where

Luiz de Camões will talk about love, life and its exercise between good and evil as well as works of contemporary poets who made Camões' poetry, so often a mirror, so often a road for their own poetry. **Venue:** Camões-CLP, Casa Basílio Dias, Rua de Ormuz Road, Panjim **Date:** March 2 **Time:** 6 pm onwards

## The Air We Breathe in Goa

Nilankur Das

Goa's air quality is worsening. Adv Moses Pinto notes that while it's better than Delhi or Kanpur, this offers little consolation. It has not reached crisis levels, but its decline is undeniable. In 2020, Panjim's AQI stood at 21; today, in 2025, it hovers above 120. Different places are following a similar trajectory, affected by unchecked construction, vehicular emissions, and industrial pollution.

Porvorim, once known for clean air, now struggles with AQI levels fluctuating between 91 and 130, often in the 'Moderate' to 'Poor' range. The NH-66 Elevated Corridor project has worsened air quality, releasing vast amounts of construction dust. Intended to ease congestion, it has instead created a dust-laden disaster zone. Rising vehicular emissions, industrial activities, and coal dust from Mormugao Port further pollute the air. Respiratory illnesses are rising. "Goa, once celebrated for its pristine environment, is choking on its own progress," observes Adv Moses Pinto—a sobering and undeniable truth.

"The Supreme Court has long recognised that clean air is not a privilege but a fundamental right under Article 21. The degradation of Goa's air quality is a constitutional violation, and we see no urgency from the authorities" he states. Why should Goa wait for an environmental emergency before implementing systemic reforms?

Goa must act now to safeguard its air quality before it reaches a crisis point. He urges the Goa State Pollution Control Board to take on an active regulatory role, enforcing strict compliance in coal handling, mining, and construction. Additionally, the Board must uphold the Polluter Pays



principle with greater accountability. As he observes, "Here in Goa, the public pays—with their lungs."

He asserts that the mismanagement of NH-66 is an example of what not to do. Simple measures to implement dust suppression techniques and regulating construction hours could reduce emissions. Infrastructure projects cannot afford to ignore environmental concerns. In 'Indian Council for Enviro-Legal Action v. Union of India', the Supreme Court ruled that environmental hazards caused by negligence are actionable offences. The failure to control dust, traffic, and pedestrian safety in Porvorim's ongoing construction is a poor planning and an environmental and human rights violation.

One glimmer of hope, he believes, is Goa's transition to an electric bus fleet, a process that has already begun. Enforcing reforestation policies and safeguarding Goa's green cover are crucial. Tree felling must require genuine reforestation efforts, not compensatory plantations on paper. The Supreme Court's ruling in 'Narmada Bachao Andolan v. Union



of India' emphasised the necessity of Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) for large-scale projects. Yet in Goa, villas and buildings emerge, while EIA reports gather dust, ignored and forgotten.

### Close Encounters of the Goan Kind

Regular AQI monitoring needs to be made public, empowering residents to demand accountability. Better urban planning, dust suppression measures, and effective site management can curb pollution levels. However, Moses believes that the most crucial step is public accountability. Without sustained outcry, silence itself becomes complicity. "If the authorities continue to ignore air pollution concerns, residents should invoke 'Common Cause v. Union of India', which mandates public accountability in cases of governance failure," he asserts. As a lawyer, he knows both the acts and the facts.

Goa has a strong history of activism, but in recent years,

bureaucratic indifference has increasingly forced people to seek justice through the courts. Key decisions are often made with minimal public consultation. By the time residents become aware of the consequences, the damage is irreversible. Bulldozers have already broken ground before communities can react. "The Supreme Court, in Olga Tellis v. Bombay Municipal Corporation, ruled that affected communities must be consulted before displacement or environmental degradation. Yet today, this legal mandate is ignored," he laments.

Groups that relied on democratic channels are now turning to Public Interest Litigations (PIL), forced to take legal action because state agencies remain unresponsive. Residents find themselves seeking judicial intervention to hold authorities accountable. In Common Cause v. Union of India, the Supreme Court affirmed that when governments fail, PILs serve as essential checks on executive power. This is precisely why Goans are increasingly filing PILs against illegal construction, environmental destruction, and governance failures. He also knows that the cost of speaking out is rising. Concerned citizens often face harassment, defamation suits, and intimidation—tactics meant to silence those fighting for accountability.

On the issue of clean air, he emphasises that Goa should focus on a greener transit strategy. An efficient public transport must take precedence over concrete-heavy projects. Without sustained public pressure, pollution will continue unchecked, and the state's environmental decline will become even harder to reverse. Adv Moses concludes with a powerful final thought: "This legal dependency on PILs is not a sign of civic strength but of institutional weakness."

## Herald Gaming Console

### Dilbert



### Garfield



### Wizard of id



### crossword 4782

#### ACROSS

1- Clear-as target; 5- Rock clinging plant; 9- Math subj.; 12- Rind; 13- Continental cash; 15- Black-and-white treat; 16- \_\_\_\_\_ saw Elba; 17- Kick off; 18- Clock face; 19- Some mattresses; 21- Norm; 23- Sound rebound; 25- Thick piece; 26- Back muscle, briefly; 29- Waterproof cover; 31- Rubs out; 35- Turkish honorific; 36- Trojan War epic; 38- Prince Valiant's wife; 39- Demon of "Good Will Hunting"; 41- Hermit; 43- Cowardly Lion portrayer; 44- Separated; 46- When pigs fly; 48- Fall back; 49- Scan again; 51- \_\_\_\_\_ dancing is popular with cowboys; 52- Opposite of WSW; 53- Bed support; 55- Ear part; 57- Propeller; 61- Depression between hills; 65- Zip-\_\_\_\_-Doo-Dah; 66- Alpaca's cousin; 68- \_\_\_\_\_ majesty; 69- Woeful word; 70- \_\_\_\_\_ once; 71- The wolf \_\_\_\_\_ the door; 72- Poivre's partner; 73- Play to \_\_\_\_\_ (draw); 74- Needle case;

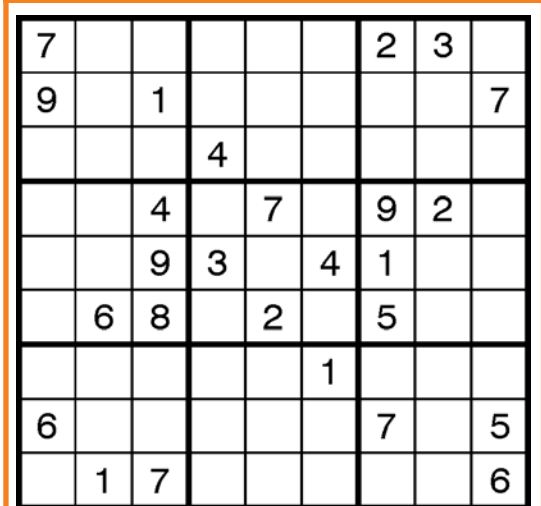
#### DOWN

1- Gorillas, chimpanzees and orangutans; 2- Part of a bird's beak; 5- \_\_\_\_\_ do-well; 4- Best of a group; 5- Military cafeteria; 6- Not in; 7- Ladies of Sp.; 8- Arranges in groups; 9- Oratorio solo; 10- Cordelia's father; 11- Yellow metallic element; 14- No longer fresh; 15- Atypical; 20- Broadway beginning; 22- Japan's first capital; 24- Betelgeuse's constellation;

#### solution 4781



### sudoku 4782



#### Instructions for Sudoku

9 x 9 letter: To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes

#### solution 4781

