

horoscope

ARIES: (Mar. 21–Apr. 19)



Aries, this week reawakens your confidence and creativity—express yourself without fear. On Sunday, this is a potent day for healing your self-image through creative joy or romance. It could trigger financial tension, but an optimistic helps you shake it off and keep shining. By Monday, streamline your routines but it might make it hard to stay grounded. Pace yourself and don't push for perfection. Tuesday can bring petty misunderstandings, choose clarity over cleverness. Midweek, pull focus to relationship imbalances or unrealistic expectations. You transform power struggles into growth.

TAURUS: (Apr. 20–May 20)



Taurus, this week shifts your energy toward embodiment, stability, and sustainable pleasure. Sunday stirs emotions around home, roots, or safety but offers gentle healing. A surprise financial disruption or expense may arise, but it brings ease and a wider perspective. Monday urges organization and joy, but don't let perfectionism block flow as it may skew your vision. Tuesday, wait before making snap decisions. Wednesday brings focus to health, habits, and balance. It could make it hard to find motivation but shows the power in staying consistent.

GEMINI: (May 21–Jun. 21)



Gemini, this week opens major doors in communication, confidence, and connection. Sunday encourages bold self-expression. It could lead to a healing or affirming conversation with a friend or community ally. By Monday, the Virgo moon stirs your attention homeward. But tricky angles may stir emotional confusion. Ground yourself in what you can control. Tuesday can bring misunderstandings at home or with family—clarify before reacting. Midweek, highlights joy and romance. Oppositions to Saturn and Neptune reveal any illusions around love or creative expectations. It helps you move through it with clarity and power.

CANCER: (Jun. 22–Jul. 22)



Cancer, this week invites deep reflection on your worth, values, and emotional stability. Sunday brings attention to money and self-worth. It helps you address insecurities around success or visibility. Avoid impulsive spending. By Monday, activate your communication sector. Suggest mixed messages or mental fatigue—take breaks and ground your thoughts. Tuesday, double-check the details. Midweek, focus to home and emotional safety. Oppositions to Saturn and Neptune can expose boundaries that need strengthening. Fortunately, Pluto supports deep transformation in your personal life.

LEO: (Jul. 23–Aug. 22)



Leo, this week urges you to shine with purpose—just don't let pride block growth. Sunday highlights your identity and presence and support confidence and healing through leadership or visibility. It may bring surprises in your career—flexibility is key. A sextile to Jupiter helps you network or reconnect with inspiration. Monday, clarify agreements and avoid emotional spending. Tuesday could bring confusion in conversations, pause before committing. By Wednesday, the Libra moon energizes your third house of communication, but its oppositions may expose unrealistic expectations. A Pluto trine brings empowering conversations.

VIRGO: (Aug. 23–Sept. 22)



Virgo, this week reveals what's been hidden—then asks you to rebuild with clarity. Sunday stirs subconscious insights and spiritual healing, supporting emotional release around intimacy or trust. A square to Uranus could jolt your belief system or long-term vision. Lean on Jupiter for grounding perspective. Monday heightens sensitivity. Rest and reset before taking action. Tuesday, a square to Mercury could cloud your judgment—avoid rushing into commitments, especially professionally. Midweek highlights finances and self-worth. Oppositions to Saturn and Neptune demand stronger boundaries in relationships. Pluto helps you step into empowered choice.

LIBRA: (Sept. 23–Oct. 23)

Libra, this week clarifies what you need from others—and what you're ready to release. Sunday, the Leo moon in your eleventh house brings warmth and inspiration from friends or community. Trines to Venus and Chiron in your partnership zone support healing and connection.



But the moon's square to Uranus may stir tension around shared resources or emotional vulnerability—stay centered. Monday, the Virgo moon activates your subconscious. Quincunxes to Saturn, Neptune, and Pluto could create inner conflict—don't ignore gut feelings. Tuesday, a square between the moon and Mercury can bring miscommunications—reflect before responding. By Wednesday, the moon enters your sign, offering a confidence boost. Oppositions to Saturn and Neptune push you to confront where you've been overextending yourself. A trine to Pluto helps you reclaim your power.

SCORPIO: (Oct. 24–Nov. 21)



Scorpio, this week demands emotional honesty—and offers transformation if you're willing. Sunday, the Leo moon lights up your career zone, aligning beautifully with Venus and Chiron in your wellness sector. Healing recognition may arrive, or you may receive a nudge to balance work and rest. A Uranus square may stir tension in a partnership—stay grounded. Monday, the Virgo moon highlights friendships and community, but its quincunxes may reveal energetic drains or unclear boundaries. Tuesday, a Mercury square challenges clarity around shared resources or trust—don't make assumptions. By midweek, the Libra moon draws you inward, activating your twelfth house. Oppositions to Saturn and Neptune stir spiritual reflection or creative tension. Your modern ruler Pluto supports deep emotional excavation.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov. 22–Dec. 21)



Sagittarius, this week turns your focus to growth—but asks for patience and balance. Sunday, the Leo moon highlights your ninth house, encouraging travel, study, or spiritual pursuits. Trines to Venus and Chiron in your fifth house spark healing through creativity or romance. A square to Uranus may disrupt your routine, but your planetary ruler Jupiter in your partnership house helps you stay light-hearted by bouncing energy off of others. Monday, the Virgo moon activates your career sector, but awkward angles to Saturn, Neptune, and Pluto can trigger doubts or mixed signals. Stay focused on your long-term goals. Tuesday, a moon-Mercury square may bring tension with a partner—listen more than you speak. By Wednesday, the Libra moon activates your social sector. Oppositions to Saturn and Neptune may blur group dynamics or shared plans. A Pluto trine helps you reclaim focus.

CAPRICORN: (Dec. 22–Jan. 19)



Capricorn, this week brings breakthroughs in purpose, power, and emotional truth. Sunday brings depth and intensity to your emotional world. It supports healing through family or ancestral work. A Uranus square may disrupt romance or creativity—adapt without losing your core. Monday could blur your inner compass, avoid forcing outcomes. Tuesday, may bring travel delays or philosophical disagreements, stay open-minded. Midweek, heightens career pressure. It challenges clarity, stick to facts, not assumptions. A trine to Pluto in your sign strengthens resolve.

AQUARIUS: (Jan. 20–Feb. 18)



Aquarius, this week brings emotional shifts and evolving commitments—stay flexible. Sunday activates your relationship zone and encourages healing in love or friendship. It may bring tension at home, create space to respond rather than react. Jupiter supports playful resolution. Monday stirs up intimacy, but challenges your emotional footing. Don't suppress vulnerability—face it with grace. Tuesday can bring friction around shared finances, delay big decisions. Midweek helps widen your perspective, but may cloud your sense of purpose. Pluto in your sign reminds you to release limiting beliefs.

PISCES: (Feb. 19–Mar. 20)



Pisces, this week spotlights wellness, boundaries, and emotional realignment. Sunday encourages health and habits. It support healing through routine, movement, or releasing perfectionism. Uranus may disrupt your schedule, flow with it. Jupiter helps you reset. Monday focuses on relationships, but tricky aspects suggest confusion, don't jump to conclusions. Tuesday brings communication challenges at home, listen first, and then respond. By Wednesday, the Libra moon activates your eighth house of intimacy and shared resources. Expose unclear agreements or emotional projections. Pluto helps you reclaim your voice.

# Gera School achieves outstanding results in the 2025 IGCSE examinations

The Gera School, one of Goa's premier international schools, is proud to announce exceptional results in the 2025 IGCSE examinations, achieving a 100% pass rate and establishing itself as a centre of academic excellence. This year's graduating class was the school's third IGCSE cohort and its largest to date, with 23 students appearing for the examinations—more than the combined total of the previous two years.



100% of eligible students received the Cambridge ICE (International Certificate of Education) Award, a distinction that recognises breadth and balance in academic achievement. The ICE award is optional and requires candidates to take a minimum of seven subjects across five curriculum groups, including two languages, Mathematics, Science, Humanities, and a creative or technical subject.

By contrast, the standard requirement for certification in other national curricula is just five subjects, making this accomplishment particularly significant. Seventeen out of 22 students (77%) earned either a Distinction or Merit under the ICE framework, underscoring the school's commitment to academic rigour. Students secured an impressive 65 A\* and A grades and 63 B grades, averaging more than five top grades per student.

Elaha Srinivasan, who topped the batch with five A\*, two A, and one B grades, says, "We had very good teachers. The greatest form of support was faith in me—it made me more driven. The best study method for me was to prioritise developing an interest in my subjects by questioning ideas rather than just accepting them at face value, something that the IGCSE curriculum encourages. Yes, I studied for hours, but in my case, this blend of a challenge with hunger for information, people who believed in me, and honest effort made all the difference."

Zara Bajaj, who scored two A\* and six A grades, said, "My teachers were my pillars—they

guided me and always lent a helping hand whenever possible. Their dedication made a massive difference in how I approached my studies. The work from my end was an unwavering and focused continuation of the foundation my school provided. Everything was taught and revised meticulously at school. This combination of brilliant teaching, consistent effort, and a strong support system helped me achieve the grades I aspired to have."

C. P. Joseph, Principal of The Gera School, stated, "We are extremely proud of our students' achievements. The fact that every eligible student attempted and earned the ICE award reflects not only their capability but

also their confidence to pursue a more demanding academic path. Besides, the quality of the collective performance is brought out by the good numbers in each of the top three grades. This result represents our strongest performance yet and speaks of the dedication of our faculty and the vision of our Trustees."

In just three IGCSE cohorts, The Gera School has built a reputation for consistently delivering strong academic outcomes while nurturing character, curiosity, and creativity in its learners. The school remains deeply committed to providing an education that is globally benchmarked but locally rooted.

## The Ascension of the Risen Lord

Fr. Walter De Sa

The feast of the Ascension of the Risen Lord is celebrated on the fortieth day after Easter, the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ throughout the universal Church. This year, according to the liturgical calendar, it falls on 1st June. With the blessing of the Maddi, the parishioners commenced a 9-day spiritual preparation culminating on the feast day, 1st June.

The Ascension of the Lord marks the salvific event encompassed in the Paschal mystery. During his public ministry with his apostles, and before his arrest, Jesus had hinted to them, saying, "I shall be with you a

little while longer, and then I shall go away to Him who sent me" (Jn 7:33).

The Ascension of the Lord is recorded by Luke in the Acts of the Apostles and the gospel, both written by him. In Lk 24:51, it is said that, after blessing them, "He departed from them and was taken up into heaven", while in Acts (1:9), Luke states that "He was lifted up to heaven as they watched him, and a cloud hid him from their sight".

Mark, the gospel writer, adds one significant sign of evidence to his Ascension, namely, he was not only taken up to heaven, but he is seated at the right side of God" (Mk 16:19).

St. Paul, too, records that the God who raised Christ Jesus from the dead made him sit at his right side in heaven (Eph 1:20).

On returning to his Father, he has opened for us the doors of the heavenly gate, for He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. During our earthly pilgrimage, he invites us to journey with him alongside our brothers and sisters in harmony, solidarity, and above all, in hope, particularly keeping in mind that we are in the Jubilee Year 2025, meant for our renewal and transformation as one big human family. The celebration of this parish feast invites us to dedicate our lives to the service and welfare of our less fortunate.



### Uttai re Goenkarano: The youth are calling

Shohail Furtado, youth activist from Varca, will share how young Goans are stepping forward to defend the land, the culture, and the collective future. Through on-ground strategies and experiences, he will explore

what's at stake and how young people across Goa are reclaiming their agency, speaking up at gram sabhas, organizing clean-ups, using art as resistance, and holding power to account.

**Venue:** Museum of Goa, Pilerne  
**Date:** June 1  
**Time:** 11.30 am onwards

**ST. ANTHONY'S TREZEN AND FEAST At Deussua-Chinchim**  
The Blessing of Maddi followed by Holy Mass will be held on June 2, 2025 at 05-30 pm.  
**Trezen from June 3 to June 14**  
Mass timings: 06-15, 08-15 am and 05-00 pm.  
Feast on June 15: Mass timings: 05-00, 06-45, 08-30 am, 12-00 and 05-00 pm.  
**Feast Mass at 10-15 am**  
**The Main Celebrant is His Excellency Simiao Purificacao Fernandes Auxiliary Bishop of Goa & Damao**  
Fr. Ancy Cruz D'Cunha

## Herald Gaming Console

**Dilbert**  
ASOK, IF YOU WORK HARD, I WILL BE REWARDED.  
WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?  
YOU GET TO BE CALLED A TEAM PLAYER.  
I DON'T EVEN WANT THAT.  
NO ONE DOES.

**Garfield**  
"DEAR ASK A DOG, HOW CAN I GET MORE TREATS?"  
BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK!  
ODIE SAYS BEG. I SAY THREATEN LEGAL ACTION

**Wizard of id**  
LOOKS LIKE IT'S BIRKENSTOCKS VERSUS FLIP-FLOPS THIS MORNING.  
MAYBE WE PUSHED TOO HARD, DIVIDING OUR OWN CITIZENS...

**crossword 4860**

**ACROSS**  
1- Jump; 5- Happen; 10- Unwanted e-mail; 14- Alan of "M\*A\*S\*H"; 15- Main blood vessel; 16- Prefix with conference; 17- Now \_\_\_ me down...; 18- Dutch painter Jan; 19- Not imaginary; 20- Suitable place for setting a tent; 22- Covered on the inside; 23- For \_\_\_ Jolly Good Fellow; 24- Smell to high heaven; 26- Person who dresses stones; 29- Sweets; 33- Bias; 34- Pennies; 35- Lamb's mom; 36- Thin change; 37- Governed; 38- Predictive sign; 39- Lennon's widow; 40- Hawk's home; 41- Weeps; 42- Having no junction; 44- Dull surface; 45- River to the Ubangi; 46- Type of machine found in Las Vegas; 48- Romanov rulers; 51- Pertaining to the management of public wealth; 55- Put \_\_\_ on it; 56- No-no; 58- Pro \_\_\_ (proportionally); 59- Sat on the back of a horse; 60- What you put on snooze; 61- Are you \_\_\_ out?; 62- Fortuneteller; 63- Eye sores; 64- \_\_\_ about (roughly);

**DOWN**  
1- Not of the cloth; 2- First name in scat; 3- First man; 4- Coin operated talk device?; 5- Watering hole; 6- Terra \_\_\_; 7- Manitoba native; 8- Salt Lake City athlete; 9- Campaigner for office; 10- Hit; 11- Hammer part; 12- Caesar's wings; 13- Pinchle play; 21- Posted; 22- Not as much; 24- Actress Taylor; 25- Cornerstone abbr.; 26- Windows predecessor; 27-

**solution 4859**

Dress style; 28- Pago Pago locale; 29- Some are kosher; 30- Send payment; 31- Chirp; 32- Have a feeling about; 34- Swearword; 37- Film spool; 38- Extended musical composition; 40- Pub potables; 41- Let's go!; 43- Unlawful killing; 46- Cross the goal line; 47- Weaving machines; 48- Sailors; 49- Gin flavor; 50- Assistant, particularly to heads of state; 51- Auction site; 52- Jazz flutist Herbie; 53- Langston Hughes poem; 54- Singer Vikki; 56- Univ. aids; 57- Cockpit abbr.;

**sudoku 4860**

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**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

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