

horoscope

ARIES: (Mar. 21–Apr. 19)

Aries, this week challenges you to face buried fears. On Sunday, June 29, Mercury in Leo opposes Pluto, triggering intense thoughts around self-expression, romance, or creative risk-taking. The moon enters Virgo, aligning with your planetary ruler, Mars, energizing your routines and physical wellbeing. Channel tension into productive habits rather than control. By Tuesday, July 1, supportive Virgo trines to Venus and Uranus may bring surprising breakthroughs in your daily work or self-care rituals. It's an excellent time to try something unconventional that improves your health or schedule. When the moon moves into Libra later that day, relationship dynamics come into focus.

TAURUS: (Apr. 20–May 20)

Taurus, this week invites you to embrace change. Sunday, June 29, opens with Mercury opposite Pluto, illuminating power dynamics around career and communication. The Virgo moon activates your fifth house, and its conjunction with Mars sparks passion, creativity, or even romantic boldness—just be mindful not to overreact emotionally. By Tuesday, July 1, supportive trines to your planetary ruler, Venus, and Uranus in your sign bring unexpected yet exciting developments in love, finances, or self-expression. Trust your instincts if opportunities feel both thrilling and aligned. The moon shifts into Libra, highlighting your sixth house of health and routines.

GEMINI: (May 21–Jun. 21)

Gemini, this week helps you refine your ambitions. On Sunday, June 29, Mercury, your ruling planet, opposes Pluto, stirring intense conversations or revealing power plays related to contracts or negotiations. The Virgo moon enters your fourth house, and with Mars present, home or family matters may require your active attention. Tuesday, July 1, brings grounding trines to Venus and Uranus, offering innovative ways to stabilize your emotional foundation or living situation. Stay open to sudden inspiration that improves your sense of security. As the moon enters Libra, your focus shifts toward creativity and pleasure.

CANCER: (Jun. 22–Jul. 22)

Cancer, this week, balance assertiveness with emotional intelligence. Sunday, June 29, opens with Mercury opposing Pluto, exposing financial entanglements or deep conversations about shared resources. The Virgo moon activates your communication zone, and with Mars involved, conversations may feel urgent or heated—choose words thoughtfully. Tuesday, July 1, brings harmonious trines from Virgo to Venus and Uranus in Taurus, opening the door for surprising yet stabilizing news in your social or financial circles. As the moon moves into Libra, your fourth house of home and roots comes into focus.

LEO: (Jul. 23–Aug. 22)

Leo, this week empowers you to break old patterns. Sunday, June 29, Mercury in your sign opposes Pluto, bringing powerful exchanges with partners or collaborators—stay grounded if control issues arise. The Virgo moon activates your financial sector, and Mars' conjunction energizes money-making efforts or prompts important spending decisions. Tuesday, July 1, trines to Venus and Uranus highlight opportunities for innovative income sources—explore creative ways to add stability to your resources. When the moon enters Libra, your communication zone lights up.

VIRGO: (Aug. 23–Sept. 22)

Virgo, this week invites you to transform your self-care routines. Sunday, June 29, Mercury opposes Pluto, spotlighting power dynamics around work, health, or habits. The moon's conjunction with Mars in your sign fires up your motivation—just avoid being overly critical or perfectionistic. By Tuesday, July 1, supportive trines from your sign to Venus and Uranus inspire breakthroughs in travel, learning, or long-term

goals. Stay open to unconventional wisdom or opportunities for expansion. As the moon shifts into Libra, your financial zone is activated.

LIBRA: (Sept. 23–Oct. 23)

Libra, this week guides you to face inner fears. Sunday, June 29, Mercury opposes Pluto, triggering emotional revelations around romance, creativity, or your child/children. The Virgo moon activates your twelfth house, and Mars' presence stirs subconscious restlessness—prioritize rest and reflection rather than overexertion. Tuesday, July 1, trines to Venus and Uranus bring emotional breakthroughs and healing around intimacy or financial entanglements—embrace surprising insights that bring freedom. With the moon entering your sign, your personal goals come into sharper focus.

SCORPIO: (Oct. 24–Nov. 21)

Scorpio, this week pushes you to transform relationship dynamics. Sunday, June 29, Mercury opposes Pluto, intensifying conversations around home, family, or emotional security. The Virgo moon activates your friendship sector, and Mars' conjunction may stir passionate debates—choose diplomacy over force. Tuesday, July 1, supportive Virgo trines to Venus and Uranus may bring unexpected breakthroughs in partnerships or collaborations. New alliances may offer both stability and excitement. When the moon moves into Libra, subconscious themes rise.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov. 22–Dec. 21)

Sagittarius, this week helps you refine your long-term goals. Sunday, June 29, Mercury opposes Pluto, surfacing intense discussions about contracts, travel, or education. The Virgo moon activates your career house, and Mars adds momentum to professional ambitions—just avoid burnout from over-pushing. Tuesday, July 1, trines from Virgo to Venus and Uranus in Taurus, offer fresh, unexpected career solutions or collaborations that can enhance your public image or work-life balance. As the moon enters Libra, your social connections are highlighted.

CAPRICORN: (Dec. 22–Jan. 19)

Capricorn, this week challenges you to balance stability with necessary change. Sunday, June 29, Mercury opposes Pluto, stirring intense reflections around finances or self-worth. The Virgo moon activates your ninth house, and Mars fuels a desire for knowledge or expansion—just avoid rigid thinking. Tuesday, July 1, trines to Venus and Uranus offer fresh perspectives on love, creativity, or parenting. Unexpected opportunities may appear to help you break free from outdated structures. With the moon entering Libra, career matters take center stage.

AQUARIUS: (Jan. 20–Feb. 18)

Aquarius, this week stirs deep emotional shifts and sudden insights. Sunday, June 29, Mercury opposes Pluto in your sign, intensifying power struggles or identity shifts. The Virgo moon activates your eighth house, and Mars urges you to face emotional entanglements or financial complexities directly. Tuesday, July 1, Virgo trines to Venus and Uranus may bring surprising breakthroughs around home, family, or shared resources—lean into innovative solutions. The moon's entry into Libra turns your attention to higher education, travel, or spiritual pursuits.

PISCES: (Feb. 19–Mar. 20)

Pisces, this week helps you clarify your boundaries. Sunday, June 29, Mercury opposes Pluto, revealing hidden truths around your social circle or professional networks. The Virgo moon activates your relationship sector, and Mars' presence sparks important conversations—stay calm in emotionally charged discussions. Tuesday, July 1, Virgo trines to Venus and Uranus bring breakthroughs in partnerships or finances—stay open to unconventional arrangements that create greater freedom. When the moon enters Libra, intimacy and shared resources take center stage.

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## Festa São João 2025 celebrated tenth edition in Dubai

The spirit of Goa lit up the Dubai Creek once again as Festa São João Dubai made its triumphant return for its 10th anniversary edition. Held at the scenic QD's, the sold-out celebration welcomed guests to a vibrant evening of music, tradition, and community, marking a decade of cultural pride and festivity in the UAE.

Organised by the dynamic team behind Dubai Goans, Neville Menezes, Billy Fernandes, and Allen Fernandes, this year's festival was a resounding success, as attendees embraced the São João spirit by dressing in colourful attire and donning the iconic kopel floral crowns. The



evening offered a full sensory experience, featuring Goan cuisine, traditional music, and dance. A major highlight of the event was the Kopel Competition, which celebrated creativity with stunning floral headpieces crafted by festivalgoers. Festa São João 2025 also made history by uniting some of Goa's

was Mark Revlon and Band, whose electrifying performance captivated the crowd. Supporting acts included the renowned Goan duo bands Music Fever and Johnny with Reza, who delivered high-energy sets that kept the audience dancing throughout the night. Dubai's own musical talent was also front and center, with performances by Mervin (one man band), EZD 2.0, and a



most celebrated artists on a single stage in Dubai for the first time.

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line-up of top deejays including DJ Tony, DJ Manfred, and DJ Nathan. The evening was hosted by the charismatic emcee Sharon. Hasnae Rezgani, Heston Tavares, Silvester Dsouza, Earl Fortes, and Hayden Fernandez also played a vital role in the event's success.

"This edition was not just a celebration—it was a tribute to the unity, culture, and resilience of the Goan community in Dubai. We're proud to have brought together such an incredible line-up and crowd to mark this milestone," said organiser Neville Menezes.

## Parishioners of Utorda celebrate São João with joy and tradition

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Parishioners of Utorda marked the vibrant São João festival, joining communities across Goa in celebrating the Feast of St John the Baptist and the onset of the monsoon. The day began with a festive morning Mass followed by honouring the tradition

with kopels, colourful floral crowns made from fresh flowers, leaves, and fruits. The celebrations were coordinated by Fr Arvino Fernandes, parish priest of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Utorda, who helped bring the community together in faith and festivity.

## Aldona citizens organise seed-throwing drive to revive green cover



As part of its commitment to environmental conservation, the Leo Club of Aldona held a seed-throwing drive. Youth members of the club gathered to scatter jackfruit, mango, and cashew seeds across various parts of the village, aligning the initiative with the beginning of the monsoon season to maximise the seeds' chances of germination. This simple yet meaningful activity aims to help restore the green cover that once thrived in the area, honouring the legacy of previous

generations who lived in harmony with nature. The club believes that small, consistent efforts can contribute significantly to long-term environmental change. "We hope this becomes a habit, not just for us, but for many in the community. Nature has always given to us generously—it's time we give something back," said Saloni Mandrekar, a club member. The Leo Club plans to continue this initiative annually and invites the wider community to take part.

## Feast of Santa Khuris Mannar Chapel

On the occasion of the Feast of Santa Khuris Mannar, the Solemn Mass will be held on Sunday. **Venue:** Santa Khuris Mannar Chapel, Vithaldas - Morjim **Date:** June 29 **Time:** 10 am



## Absent Archives

Absent Archives is an initiative by Archival Matter is a platform and community for memory workers and keepers and those working with oral histories, erased voices, family and community archives, and stories that never made headlines. Across South Asia, our histories are marked not just by destroyed records but by deep silences. How do we make sense of our past when so much was never recorded? A lot of powerful memory work is happening but in silos. Absent Archives hopes to change that: creating a space for sharing, learning, and building a collective vocabulary of remembrance. This launch talk is the beginning of many conversations to come. **Venue:** Museum of Goa, Pilerne **Date:** June 29 **Time:** 11:30 am onwards



## 'Ekvottachim Kirnnam 2.0' at Holy Spirit Church, Margao

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Holy Spirit Church in Margao recently hosted 'Ekvottachim Kirnnam 2.0' – Somudaiyanho Mellavo, a vibrant and spiritually enriching event aimed at fostering unity and community spirit among parishioners. The second edition of this initiative brought together faithful from various walks of life for an evening of prayer, praise, cultural performances, and fellowship.

Organised with the support of parish groups and volunteers, the programme featured a blend of traditional Goan elements, reflecting the event's name, 'Ekvottachim Kirnnam', meaning 'Rays of Unity'.

## Herald Gaming Console

### Dilbert



### Garfield



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#### ACROSS

1- Battle memento; 5- Later; 10- Gasp for air; 14- Leaf of a book; 15- Chapter's partner; 16- Notable times; 17- Get one's ducks in \_\_\_\_; 18- Gives off; 19- Pro \_\_\_\_; 20- Abject fear; 22- Person who lives near another; 24- Sedate; 25- Capital of Austria; 26- Hatcher of 'Lois and Clark'; 28- Sleep disorder; 32- Dies \_\_\_\_; 35- Not 'neath; 37- In and of \_\_\_\_; 38- Vespa rider, perhaps; 39- Director Welles; 41- Suffix with pay; 42- In the thick of; 45- Process leather; 46- \_\_\_\_ about (approximately); 47- Brief appearance; 48- Queue after Q; 50- Borders; 54- Preminger, et al.; 58- Safety rope; 61- Gnawing animal; 62- Yonder thing; 63- Key \_\_\_\_; 65- To \_\_\_\_ (exactly); 66- Lavish affection (on); 67- Register; 68- Drop of water expelled by the eye; 69- Rushed, drove too fast; 70- Not hesitant; 71- Italy's Villa d' \_\_\_\_.

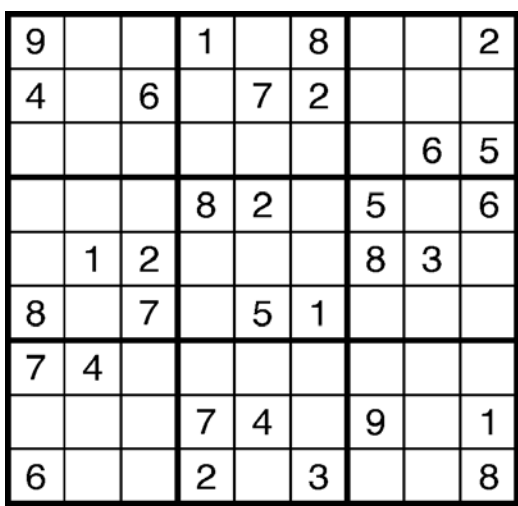
#### DOWN

1- Tiffs; 2- Insertion mark; 3- Greek marketplace; 4- Big revision; 5- State firmly; 6- Not masc.; 7- Singer Lopez; 8- Lauder of cosmetics; 9- Gum; 10- Possibly; 11- Riyadh resident; 12- Defense grp. since 1949; 13- Romanov ruler; 21- Lyric poem; 23- Little pest; 25- Contender; 27- Carrot or turnip; 29- Inert

### solution 4883



### sudoku 4884



### 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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